

Barr Farms CSA Member Agreement and Guide 2018¹

Introduction and Member Agreement for 2018

Welcome to Barr Farms CSA! 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 our farm who receive a portion of the farm’s harvest.

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

Our Shared Commitments: Sharing the Risk of Crop Failure and the Reward of Crop Surplus

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. Our CSA runs for 22 weeks, typically from mid-May to mid-October. The quantity of produce, however, may vary 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. We try to minimize the risks of crop failure by following good farming practices. Our CSA members receive top priority among the places we sell our produce.

Picking Up Shares: Weekly Pick-up Procedure

Pick up your share each week from your drop site, either in a “market-style” system or picking up your pre-packed box. If you get pre-packed boxes, you are responsible for returning your boxes, either the same week or the following week.

Your pickup responsibilities:

1. Pick up your share each week within the timeframe for your location, or make other arrangements at least 48 hours in advance.
2. Bring your own bags to assemble your share each week OR return your box each week.
3. Each week, be sure to check off your name, indicating that you received your share.
4. Respect the property and guidelines for your delivery site.

Missing a Pickup

You can schedule vacation holds, change your delivery location for a week or more, put a hold on your box and get a double box the next week, and more. Please let us know at least

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48 hours ahead of time. If you cannot pick-up your share, you can arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated. If you miss a pick-up for an unexpected reason, let us know, and you can pick up your vegetables at the next delivery time.

Food Safety

We take the safety of your food seriously, and are conscious of food safety practices. We follow Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) standards in the field and during post-harvest handling. Everyone that handles your produce has had GAP training. We have separate equipment, tools, boots & gloves for working with the livestock and the produce.

We ask that you consider food safety to be your responsibility, too. Always wash all produce before eating. Put refrigerated items in the refrigerator and frozen products in the freezer as soon as possible.

Member fees: Payment before the season

By selling memberships 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. You can pay the entire cost of your CSA membership upfront, or you can use the payment plan described on the Harvie platform when you sign up.

Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email. Our email is farmer@barrfarmsky.com. When you sign up, you will be added to our CSA and monthly newsletter lists. We also will communicate via a CSA Farm Newsletter, which we send through Mail Chimp. We also might send you direct emails concerning changes to your delivery schedule or information about farm events.

Please let us know of changes to your postal or email address, changes to or problems with your drop-site location, or dissatisfaction with your share. (If you're dissatisfied, we want to improve your experience!) We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we sometimes might have a 1-3 day lag time in our response. There are also customer service representatives that are part of Harvie platform that can help you with vacation holds, location changes and more.

We, the farm, reserve the right to change parts of this agreement from time to time. We will contact you via email in advance of any changes to this agreement. Thank You!!

Adam and Rae, Barr Farms