

# **Chippewa Valley Produce LLC - CSA Agreement**

## **Member Agreement for 2020**

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We, the farm, wish to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal food and you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest. This agreement outlines our shared commitments to that relationship.

## **Section 1. Introducing Our CSA Farm**

### **A. Becoming a Part of Our Farm**

Our CSA runs for 12 weeks starting around the first or second week of July. A couple weeks before the start of the season we will notify members via email. Members are responsible for showing up at the pick-up site to receive their weekly share. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 3. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2. We work with a few other local farms to provide you with a wide variety of local produce, this will make up approximately 10% of your share. Chippewa Valley Produce LLC purchases the produce that is supplied by other local farms for distribution in the weekly CSA box. The farms we work with are required to have good food safety practices.

### **B. Our Growing and Handling Practices**

On our farm we take produce safety serious and always put produce safety first. On our farm we have an extensive food safety program that involves training workers, water testing, applying manure in a manner to reduce the risk of cross contamination, record keeping, washing and sanitizing food safety contact surfaces, and many other aspects of food safety. We practice safe food handling procedures to ensure our customers the highest standards in food safety. At CV Produce we put great effort into making sure all produce is handled safely to avoid the possibility of foreign contaminations. At the farm all unsalable produce is removed promptly and placed in our composting area, all harvesting containers are stored in a

clean environment away from possible contaminants such as fertilizers, dust, pesticides, and herbicides, all harvesting containers are cleaned after each use and disposed of if cracked or determined unsafe. The processing and washing equipment is stored away from any contaminants such as cleaners, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, or debris. All processing and washing equipment is washed thoroughly after each use and sanitized with a bleach solution to ensure bacteria has been removed. All final packaging containers are stored away from any fertilizers or any debris that could contaminate the containers. Employees must wash their hands before starting work, after using restrooms, before and after handling any produce, and after completing a job that involved working with the soil. All employees must practice proper hygiene at all times. At CV Produce we have an IPM plan in place to ensure that pests are handled appropriately and in a timely manner, including fencing around the high tunnels and radiant traps and monitoring practices in place. The CV Produce practices and believes that cross contamination prevention begins at the first level of handling, including growing, to ensure our customers and the public the highest quality of standards in place in the industry today. All employees, guests, and contracted workers must follow CV Produce's policies and procedures at all times.

## **Section 2. Our Shared Commitments**

### **A. Sharing in the Risk of Crop Failure**

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce may vary from week-to-week due to extreme weather, insects, or other production factors despite our best efforts. By joining our CSA, you are agreeing to share the risk of crop failure with us and other members. In the unlikely event of a crop failure, our procedure is as follows:

If only a small portion of crops fail, we compensate for the failed crops by filling your share with other crops grown on the farm that are ready for harvest at that time. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks, but that has not happened yet.

## **Section 3. Pick Up**

You are responsible for picking up your share each week. Our pickup site is at Carson Park in Eau Claire. Pick up will be every Thursday in the evening but time is yet to be determined. Pick up is rain or shine.

You are responsible for observing our drop site rules, which are as follows:

- Return last week's crate every week
- Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
- Be respectful of our drop site hosts' property.

- Follow additional rules posted at your drop site.

If you cannot pick-up your share, you must arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. You are responsible for explaining the pick-up location and procedures to your substitute. In the event that you can't pick up your share please let us know before the pickup day to make other arrangements, we are willing to work with you if we can. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time without notice will be donated to a charity or food pantry.

We take the safety of your food seriously. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating.

#### **Section 4. Member Fees**

By selling memberships in advance of the growing season, it reduces the burden of up-front costs for the farmer. Your membership fees provide us with money to purchase seed and equipment before the season starts, and we appreciate your commitment. The member fee is \$500 for a  $\frac{3}{4}$  bushel box of produce for 12 weeks. Member fees are non-refundable.

#### **Section 5. Communicating with Us**

The best way to communicate with us is via email and we will do our best to respond to you within 24hrs.

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Please sign the last page and return to us via mail or email.

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Be sure to include your contact information.

By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in Section 4. I understand that, although unlikely, the farm may change parts of this agreement related to production and distribution from time to time. I understand that they will contact me via email in advance of any changes to this agreement.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_