

CSA Membership Agreement

Westwood Farm of Alden Community Supported Agriculture Membership Agreement

This is a CSA Membership agreement between Westwood Farm of Alden and yourself.

By filling out the application and submitting your check you are agreeing to become a member of Westwood Farm of Alden CSA for one season. This agreement will grant the exchange of resources between CSA members and Westwood Farm of Alden. Members are providing capital in exchange for produce from Westwood Farm of Alden. By doing so, you are engaging in a mutually beneficial relationship that ensures sustainability and prosperity of local food production on our farm and the availability of wholesome food and a connection to agrarian traditions for the community. The concept of CSA grew out of a need for farmers to gain access to capital during the year. By acquiring “up-front money” from known customers, it gives the farmer an opportunity to remain un-indebted to banks. We run our business off un-indebted practices. Instead, the farmer is indebted to his/her members who are prepaid with the fruits of the farmer’s labor. Without access to this seed money, small-scale farming would be more challenging.

Terms

Westwood Farm of Alden will provide vegetables, fruit, honey, eggs or other homegrown items from the farm to its CSA members during the current growing season. This will be done in exchange for a contribution dependent on the members selected box size. For their contribution, members will receive a CSA box filled with local produce each week. Each box will vary in the amount and type of produce as it is dependent upon the harvest of the week. Westwood Farm of Alden will produce many vegetable varieties and a few fruits varieties during the growing season. However, the weekly availability of vegetables and fruit will vary due to the climate, biology, and other unpredictable variables. Westwood Farm of Alden cannot promise the delivery of any certain item on any specific date.

Payment

Your CSA Membership is to be paid in full to receive your weekly share. You understand that unless you are paid in full you will not be a member and will not receive produce. Weekly and monthly payments are not accepted.

Refunds

We do not offer refunds. A CSA is about commitment to a local farmer and our commitment to you. If you have made a purchase and no longer want to receive your share you can sell it to a friend and inform us of the change. Offer it to charity or cancel delivery and forfeit your funds.

Golden Rules

1. I agree to arrive at my drop-off / pick-up location on time or give advanced notification if unable to do so. I understand the CSA has a tight schedule they must adhere to and that they are unable to wait past designated times.
2. If I am unable to pick-up my box at the designated time or I do not contact the farm to make alternate arrangements before my scheduled pick-up time, my box will be donated and I am still responsible for payment.
3. If I pick-up from the Farm, I agree to come every week on the same day. If I am unable to pick-up my box on the designated day or I do not contact the CSA to make alternate arrangements before my scheduled day, I agree that my box will be donated and I am still responsible for payment.
4. I understand that the CSA does not spray undesirable chemicals on the produce and that the produce may not be perfect because of this. The produce maybe dirty. Sometimes I may find a bug or worm.
5. I understand that the CSA does their absolute best to pick the "perfect" produce to put in the boxes and try not to include items that are "bad" however they are human and may make mistakes and overlook things.
6. If there is anything questionable, I will give the CSA the opportunity to make it right by providing me with another available item at no cost to me.
7. I understand that by becoming a member I am sharing in the risk and the rewards of the growing season. I realize there can be issues related to harvest and bounty that may preclude produce from being delivered. That of pests, blights, weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

*I have read all of the above and understand the membership agreement. I understand and accept to pay for and pick-up my CSA box each week during the season. If I do not pick up my box on my designated day, I understand that I will not be held for a later date. I understand that it WILL be donated to a needy family / food bank (that day) and I will be responsible for the cost.

Signature

Date

Chris Przemielewski

Date

Westwood Farms of Alden