



2025 CSA MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Thank you for your interest in our Community Supported Agriculture Program. This agreement outlines the partnership between us, the farmers, and you, the shareholder.

Members have the opportunity to share in the abundance of our harvest, and with this partnership also comes the risks associated with a growing season. Although we hope to provide our shareholders with the amount of produce paid for and more, and always the best and freshest we have available, sometimes there are events in nature that may prohibit us from providing certain vegetables or the amount we had hoped (ie. drastic weather, bug infestation, etc.), and in these circumstances the size of weekly shares could be affected.

Beginning this year, we will be offering a more market style pick up for all members picking up on farm. In the past, we have put together shares ahead of time, and asked our members to embrace the element of surprise. Although our shares will still not be completely customizable, there will be more selection offered to members (ie. the size of a butternut squash, the type of peppers or tomatoes, a head of broccoli or cauliflower, etc.). In addition, we will be offering a swap basket at the end of the assembly line should a member choose to leave an item in order to obtain a different one. These additions allow us as farmers to choose to harvest what is most ripe, and for our members to have some degree of choice in putting together their shares.

All CSA members receive a weekly newsletter from us with the news of what is happening on the farm, recipes, information on processing and storing our vegetables, and announcements about any events we might be hosting.

All CSA members are welcome to pick their own herbs at any time during the season.

Our community composting program is available to all of our members.

In order to minimize waste in packaging, we utilize reusable containers whenever possible. It is important that each week at pick up, the containers from the previous week are returned! This allows us to use these items to prepare the following week's shares. Any molded pulp containers we send out, we will happily take back as long as they remain unstained. For any plastic bags that we do need to utilize, we ask that they be re-used as much as possible by our members, and not returned. To cover the cost of any lost or unreturned reusable containers, we charge each CSA member a \$20 refundable deposit at the time of registration. We appreciate our CSA's cooperation in this endeavor!

We strongly believe that everyone should have access to fresh, local food free of harmful chemicals regardless of income! Our Care Share program is one of the ways that we are able to offer our produce to local families who might not otherwise have access. Thus, if you are able and willing, please consider donating to our care share fund for the 2025 season. Thank you in advance for this consideration!

At this time, we are offering three pick up options for the Summer session. We hope that most of our CSA members will come to the farm to pick up, but understand that transportation can be difficult. In order to increase access, we are adding drop locations in nearby towns. Cobleigh Public Library and the Barton Public Library will both be drop sites. We are currently seeking a location for Island Pond. Please note that all shares delivered to a drop site will include items selected and packaged by the farmers.

Pick up time for the Summer session on the farm is Tuesday between 4pm to 7pm, at Cobleigh Public Library Tuesday between 4:30pm to 6:30pm, and at the Barton Public Library on Wednesday although the time is TBD. Location, day and time of the Island Pond site is also TBD. Designation of one location or the other must be done at the start of the season, and remain so throughout. Members are always welcome to have someone pick up for them..

Pick up days for Spring and Fall sessions will all be on Tuesdays at the farm only, and between the hours of 4pm and 7pm for spring, and 4pm and 6pm for fall.

We apologize, but we are not able to accommodate for vacations! Members who are away for pick up can donate that week's share to a friend, or have us donate it to a local food shelf. When someone other than the shareholder is picking up, we ask that we be informed of who we should expect to retrieve that week's share..

By purchasing shares in advance of the growing season, members assist in the up-front costs to the farmer. We appreciate this commitment immensely, and hope that our members find their shares

and partnership with us beyond satisfying. This year, we are adding some payment options as we understand that the total cost up front can be difficult. All payments are non-refundable. Below are the paying options for the 2025 growing season.

1. Payment in full upon registration..
2. Two installments to include half upon registration, and the other half by May 1st.
3. Four installments to include a quarter of the cost upon registration, and three more monthly installments with the final payment being received prior to or on June 1st.
4. If this payment schedule poses a hardship, please reach out for special arrangements or ask us about accessing Care Share funds.

We price our products to be as affordable as possible. This makes us unable to absorb the transaction fees charged by credit card and Venmo processors. However, we understand the need for many to be able to utilize these services. Therefore, we do accept Visa, Mastercard, and Venmo. To cover the transaction fees, we have a 3% service charge for all credit card transactions, and a 2% service charge for all Venmo transactions. If a member chooses to pay with a credit card, we also require that payment be made in full at the time of registration. We hope you understand.

The best way to communicate with us is via email (fireflyfarmburkehollow@gmail.com) or text (802-535-2876). We will do our best to respond as soon as possible. We will send regular communication through email. Our weekly CSA newsletters will be sent via Mailchimp, and therefore sometimes need to be sought out in the promotions folder.

Thank you and we look forward to partnering with you this season! - The Crew at FFBH