# Savoie Organic Farm The Farm and Fisherman Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program 2017 Contract

## **MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM:**

Please register me as a member of Savoie Organic Farm's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program with drop off at The Farm and Fisherman Tavern & Market, Cherry Hill, NJ for the upcoming 2017 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 CSA share program will run for 16 weeks, starting on or about Thursday, June 15, 2017 and ending on or about Thursday, September 28, 2017.

Your name	Alternate pick up person
Address	City, State, ZIP
Phone	Email
Share size	Enclosed fee
	s contract in its entirety and agree with the terms of the Savoie osted by the Farm and Fisherman Tavern & Market.
Signature	Date
Please enclose this form with a chec	c or money order payable to:
Savoie Organic Farm 990 East Malaga Road Williamstown, NJ 08094	

Note: After April 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 your records. Once your form and payment have been processed, you will 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:**

# What is a CSA program and why should you consider joining the Savoie Organic Farm CSA?

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. Our CSA program is ideal for people who value organic produce, who enjoy eating what's in season, and who are willing to try new varieties of vegetables. Your weekly CSA share becomes a diverse, culinary adventure. It's a wonderful alternative to the generic, limited selection that grocery stores provide, and it's a guarantee that you are eating produce that has been harvested at its peak of freshness and nutritional value. The Farm and Fisherman Tavern & Market in Cherry Hill is committed to supporting local farmers and has featured our vegetables on its menu for years. As a service to their customers and a courtesy to our farm, the Tavern & Market serves as a CSA pick-up location for the residents of the Cherry Hill area. We are thrilled to have partnered with the Farm and Fisherman and look forward to a bountiful season!

#### How it works:

Our CSA program runs for 16 weeks that span both the summer and fall harvests; depending on the growing season these 16 weeks may be consecutive, or there may be a 3-4 week break between the summer and fall. We pack your ½ bushel box with an array of vegetables from the week's harvest and deliver it to the Farm and Fisherman Tavern, where you can pick it up each Thursday (see below for details). 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 available and how it changes from summer through fall. Shareholders will be contacted in early June via e-mail to confirm the program start date. There will be weekly correspondence thereafter regarding what to expect in your share every Thursday.

## Share size and price:

**Regular--** 1/2 bushel box (meets the weekly vegetable needs of a family of 4)

Before February 15<sup>th</sup>: **\$450.00** (*One week FREE for early sign-up!*)

After February 15<sup>th</sup>: **\$480.00** 

Please note: No refunds or cancellations will be provided after the program starts.

#### **Pick-up location:**

The Farm and Fisherman Tavern & Market 1442 Marlton Pike East, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Phone 856-356-2282

E-mail FandFTavern@gmail.com

Website: http://www.fandftavern.com/home

You can pick up your share anytime between the hours of 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Shares must be picked up by 7 p.m. on Thursday, no exceptions.

## Missed pick-up policy:

Shares that are not picked up by the end of the business day will be donated to the Farm and Fisherman staff members on a weekly basis. If you have vacation planned for a certain week you are welcome to arrange for an alternate person to pick up your share. Please provide us with his/her

contact information just in case we need to get in touch with them. If you know in advance that you will not make it and would like us to donate your share to the restaurant staff, kindly let us know via e-mail at contact@savoieorganicfarm.com or phone (856) 629-9020.

# 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 even 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 sacrifice freshness and quality.

NOTE: This CSA membership agreement is made solely with Savoie Organic Farm, not with The Farm and Fisherman Tavern & Market; they merely serve as a drop-off/pick-up point. Please direct any questions or concerns directly to Barry or Carol Savoie of Savoie Organic Farm. Our website provides a wealth of information (<a href="www.savoieorganicfarm.com">www.savoieorganicfarm.com</a>). Further questions can be e-mailed to <a href="mailto:contact@savoieorganicfarm.com">contact@savoieorganicfarm.com</a> or you can phone us at (856) 629-9020.

# 2017 Anticipated Crop List: (items listed below are summer/fall and are subject to change)

Arugula Lettuce

Beans—fresh and dried Melons-Galia and Cantaloupes

Beets Mustard greens
Broccoli Onions, shallots

Brussels sprouts Parsnips

Cabbage Peppers, sweet and hot
Cauliflower Potatoes (white and specialty)
Chard Pumpkins (culinary and pie)

Collards Radishes
Cucumbers Raspberries
Eggplant Rutabaga

Garlic Squashes, summer and winter Greens, baby mixed salad Tomatoes, Jersey and heirloom

Kale Turnips Kohlrabi Zucchini

Thank you for your interest in our CSA program!