

Fair Curve Farm - 2019 CSA Shareholder Agreement

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Thanks for your interest in our CSA program! Let us lay out the details for you:

THE CREDIT SYSTEM: We operate a free-choice, market-style Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program that offers a credit system to shareholders, who pay upfront for their produce at the beginning of the season, and receive 10% off all farm goods throughout the year. This style of 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 display. *NO PRE-PACKED BOXES INVOLVED.* We will keep track of your purchases and can provide an update of your balance at any time. Monthly updates of your account are sent by email. 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. 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: You can use your farm credit at our farmers' market locations throughout the county. We sell at the Fortuna Farmers' Market (Tuesdays 3pm-6pm), Eureka Henderson Center Farmers' Market (Thursdays 10am-1pm), and in front of the Wells Fargo Advisors building on Main Street in Ferndale (Saturdays 10am-2pm).

Other things to know and understand about the CSA and the farm:

- **SHARED RISKS** ~ Every farmer must realize and accept that when operating a farm business, there will be risks. These are the same risks any business might encounter, as well as those that arise 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 (and at a discounted price!), 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 the comes along 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.

- **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.

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

- Plan to pick up your produce only during our scheduled market days and times.
- Bring your own shopping bags, baskets or boxes. We will provide produce 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.

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Receive 10% off your produce when you sign up with us!

Share Type	Share Size	Payment Options	Price (10% off share value)	Share Value (your credit to spend)
FULL	Feeds veggie-loving individuals / families who regularly prepare most meals at home.	-In full	\$450	\$500
		-2 Payments*	\$225/\$225	
		-3 Payments*	\$150/\$150/\$150	
HALF	Feeds individuals or small families who prepare many meals at home, but may eat out a couple times a week.	-In full	\$225	\$250
		-2 Payments*	\$112/\$113	
		-3 Payments*	\$75/\$75/\$75	
QUARTER	Feeds individuals or small families who buy veggies regularly, but in small quantities each week.	-In full	\$112.50	\$125
		-2 Payments*	\$56/\$56.50	
		-3 Payments*	\$37/\$37/\$38.50	

Share payments are non-refundable.

*2 payments: First payment is due at sign-up, second is due by June 1st.

*3 payments: First payment due at sign-up, remaining two payments due by June 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 Fair Curve Farm**) 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 & Email address (for newsletters, recipes, etc.):

Where you plan to shop for your produce: _____

Share size:

- FULL (\$500 value - \$450)
- HALF (\$250 value - \$225)
- QUARTER (\$125 value - \$112.50)

Preferred payment option:

- Pay in full now
- 2 payments – I will pay the second payment by June 1st
- 3 payments – I will pay $\frac{1}{3}$ of payment now, and remaining two payments by June 1st

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 June 1st). I understand that I am, in turn, entitled to deliciously fresh produce and other Fair Curve Farm products throughout the 2019 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 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 _____