

Savoie Organic Farm  
**Fall 2019 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Contract**

**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM:**

Please register me as a member of Savoie Organic Farm's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program for the upcoming fall 2019 growing season. I understand that farming is a seasonal and unpredictable undertaking, and the exact selections and quantities included in the weekly distribution will change as the season progresses. In joining the CSA, I agree to share in the fluctuations and variations inherent in farming and understand that my produce will be grown using certified organic practices. I understand the fall CSA share program will run for 6 weeks, starting on or about Tuesday, 9/17/2019 and ending on or about Tuesday, 10/22/2019.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate pick up person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Share size

I have read and understand this contract in its entirety and agree with the terms of the Savoie Organic Farm CSA program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please enclose this form with a check or money order payable to:

Savoie Organic Farm  
990 East Malaga Road  
Williamstown, NJ 08094

*Note: After Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, please call the farm prior to sending in a contract and payment to verify CSA shares are still available.*

All members are encouraged to keep a copy of this registration form/membership agreement for their records. Once your form and payment have been processed, you should receive an e-mail confirming our receipt of your materials. If you mailed in a contract but have NOT received a response, please give us a call to confirm your membership.

## MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT:

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs represent a partnership between community members and their local farms. Consumers purchase a share in the farm during the preceding fall/winter months, providing farmers with much-needed capital to cover upfront costs such as the fuel, seeds, and supplies that are vital to vegetable production. In return, the shareholders receive freshly harvested vegetables throughout the following season.

### How it works:

You purchase the share size that you feel will best suit your weekly vegetable needs. Then, simply bring your basket with you each week during the 6-week autumn growing season and fill it with your choice of vegetables from the harvest. Vegetables will be displayed for you in our CSA room with any limits clearly posted. The selection of vegetables will vary as we progress through the season. Please refer to the “Seasonal Harvest” information on our website for an idea of what’s typically available in early to late fall. Also note the anticipated crop list, below.

### Share sizes and prices:

**Small-** a small share consists of a ¼ bushel basket. This will typically feed 1 to 2 people.

**\$117.00** (*before March 15—1 week FREE FOR EARLY SIGN UP!\**)

**\$124.00** (*after March 15*)

**Medium-** a medium share consists of a ½ bushel basket. This will feed a family of 3 to 4 people or 2 to 3 people who are solely vegetarian.

**\$174.00** (*before March 15—1 week FREE FOR EARLY SIGN UP!\**)

**\$185.00** (*after March 15*)

**Large-** a large share consists of a bushel sized basket. This will feed a family of 5 to 6 or feed 3 to 4 people who are solely vegetarian.

**\$291.00** (*before March 15—1 week FREE FOR EARLY SIGN UP!\**)

**\$310.00** (*after March 15*)

\*The 6% early sign up discount is equivalent to receiving 1 week FREE for the total 18 weeks (summer and fall programs)

We understand that it may be difficult to predict your vegetable needs and that you might discover early in the season that you need a different size. Customers can adjust to a different share size within the first *two weeks* of the program (with fees prorated accordingly). Because it is only a 6-week program, no adjustments will be permitted thereafter. *Please keep in mind when selecting a small-sized share (1/4 bushel) that due to space limitations not all the items will fit in your basket; you will have to make choices each week. You may want to consider this when deciding between a small and medium-sized share.*

**Replacement fee for lost/damaged baskets:** New customers will be provided a basket at the beginning of the season. Lost/damaged baskets will be charged a \$15 replacement fee.

Returning customers are encouraged to reuse your basket from last year, or to exchange this basket for a different one if your share size/needs have changed. To ensure continuity and

fairness, we ask that all of our customers use the standard baskets issued by our farm, rather than baskets you may have previously used in other CSA programs.

**Limits and basket information:**

Please note that we will set limits on items each week to ensure that they will be available for all CSA members. Any limits will be clearly posted near each bin or on a wipe board above the produce display. Selections must fit reasonably within the confines of the basket. We understand that some greens (such as the tops of turnips, radishes) will extend above the surface, but we ask that our customers keep the quantity of produce even with the rim of the basket, to ensure that every shareholder gets a fair amount. We also ask that bagged greens and/or lettuce heads are placed within the basket, rather than placed on top of an already full basket. As discussed above, if you find that your share size is too small, you can upgrade to a larger size within the first two weeks of the program. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**Pick-up location and time:**

All shares must be picked up at Savoie Organic Farm, located at 990 East Malaga Road, Williamstown, NJ 08094 on *Tuesday between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.* **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Missed pickup policy:**

We ask that you adhere to your scheduled pick up time, but we understand there may be times when something unforeseen arises. If you need to switch or anticipate being late, please kindly give us a call 24 hrs in advance, if possible. Shares that are not picked up will be composted or donated to food banks on a weekly basis. If you have vacation planned for a certain week please let us know whether you would like us to donate your share, or if you will be sending a friend to pick up your share. If so, please e-mail us with his/her contact information just in case we need to get in touch with them.

**Things to consider before joining a CSA:**

Members of the CSA program are considered shareholders in the farm. CSA members can enjoy eating the absolute freshest and highest quality certified organic produce available, as well as the satisfaction of knowing that they are supporting a local, family-owned and operated farm. However, there are some risks. In the event of a catastrophic crop loss due to severe weather or pest conditions, the CSA program may have to be shortened and/or pickup weeks cancelled. In the event of such an occurrence, please know those of us at Savoie Organic Farm will make every effort to overcome the loss. By joining our CSA program, the shareholder agrees to share in this risk and will not expect any monetary reimbursement.

Please be aware that you have joined a CSA program, not a CO-OP. There is an important difference: in a CSA program, you are a shareholder in a particular farm and are able to enjoy the weekly fruits of that farm's labor. Because crops have a specific growing season, the crops will vary week to week. Crops with a long growing season are available for several weeks, while others with a short season or harvest window might only be available for a week or two. The advantage is that you enjoy the crops at their peak of freshness and nutritional value, as they are typically harvested within 24 hrs. In a CO-OP, the harvest is pooled from several farms or farm auctions that may or may not be "local" just to give you a wider selection of vegetables that may not be in season, such as tomatoes in May or June. These vegetables may be

transported from hundreds to thousands of miles away, which means you often sacrifice freshness and quality.

**2019 Anticipated Fall Crop List: (subject to change; not a complete list)**

Arugula	Kale
Beans	Kohlrabi
Beets	Lettuce
Broccoli	Mustard greens
Brussels sprouts	Peppers, sweet and hot
Cabbage	Potatoes (white and specialty)
Cauliflower	Pumpkins (culinary and pie)
Chard	Radicchio
Collards	Radishes
Eggplant	Rutabaga
Escarole	Turnips
Greens, baby mixed salad	Winter squashes

**Thank you for your interest in our fall CSA program!**