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Wegmeyer Farms 2017 CSA Membership Agreement

We, Wegmeyer Farms, 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.

Introducing Wegmeyer Farms CSA

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 one-of-a-kind CSA runs from Strawberry season (May) to Pumpkin season (September). Your CSA share will be bookended by our top-quality and locally famous strawberries and pumpkins. The CSA season will kick off with buckets of strawberries each week for you and your family. The summer will be filled with yummy vegetables of all kinds, and the fall will end with your selection of 100 pounds of heirloom and/or carving pumpkins.

Members are responsible for showing up at one of two farm locations each week to pick up their share of freshly harvested produce. The start date is weather dependent and members will receive notice at least a week before deliveries begin. Depending on what is ready to be harvested, you will *generally* receive five to ten pounds equivalent to one or two grocery bags of produce, with two to three bags during peak season. Keep in mind that lettuce is light but voluminous and winter squash and beets are weightier items.

B. Our Growing Practices

Our farm grows all our produce using the best of what modern, science-based agriculture has to offer. We regularly consult with a team of professional agronomists and University extension agents to make the best decisions for our land for sustainable farming. Every year we voluntarily pay for a food safety audit to ensure our growing and food handling practices are the best they can be. We will, as is necessary, use prescribed fungicides and insecticides to be able to keep the crops healthy and keep them from being decimated by common mildews, blights, and insects.

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
May and June	Strawberries (lots of strawberries), lettuce, peas, radishes, beet tops, spinach, onions, basil, kale
July and August	beets, broccoli, carrots, tomatoes, summer squash, beans, sweet corn, broccoli, kale, zucchini, lettuce, carrots, beets, melons, cauliflower, peppers, eggplant
September	most of the above plus onions, pumpkins (lots of pumpkins)

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

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 setting it out for member pick-up, inviting members to harvest themselves, or selling it at our farm stand. We may experiment with new varieties of vegetables so that we can increase diversity. These crops will be distributed as equitably as possible but all members of the CSA may not receive all items.

Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from our farm. You are required to arrive for your produce during the allotted hours. If you can't make it during the allotted times, please ask a

friend to come for you. Know that produce will be picked so as to be in its freshest condition during pick up times, and that a delayed pick up will result in vegetables that may not appear at their best. Any produce that is not picked up will be donated to the local food shelter.

We follow Good Agricultural Practices, selecting the best produce from the field, washing, sorting, and storing it in a cooler with great care. Food safety is also your responsibility and it's good practice to store vegetables properly when you arrive home and to wash them before use.

You are allowed to split a share, however, you will have to divide up the produce yourselves. One person will be responsible for making sure the subscription is paid for and the share is picked up.

Member Fees

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.

2017 CSA Share :

\$550 due upon submission of application

2017 CSA Strawberry & Pumpkins Only:

\$250 due upon submission of application

To join our CSA, please enclose a check for your total amount due, made payable to Wegmeyer Farms or pay online via our website along with the completed application. All payments are non-refundable.

Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email. Our email is wegmeyerfarms@yahoo.com and our phone is (540) 751-1782. 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 compliments 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 week we will email an update giving you information about the crops available that week, recipe ideas, or other farm related news.

(LAST PAGE: Please turn in this page with your application)

I would like to be a member of the Wegmeyer Farms CSA and have read, understand and agree with “What is CSA” and with the policies above.

I release Wegmeyer Farms from any responsibility or liability for injuries which I or anyone accompanying me or in my stead, may incur as a result of being on the premises.

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.

From time to time, I and anyone accompanying me may be interviewed or photographed for marketing purposes. I agree to let my words and image be of proper use to the farm, knowing that it will help the farm in its endeavor to pursue our shared goals of providing locally grown, nutrient-dense foods, supporting sustainable agriculture, and enriching our community.

PRINT NAME:

Signature:

DATE: _____

Thank you for your membership and your commitment to your community, eating seasonally, and supporting regional agriculture.