

# Fair Curve Farm - 2020 Free-Choice CSA Commitment Form

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

**HOW IT WORKS | THE CREDIT SYSTEM:** Shareholders pay upfront for their produce at the beginning of the season and receive 10% off all farm goods throughout the year. **The Free-Choice CSA allows you to shop at any of our sales locations, using your pre-paid credit to buy fresh, certified organic produce throughout the current growing season from a farmers' market display. NO PRE-PACKED BOXES INVOLVED.** We 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 or carry it over to the next year, so be sure to use up that credit.**

**THE HARVEST SEASON:** June through December. Depending on the weather, the harvest season may be extended or shortened by 1 month in the spring and/or winter.

**WHAT WE GROW:** Go to the "Produce Availability" link on our webpage for a general updated list.

## WHERE TO SHOP:

- Fortuna Farmers Market – 10<sup>th</sup> & Main Street in Fortuna, June-October, Tuesdays 3pm-6pm
- Our Ferndale Farm Stand – Main St. & Shaw, Wells Fargo Advisors parking lot, June-December, Saturdays 10am-2pm

We will occasionally attend other farmers markets, at which you are welcome to spend your credit.

### 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 the freshest, highest quality, organic 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 that 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. We also host an annual CSA Member potluck at the end of the season!

• **GROWING PRACTICES** ~ *We are a CERTIFIED ORGANIC farm.* Certified by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF). We are dedicated to using sustainable farm practices that improve the soil we farm on, protect our local water sources, and encourage beneficial insect activity. These practices include, but are not limited to, diversified crop planting, cover cropping, crop rotation, limited tillage, 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.

**SHARE OPTIONS AND PRICING**

Share Type	Share Size	Payment Options*	Price (10% off share value)	Share Value (your credit to spend)
<b>FULL</b>	Feeds veggie-loving households that regularly prepare most meals at home.	-In full -2 Payments -3 Payments	\$450 \$225/\$225 \$150/\$150/\$150	<b>\$500</b>
<b>HALF</b>	Feeds households that regularly prepare many meals at home and use small quantities of veggies.	-In full -2 Payments -3 Payments	\$225 \$112/\$113 \$75/\$75/\$75	<b>\$250</b>
<b>QUARTER</b>	For households that prepare some meals at home and use small quantities of veggies.	-In full -2 Payments -3 Payments	\$112.50 \$56/\$56.50 \$37/\$37/\$38.50	<b>\$125</b>

**Share payments are non-refundable.**

\* First payment due at sign-up, remaining payments due by June 1<sup>st</sup>

**ADDITIONAL SHARES:**

Share Type	Description	Contribution
<b>Friend of the Farm</b>	Purely for support! Not seeking to participate in the veggie share.	Whatever you would like to contribute!

~ Please see the following page for our Shareholder Commitment Form ~

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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, market day reminders, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

## Share size:

FULL (\$500 value - \$450)

HALF (\$250 value - \$225)

QUARTER (\$125 value - \$112.50)

FRIEND OF THE FARM – Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 commitment form, 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, organic produce throughout the 2020 harvest season (June through December), 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **Fair Curve Farm** and send to:

P.O. Box 83, Ferndale, CA 95536

If you would like to pay in person, give us a call or send an email to arrange a time & place to meet.

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