

Bristol's Farm Market CSA Member Agreement for 2017

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Thank you for becoming a member of our CSA program! We want to bring you the best, freshest, healthiest produce we possibly can from our farm! This form signs you up for this years CSA and explains the ins and outs of our program! By purchasing a CSA, you not only get a full seasons worth of fresh fruits and vegetables from our farm, but you help us to buy seeds, equipment and pay our workers early in the season. Which is why we give you more than what you pay for in every week!

Becoming a Part of Our Farm

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between our farm and you as our customer. Rather than simply purchasing food, our customers become "members" of our CSA and share in our harvest all season long.

Our CSA runs for 18 weeks, from early-June to mid-October (exact start date TBA, based mostly on weather factors). On the mornings of every CSA pick-up our farm crew goes out and picks the produce for your share fresh for you! You will generally receive 10-12 different varieties of fruit and vegetables in a full share and 6-9 in a partial share. The retail value of the produce you receive throughout the season will be significantly more than you paid for your share,. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below.

Our Growing Practices

Produce for the CSA is grown on Bristol's Farm Property by Joshua and Daniel Bristol of Bristol's Farm Market. While not certified organic we place a strong preference on pest control methods which are natural, organic and non-toxic. We only deviate from organic-style pest and disease control when total crop loss is the only other option. Also, herbicides are not used in our fields and GMO products will never be included in your share or sold in our retail store.

Occasionally we may supplement our shares with fruit from other local Connecticut farms in order to provide a diversity of seasonal produce, especially tree fruits which we do not grow on site.

The Risks of Crop Failure

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce however, may vary from week-to-week due to extreme weather, insects, or other production factors despite our best efforts. In the event of a crop failure, 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. We may also cover for a crop loss by buying in from other local farmers. This may not be a feasible option for all crops because of cost or widespread failure.

Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

We will provide extra of any crop for which we have an abundant harvest through either pick-your-own opportunities or allowing you to pick up extra with your share!

Extra crops can always be used for

- Pickling
- Canning
- Freezing
- Giving away to friends and family

Also, we grow a few unusual vegetables/varieties just for our CSA customers

Picking Up Shares

If you cannot pick-up your share, we offer several options

- 1) You may have a friend or family member pick it up for you
- 2) We can give you 2 shares the following week, on regular pick-up days
- 3) We can double your share the following week, on regular pick-up days

Options 2 and 3 REQUIRE at least 24 hours notice, before the time of the missed pick-up, no exceptions. Any shares not picked-up on your pick-up day will be held for 24 hours, before being donated to charity, but will not be picked fresh again for you.

We take food safety seriously, please wash your produce before using it.

Member Fees

By selling membership in advance of the growing season, CSA 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 pay our farm-hands. We appreciate your commitment to our farm. Please initial next to the pick-up slot you would like from the list below and indicate if you want a full or half share.

Pick up Day:

Tuesday 1-6:30pm ____

Saturday 12-5:30pm ____

Share type:

Full Share \$500 ____

Partial Share \$300 ____

Full shares are \$500 for the season. Partial Shares are \$300 contain half or more the produce of a full share and may have a slightly different mix of items. Please enclose a check for your total amount due, made payable to Bristol's Farm Market with this signed agreement form. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above.

All payments are non-refundable after May 31st

Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email. Our email is Bristolsfarmmarket@gmail.com. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible. You can also contact farmer Josh at 860-693-8965. We will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to our farm events. Also, we send out a list of what is in this weeks shares as well as recipes and other info every Monday night. Please add Bristolsfarmmarket@gmail.com to your safe list so that we don't go to your spam folder.

By signing below, I agree to purchase a membership share. 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): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____