

## **BEE FIELDS CSA - COMMUNITY AGREEMENT**

Bee Fields CSA is an association of people that have joined together in order to make the supply of local, sustainable and healthy food possible. Our CSA is about growing and sharing the food together. We share the bounty that nature provides as well as the risks and costs that are part of agriculture.

We understand that in order to make it possible, consistent financial support is needed by the farmer to pay for the expenses associated with growing the food as well as his personal needs (paying taxes, utilities, clothes, food, etc.).

All members agree to share the costs by making a pledge. Members pledge according to their financial ability. There is no fixed price. Once the pledge is made, members are committed to pay out their pledge according to agreed upon schedule. Any member can leave the CSA at the end of the membership period. If they need to leave before the end of the membership period, they can either pay out the rest of their pledge or find another member to replace them.

The Farmer(s) are committed to using sustainable practices that will keep the land in good fertility and to do all that is possible to provide enough produce for the members to sustain their households throughout the year. As an agricultural venture, it is subject to the risks associated with the natural world. Poor weather, drought, hail, crop failure and so on, can cause fluctuations in the amounts and crops that are available.

Once a week throughout the CSA membership period, the farmer will prepare the produce for members pickup. Members can pick-up produce during pickup time, according to their needs, preference and the availability of food. Except for general guidelines, there is no fixed amount of food that member can take and there is no direct connection between how much one pays and how much food one takes. In order for this system to work, members should be mindful of other members needs and share the harvest fairly. To help with fair harvest sharing, members should take amounts according to guidelines, check the sign-in list and leave food for other members.

Members are invited to visit the farm, walk around, harvest specific "U-pick" crops and help out in the work. As a working farm, there inherent risks involved when visiting the farm (like holes in the ground, work tools laying around, etc.). The members agree to be responsible for themselves and their children and not to hold Bee Fields Farm responsible for any injuries or damages.

The main ingredient in this activity is trust:

- The members trust that the farmer will do all that he/she can to grow high quality food in sufficient amounts
- The Farmer trust that the members will pay out their pledge and support his livelihood
- Members trust that other members will share the food in a considerate, fair and generous way.

**BEE FIELDS CSA**  
**2019/20 SIGN-UP FORM**

*Please read notes below before filling the form*

Name:  E-mail:

Address:  Phone:

CSA membership and pledge (please see notes for details and costs):

**Spring through Fall membership:** 34 weeks, First pickup on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, last pickup on Friday Dec 20. The "full cost"\* is \$36/week = \$1224 total.

Please sign me up for the **Spring through Fall** membership. My pledge is: \$

Please check one (for planning purpose only, no financial commitment at this time):

I would like to sign up for Winter membership if and when available

I am not interested in Winter membership

**Winter membership:** 16 weeks, First pickup on Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, last pickup on Apr 24<sup>th</sup>. The "full cost"\* is \$27/week = \$432 total.

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Payments schedule:

Initial payment\*\* \$  (See notes for more details)

The rest paid in (choose one unless paid in full when signing-up):

Even monthly payments

According to schedule below:

May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

Payments are due at the beginning of the period.

Notes:

This form can be filled out electronically. Please fill the form, print, sign and send or drop at Bee Fields Farm (555 Abbot Hill Rd, Wilton, NH 03086). Please feel free to call Elad at (603)654-1097 if you have any questions.

\* If the "full cost" is beyond your financial ability, please pledge as close as possible to the full cost. If you are able to pledge for more, this will go toward supporting those who are unable to pay the full cost.

\*\* **Initial payment:** Since many expenses happen before or at the beginning of the season, the initial payment helps to cover those early expenses. The initial payment should be 15-25% of your full pledge and due with the sign-up form. Initial payment is optional for existing members.

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This completed form and enclosed payment indicate my commitment to join and support Bee Fields CSA for the 2019/20 season.

**I read the Community agreement** and I understand that membership means paying out my pledge and in return, I will get to share the bounty of the harvest with the other members as well as other rights and responsibilities as outlined in the "Community Agreement" above.

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