

Fair Curve Farm - 2018 CSA Shareholder Agreement

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Thanks for your interest in our CSA membership program! We are so grateful to have you on board. Let's get to it!

THE CREDIT SYSTEM: We operate a **free-choice, market-style CSA** that offers a credit system to shareholders, who pay upfront for their produce at the beginning of the season. This style CSA allows you to visit our multiple selling locations and use your pre-paid credit to buy fresh, local produce, culinary herbs, flower bouquets, and duck eggs when available, throughout the current growing season from a farmers' market-style display. We will keep track of your purchases and give you your balance each time you visit, or by request when desired. While there is no weekly obligation to pick up your produce, keep in mind that we do not offer refunds at the end of the season, so be sure to use up that credit!

THE HARVEST SEASON: Our main harvest season runs from early-June through mid-November. Around 25 weeks. If we have produce still available through November, we will gladly continue to provide you with our remaining bounty until we run out. You can find the list of produce that will be available by season on the "Produce Availability by Season" link on our webpage.

PICK-UP LOCATIONS: Our farm stand will be open 1-2 days a week (TBD). **We encourage you to visit the farm stand for the freshest, most diversified selection of produce!** You can also use your credit at our farmers' market locations in other areas of the county. Exact dates and pick-up locations will be listed on our website, sent out in an email, and/or will be posted at our shopping locations.

Here are other things to know and understand about the farm:

- **GROWING PRACTICES** ~ We are dedicated to using sustainable farm practices that improve the soil we farm on and encourage beneficial insect activity. These practices include, but are not limited to, diversified crop planting, cover cropping, crop rotation, limited tillage, creation and addition of compost, integrated pest management, and companion planting. We do not use genetically modified seeds or synthetic fertilizers or pesticides. We do our best to always purchase products that are OMRI-approved.
- **SHARED RISKS** ~ Something that every farmer must realize and accept when they choose to run a farm is the risk that comes along when operating a business, as well as when partnering with nature. It is our top-priority to grow, manage and provide our shareholders with a large diversity of quality produce each week, but we must acknowledge that life and nature sometimes bring unexpected weather, relentless pests, mechanical failures, and other production-related issues, despite our best efforts. We will be open and honest about the struggles we encounter throughout the season, and make sure you know in advance what products will and will not be available. As far as food safety goes, we would like to advise you to wash your produce before you consume or cook

with them. Some produce is better stored unwashed, so we may display them that way. Just give them a quick rinse before you prepare a meal.

- **SHARED REWARDS** ~ By purchasing a share in our farm’s bounty, you not only gain access to freshest, highest quality, local produce throughout the year, but also help with the high costs of our early-season expenses. Preparation for the harvest season includes purchasing of seeds, tools, labor and other things necessary to help ensure a successful year. Investing in our farm helps us bring you the healthiest, prettiest and most diversified selection of produce we can grow. In addition, we love the community that comes with running a CSA. We hope that you’ll also enjoy the experience of possibly making new friends, spending time with old ones, sharing recipes, and learning ways to preserve the harvest when you become a part of our little farm family.

IN ADDITION, please take care to follow these membership rules:

- Plan to only pick up your produce during our scheduled farm stand and/or market days and times.
- Be respectful of the farm stand’s/market’s host property.
- Bring your own shopping bags, baskets or boxes. We will provide paper bags for individual and loose items, and may keep some wax boxes on hand in case you have forgotten, but will not provide a regular CSA box of any sort.

That said, here are our payment options:

Share Type	Share Size	Payment Options	Price
FULL	Feeds the veggie-loving family who prepares most meals at home	1. In full 2. Half now/Half later 3. 3 payments	\$500 * \$250/\$250 \$100/\$200/\$200
HALF	Feeds the veggie-loving individual or small family who may eat out a couple times a week	1. In full 2. Half now/Half later 3. 3 payments	\$250 * \$125/\$125 \$100/\$75/\$75

Share payments are non-refundable. If you come upon a hardship, please come speak with us and we will be willing to work something out. ♥

* If paid in full, you’ll receive 10% added value to your credit balance! Pay \$500, receive \$550 in credit. Pay \$250, receive \$275 in credit. Payment due at sign-up.

Half now/Half later: First payment is due at sign-up, second is due by May 1st.

3 payments: \$100 is due at sign-up, second is due by May 1st, the third is due by July 1st.

Please see the following page for our Shareholder Agreement Form

Once the form is completed, please mail it along with your membership payment (check payable to **Aubrey Schooley**) to the address below. If you’d rather hand it over in person, we can arrange a good time to do so. Thanks so much for your support! Let us know if you have any questions!

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 300, Loleta, CA 95551 | Phone: (559) 246-2246

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Please provide your name, the best phone number and email at which to reach you, the size share you wish to purchase, and the payment option that works best for you:

Shareholder name(s): _____

Phone number (we will send day-of-market text reminders if you provide a cell number!):

Email (we will send a weekly newsletter): _____

Share size: FULL (\$500) HALF (\$250)

Preferred payment option:

- Pay in full now – receive 10% added value to your credit balance!
- Half now/Half later – I will pay the second payment by May 1st
- 3 payments – I will pay \$100 now, the second payment (half of the remaining cost) by May 1st, and the remaining balance by July 1st

Farm stand and farmers' market dates/times will be posted in the "Where to Find Us" link on our website and sent out by email. Or just give us a call and ask!

The Shareholder Commitment

By signing this agreement, I commit to paying my non-refundable share cost in full and on time (final payment paid by July 1st). I understand that I am, in turn, entitled to deliciously fresh produce and other Fair Curve Farm products throughout the 2018 harvest season (early-June through mid-November), and must use up my pre-paid credit by the end of the year (there will be no refunds of remaining balance or carrying-over to the following growing season). I also understand that by joining this CSA, I am helping the farmer by sharing the risks involved in farming, such as crop failure. I recognize that I am responsible for the safety of myself and my guests when visiting the farm property. Finally, it is my responsibility to attend the farm stand and farmers' markets during operating hours, or else be sure to contact the farmers to make an appointment to pick up produce at an additional time. That said, I'm ready for my share of the farm's bounty!

Signature _____ Date _____