



ISU Student Organic Farm Member Agreement 2017

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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. 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 “shareholders” of this CSA farm. Shareholders invest in the farm and in return receive produce throughout the season.

Our CSA runs from May to September. Members are responsible for showing up at the designated pick-up site each Monday to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. You will generally receive a box of several items of vegetables equivalent to one grocery bag of produce and possibly more during peak season. 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

The farm is not currently certified but we strive to grow our produce using organic certification guidelines. Produce is grown without using specific conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering, or ionizing radiation. For more information about organic production please ask. We’d be happy to tell you more.

C. The Products We Expect for 2017

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.

Month Harvested	Expected Crops(not all are listed)
May - June	Greens, Broccoli, Radishes, Beets, Carrots, green beans, peas
July - August	Tomatoes, Peppers, Summer Squash, eggplant,
September	Brussels Sprouts, Potatoes, winter squash, onions,

*This is by no means an extensive list just an example of what to expect.

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

Our farm is exclusively a CSA farm and all our production is planned for the CSA. 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, we will handle the surplus by donating it to a food pantry or shelter. We may experiment with new varieties of vegetables so that we can increase diversity. These crops will be distributed as equitably as possible and all members will receive a small sample of these varieties.

Section 3. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from the drop site in Agronomy Hall on Mondays.

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

1. Return last week's box every week
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.

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. 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. We follow all GAP protocols (Good Agricultural Practices). For your added protection, wash all produce before eating 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.

Please enclose a check for your total amount due (\$350.00), made payable to ISU Student Organic Farm with this signed agreement form. Checks may be dropped off at the Student Organic Farm mailbox in 1126 Agronomy Hall. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for a seasonal share as described in the above agreement.

All payments are non-refundable after March 15th

Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email. Our email is isustudentorganicfarm@gmail.com. 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 our desk. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address or any comments or questions you may have.

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 other week, 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): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____