

# Blue Sky Organic Farms CSA Agreement

Please read this carefully and keep for future reference.

This Community Supported Agriculture (“CSA”) Agreement (“Agreement”) governs the terms and conditions of the relationship between Blue Sky Organic Farms (“the Farmer”) and the CSA Member (“Member”).

## I. Terms of the Agreement

The terms of the Agreement between Member and Farmer are contained within this agreement. The Member receives a Full Share of produce for a number of weeks specified by their payment and Membership Form.

## II. Philosophy of this CSA

Community Supported Agriculture is a relationship beyond a simple exchange of organic produce for cash. It is based on mutual respect between CSA members and the farm community. It is very important that Members be mindful of the following: A) The Farmer relies on income from the CSA to operate the farm.

B) The Farmer plants and tends crops for months before the Member sees them in their shares. Each share represents the work and attention to detail of dozens of people to seed, transplant, weed, grow and harvest your prepaid shares.

## III. Farmer Responsibilities

In accordance with the above described philosophy, the Farmer works dutifully and in good faith to bring the Member the freshest produce possible.

## IV. Member Responsibilities

To receive the freshest produce possible from the Farmer and with a recognition that your share will be available to you as agreed upon, it is important that the Member pick up their share on their appointed day and time.

## V. Abandoned Shares

It is our policy that any abandoned shares be donated by noon the following day, unless members have contacted us and received confirmation to pick up at another time.

## VI. Vacation Hold

A) Members are limited to a maximum number of two (2) vacation holds per 8 week term. Please notify the CSA coordinator via email [laura.bluesky@gmail.com](mailto:laura.bluesky@gmail.com) **at least seven (7) days** before you wish your share to be held.

B) When members have exceeded their two (2) vacation holds or have forgotten to give us adequate notice for a vacation hold, we encourage them to gift their share to their family or friends. This is a great way for members to share the CSA experience. Please explain to your family or friends how to pick up your share, the day and time of pick up. Members may also notify the farm if they would prefer to donate their week’s share.

## **VII. Refunds and Cancellations**

A) Member's Policy. Member may cancel their Full Share upon written notice to Farmer two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of the Member's term. Member will be assessed a twenty dollar (\$20) cancellation fee to cover administrative costs.

B) Farmer's Policy. At the Farmer's discretion, Farmer may cancel this Agreement for Member's failure to follow their responsibilities contained in this Agreement. In the event of cancellation by the Farmer, Farmer reserves the right to decide whether to refund any pro rata share of Member's fees. Member will be notified in writing of the reasons for the cancellation.

## **VIII. Risk**

As stated above in Paragraph II, one aspect of a CSA is that Members support their Farmer. To do so, the Members share in the inherent risks of agriculture (poor weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure and so on) and rewards (the bounty from a good season). Farmer purposefully plans for such contingencies and use growing techniques that protect the harvest, minimize risk to members and optimize the rewards: growing a wide variety of crops, cover cropping, crop rotation and irrigation.

In the extremely unlikely event that severe weather, disease/insect damage, or other natural disaster results in a level of crop destruction that prevents the farm from continuing its weekly distributions, Farmer will notify member immediately via e-mail and will communicate via e-mail frequently with the Member to ensure that the Member is apprised of any potential disruption to their service. Member assumes the risk should Farmer be unable to provide a portion of the Member's shares due to any inherent risk of farming.

## **IX. Communication**

Please reach us by email at [laura.bluesky@gmail.com](mailto:laura.bluesky@gmail.com) or by phone at 602-828-5004.