



Mike's Garden Harvest
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-The Share Agreement-

Members Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Best phone number: _____

Best Email: _____

I, Michael A. Milsom, Proprietor of Mike's Garden Harvest, wish to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal produce 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 the Farm

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between my farm and you as my customer. Rather than simply purchasing food, you the customer become a "member" of this CSA farm and receive a portion of the season's harvest.

Our CSA runs for 18 weeks, from June to October. You will generally expect to receive an equal fraction of your total share for the season. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2.

B. Growing Practices

Produce is grown without using specific conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering, or ionizing radiation. Every effort is made to grow from certified organic/non-GMO seed. For more information about our organic growing practices please ask.

Section 2. Our Shared Commitments

A. Sharing in the Risk of Crop Failure

I promise to do my best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce, however, may vary from [week-to-week/month-to-month/season-to-season] 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 me and other members. In the unlikely event of a crop failure, our procedure is as follows:

If only a small portion of crops fail, I will compensate for the failed crops by filling your share with other crops grown on the farm that are ready for harvest at that time. My broad crop selection is carefully designed to safe guard all of us just in case of that eventuality. However, if a large portion of crops fail, I may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks.

B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA, *Mike's Garden Harvest* sells to [farmers markets, restaurants, grocery stores, local schools, and/or wholesale distributors]. Although production is not segregated, the CSA receives priority and is harvested for first. After satisfying the CSA share commitment, the remainder belongs to Mike and may be sold to his other markets.

C. Receiving Your Share

You are responsible for the reception of your box on the day of delivery. If you are not going to be there (as in gone traveling) then, please make arrangements with neighbors, friends, family or with *Mike's Garden Harvest* for an alternative. We ask for a minimum of two days' notice. More notice is better as we are harvesting for you. You can have a maximum of two pick up dates put on HOLD.

People who have a bi-weekly share can choose to pick up on a 'off' week. There is no cash re-sale value to a weekly share. So either you receive it, arrange to have it deferred or offer it to some one else for them to pick up at your location. You are responsible for explaining the pick-up/delivery procedures to your substitute. I take the safety of your food seriously. The produce is quickly chilled in fresh water upon harvest to remove the field heat to improve their storage life. They will be moved and packed in clean bins. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating.

Section 3. 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 I appreciate your commitment. Place a check mark next to the share type you would like from the list below.

The IQALUIT SHARES:

For those of you in Iqaluit we have created a very special share in our harvest that highlights the widest variety and selection of our season. Ten weeks delivery of a 10lb box per week that will be freshly harvested for you starting Saturday August 25th. Distribution will be coordinated at the First Air Cargo warehouse. Payment can be made either in one payment by July 26th or in two equal increments on July 26th and the second by August 23rd. Each box guaranteed to be 10lbs, but contents may vary based on availability.

○ The FULL SEASON SHARE:

One basket delivered/picked up on a weekly basis from approximately the last week of June to the first week of October over the course of 15 weeks. Each basket will have up to 7 to 10 different items depending on the type of season we are having. The term 'basket' defined in this usage is a unit of measure (as opposed to physical container) that refers to one part of the total amount of produce for the number of weeks in a season you have purchased. Volume and variety may vary if extreme weather, insects, or other production factors despite my best efforts adversely affect the yield.

The BIG MIKE:

This share is for only for the serious vegetable eating folk. This is a double portion of a full seasonshare. This is definitely the best value per share.

Please enclose payment for your total amount due with this signed agreement form. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. Cheques can be made payable to Mike's Garden Harvest. e-Transfers can be directed to mike@mikesgardenharvest.com You will be immediately issued a receipt for your purchase.

Please Note: All payments are non-refundable beyond the fourth week of the season

Section 4. Communication

The best way to communicate with me is via the 'Contact' feature on this website. I will do my best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that I spend most of our time in the field growing your food and not at my desk. Please contact me 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.

I will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to the distribution list. Please read your email from me. I depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to the farm events. Every week, I will email an update giving you information about the crops available that week or other farm related news.

I respect your privacy. Your contact information is considered highly confidential and will not be shared with anyone at any time for any reason without your expressed permission.

You understand that, although unlikely, the farm may change parts of this agreement related to production and distribution from time to time. I understand that I will contact you via email in advance of any changes to this agreement. By signing below, you have read and agree to all of the terms in this contract and agree to purchase the membership share of your choice as indicated in Section 4.

Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____