

# MEMBER AGREEMENT FOR 2014

## Sandy Valley CSA

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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. Introducing Our CSA Farm

#### A. 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.

Our CSA runs for 26 of weeks, from May to October. Members are responsible for showing up at the farm each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce and/or meats, eggs, and baked goods (depending on your add-ons). You will generally receive 5-12 items of vegetables per week. During peak season there may be more items in your box. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 3. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2.

#### B. Our Growing Practices

Our growing practices are natural. We utilize integrated pest management, rotational planting, and companion crop planting. We will do our best to use only natural fertilizers and integrated pest management in the growing process, but if we determine that an entire crop may be lost to a pest infestation, we will only utilize a minimal amount of pesticide and inform all members of such use.

Our animals are range free and finished out with a small amount of grain that we grow and grind ourselves. All grain is non-GMO feed and they are only given a small portion every day. They are raised antibiotic free with no added growth hormones.

### C. The Products We Expect for 2014

The chart below outlines some of the vegetables we hope to deliver and when you may see them in your share. This chart is based on our best estimate, but of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production.

<b>Month Harvested</b>	<b>Expected Crops</b>
May/June	Radishes, spinach, lettuce, turnips, asparagus, kohlrabi, beets, peas, potatoes
July	Tomatoes, peppers, egg plant, beets, radishes, onions, squash, carrots, beans, broccoli, cauliflower
August/September	Tomatoes, watermelon, cantaloupe, peppers, squash, okra, edamame
October	Sweet potatoes, winter squash, broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, turnips, beets

### Section 2. Our Shared Commitments

#### A. Sharing in the Risk 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. 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. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks.

#### B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells to farmers markets, restaurants, and grocery stores. Our CSA receives priority. After filling our CSA shares with the week's harvest first, the remainder is sold to our other markets or donated to local food pantries.

### Section 3. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from the farm. If you desire to have your share delivered, there is an additional fee.

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

1. We will provide you with two black crates. You will receive one the first week and when you return to pick up the next week, simply return your empty box for your filled one.
2. Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. We pick the produce to optimize the highest quality possible, but it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
3. Be respectful of the property.
4. Follow additional rules posted at the farm regarding parking/use of certain entrances.

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. If you wish to change your normal pick up, you must call 48 hours in advance. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated to a charity or food pantry.

We take the safety of your food seriously. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating and put frozen products in the freezer as soon as possible. If you are purchasing meat or eggs, we recommend bringing a cooler along for added protection.

#### **Section 4. Member Fees**

By selling memberships in advance of the growing season, the CSA reduces the burden of upfront 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 checkmark next to the share type you would like from the list below.

#### **Please Check One:**

Whole Share – Farm Pickup	\$910.00
Half Share – Farm Pickup	\$455.00

#### **Please Check Your Selection:**

I wish to pay my membership fee upfront.

I wish to pay my membership fee in two installments.

If you chose to pay the membership fee upfront, please enclose a check for your total amount due, made payable to **Sandy Valley CSA** with this signed agreement form. If you chose to pay the membership fee in installments, pay half now with this signed agreement form and we will bill you for the remainder due by May 1st, 2014. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. If you choose to pay by credit/debit card, please be advised there will be a 4% fee.

All payments are non-refundable beyond the fourth week of the season.

**Section 5. Communicating with Us**

The best way to communicate with us is via email or phone. Our email is [farmer@sandyvalleycsa.com](mailto:farmer@sandyvalleycsa.com) and our phone is (636) 479-9506. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we spend most of our time in the field growing your food and not at a desk. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, changes to your drop-site location, problems with your drop-site, or dissatisfaction with your share.

We will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. Please read your email from us. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to our farm events. Every month we will email a newsletter giving you information about the crops available that month, recipe ideas, or other farm related news.

By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in Section 4. 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): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_