

Taylor Farm CSA Veggie, Egg & Meat Shares

Member Agreement for Fall 2018

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Member Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

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We, the farm, wish to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal food and you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest. This agreement outlines our shared commitments to that relationship.

Section 1: 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 this CSA farm who receive a portion of the farm’s harvest. CSAs help farmers because members invest in the upcoming season’s crops at a time when costs are high and income is low.

Taylor Farm’s fall CSA runs 12 weeks, from approximately mid September to mid December with no distribution the week of Thanksgiving. A designated pickup location and schedule is established at the start of the CSA season. Members are responsible for showing up to designated location each week/every other week to pick up his/her share of freshly harvested produce/meats/goods. Produce shares typically have 6-10 items for large, 4-6 items for small, egg shares will be 1 dozen large eggs, meat shares will be 15 lb. of various cuts for mini share, 30 lbs. small, 55 lbs. for large. Egg shares are discounted to \$5 dozen, meat shares are calculated as follows: (EXAMPLE: mini share = 15 lb weight x 10% discount off price (90% of list price) = \$110.

Why join Taylor Farm’s CSA?

Taylor Farm is a small farm who grows and produces the healthiest high quality food for themselves and their customers. Our customers should get a great value but not entirely take on the full risk of farming with us. We strive to provide abundance, diverse, tasteful quality products and produce with a dedication to honesty and integrity in our relationships.

Our farm and Growing Practices

Our farm uses organic practices. Meat and egg products come from animals that are not given antibiotics or growth hormones. Organic produce is grown without using specific conventional pesticides or fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients. Crops are grown following National Organic Program guidelines. See: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/about-ams/programs-offices/national-organic-program> for detailed information on this program and feel free to ask us specific questions about our growing practices.
Poultry: Egg layers are raised on pasture and supplemented with Non-GMO organic soy free feed
Beef: Our small herd is grass fed and finished. No growth hormones or antibiotics are used in their natural life cycle.
Pork: Our pigs are raised in pastures and allowed to forage as well as supplemented with farm vegetables, brewery grain mash and balanced non-GMO soy free feed.

The Products Expected for Fall 2018.

Below is a sample of some of the vegetables we hope to grow and you might see them in your share. This sample of vegetables is based on our best estimate, but of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production.

Months **Sample of seeds planted:**

September to December Peppers, greens, tomatoes, squash, beets, turnips, tomatoes and more!

Meat share expected to include:

Beef: ground beef, roasts, cutlets, short ribs

Pork: Sausage, ribs, roasts, chops

Poultry and/or other meat (lamb, goat) – these items may be procured from other farms that have the same farming philosophy as us.

Section 2: Our Shared Commitments

A. Sharing in the Risk of Crop Failure

Taylor Farm promises to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. However, the quantity may vary week to week due to unexpected weather, insects, or other production factors despite our best efforts. By joining our CSA, you are agreeing to share the risk of crop failure with us and other members. In the unlikely event of a crop failure, our procedure is as follows:

If only a small portion of crops fail, 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 cover for a crop loss by buying from other local farmers farms with practices similar to ours. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any product some weeks. If a share is unable to be delivered because of crop failure, we will credit you the amount not received for the next season CSA.

B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

When crops are especially abundant, we pack as much as possible into your share. However, we don't want to overwhelm our members or deliver so much produce that it goes to waste. When we feel that members have received enough of certain crops, our farm will continue to sell at the farmers market.

Please note that we may produce some items exclusively for our other outlets. You may see our products that you will not receive in your CSA share.

Section 3: Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week/every other week from your drop site. Place a check mark next to the drop site you would like to use from the list below.

CHECK YOUR SELECTION

- Taylor Farm County Road 308 – Fridays 4 pm – 7 pm**
- Lexington Farmer's Market, Lexington Square – Saturday 9-1pm**
- Round Rock Farmers Market, University Village – Saturdays 10am – 2pm**
- Lakeline Mall Farmers Market, Cedar Park – Saturdays 9am-1pm**

You are responsible for observing our drop site rules, which are as follows:

1. After the first week, bring you bag back to the return site.
2. Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
3. If you cannot pick-up your share, you must arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. You are responsible for explaining the pick-up location and procedures to your substitute.

****We take the safety of your food seriously. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating, refrigerate eggs and put frozen products in the freezer as soon as possible.****

Section 4. 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 we appreciate your commitment. Place a check mark next to the share type you would like from the list below.

CHECK YOUR SELECTION:

- Veggie Share, weekly FULL - \$360
- Veggie Share, weekly HALF - \$180
- Veggie Share, bi-weekly FULL - \$180
- Egg Share (1dz week) - \$60
- Egg Share HALF (1 dz. Every other week) - \$30
- Meat Share MINI (Approx. 15 lbs. distributed in 2 disbursements) - \$110
- Meat Share SMALL (Approx. 30 lb. distributed in 2 disbursements) - \$220
- Meat Share LARGE (Approx. 55 lb. distributed in 2 disbursements) - \$400

Total Amount Due: (add up your selections) - \$ _____

If you chose to pay the membership fee upfront, please enclose a check for your total amount due, made payable to Taylor Farm with this signed agreement form. If you chose to pay the membership fee in 2 payments, please enclose 2 checks dated today and September 15th with this signed agreement form. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. You may also submit payment via VENMO or PayPal to taylorstxfarm@gmail.com. ***Please include 3% on your payment if using PAYPAL to cover fees.***

No refunds after September 30th.

CHECK YOUR SELECTION Payment Preference

- I wish to pay my membership fee upfront cash or check, or in 2 payments.
- I wish to pay my membership fee up front or in 2 payments using VENMO.
- I wish to pay my membership fee up front or in 2 payments using PayPal. (please include 3% additional total)

Returning this Form:

Fill free to fill in the form on the computer and email back to taylorstxfarm@gmail.com. Then mail your check or use PayPal for payment. You can also snail mail to: 1003 Private Road 3081, Lexington, TX 78947. And of course, you can hand it to us in person!