

Freed Family Farm CSA Member Agreement

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City, State: _____
ZIP: _____ Text? Y/N
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

We 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.

Section 1. Introducing Our CSA Farm

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 family has been farmers in Major County for seven generations. Our farm has been a producer of wheat, alfalfa, milo, canola, and other grains as well as Santa Gertrudis cattle prior to becoming involved vegetable production. We currently have 2 acres dedicated to vegetable production including one shade cloth house and hoop houses. We grow many of our vegetables using plasticulture, a method of growing that conserves water as well as helping to control weeds.

Our 2019 CSA runs from May 29 to September 11. Members are responsible for showing up either at the farm or 817 S. 13th each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested goods – or there is limited local home delivery. The shares will be primarily vegetables, with other items used to supplement if supply is low. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 3. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2. If vegetables continue to be available we can continue to deliver a share on a week to week basis at the cost of \$13 per week

B. Our Growing Practices

Our produce is grown without using specific conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering, or ionizing radiation. The farm is not currently organically certified, but we utilize organic seeds, natural methods of pest control, and crop rotations. The organic certification process is a multi-year expensive process and at this time the actual certification would not be cost effective. We would be happy to discuss our growing practices with you at any time. Many of the crops we grow are heirloom varieties and we do not use GMO seeds.

C. The Products We Expect for 2019

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 to Early June	Onions, radishes, greens
June to September	Onions, radishes, scallop squash, zucchini squash, yellow squash, okra, tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers slicing and pickling, eggplant, peas, peppers –bell, jalapeno, habanero
July to September	Watermelon, cantaloupe, and above vegetables as available

We plan to include a variety of fresh herbs as well.

If other crops become available they will be added to the shares – possibilities include cabbage, edamame, garlic, rhubarb, parsnips, carrots, among others.

Section 2. 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, 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. We may cover for a crop loss by bringing in vegetables from other local farmers as well. This may not be a feasible option for all crops because of cost or widespread failure. In addition, we may supplement with handmade soaps or jellies as available to fill out a share.

B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells to farmers markets and directly from the farm. Although production is not segregated, our CSA receives priority. After filling our CSA share with the week's harvest first, the remainder is sold to our other markets. We may experiment with new varieties 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 or all CSA members may receive a small sample of these varieties. This allows us to select a consistently full and diverse share to our customers while avoiding over-delivering any one product.

Section 3. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from your drop site. Place a check mark next to the drop site you would like to use from the list below.

CHECK YOUR SELECTION	City or Neighborhood	Name of Location, business, homeowner, or organization	Day	Time
	Fairview	817 S. 13th	Wednesdays	4-6 pm
	Homestead	Freed Family Farm	Wednesdays	Noon-4pm

You are responsible for observing our drop site rules, which are as follows:

1. Pick up your share within the time frame stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
2. Be respectful of our drop site hosts' property.
3. Follow additional rules posted at your drop site regarding parking or picking up vegetables.

If you cannot pick-up your share, please arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. You are responsible for explaining the pick-up location and procedures to your substitute. If you need special accommodations, please contact us prior to scheduled day of delivery. If you wish to change your drop site, you must contact us at least 36 hours prior to regularly scheduled delivery. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated to a local non-profit.

We take the safety of your food seriously. From our growing practices, to picking practices, or preparation for sale, we strive to provide only the highest quality and safe vegetables. We wash and cool all vegetables for extended freshness and additional safety. However, for your added protection, wash all produce before eating and put frozen products in the freezer as soon as possible.

Last year we experimented with free local delivery and it was a hit with our customers. We will continue to offer this convenience for a small one-time charge this year.

Section 4. Member Fees

By selling membership 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. Place a check mark next to the share type you would like from the list below.

CHECK SELECTION	Share Type	Share Size	Price if postmarked before June 1	Price if postmarked after June 1
	Vegetable	Full Share	\$224	\$260
	Vegetable	Half Share	\$145	\$175
	Home Delivery		\$10	
Total Amount Due:				

Please enclose a check for your total amount due, made payable to Freed Family Farm with this signed agreement form. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. **All payments are non-refundable beyond the fourth week of the season.** Returned check fee is \$30. *If you wish to pay by credit card, you can go to www.freedfamilyfarm.com/csa*

Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email or phone. Our email is freedfamilyfarm@gmail.com and phone is 580-822-0105 Kristal, 580-822-5034 Bob or the shed is 580-822-3308 and the best times to reach us are between 9 am and 5 pm. 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, changes to your drop-site location, problems with your drop-site, or dissatisfaction with your share.

We will communicate with you by text, phone, email, and Facebook. 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. Each week with your share we will provide you information about the crops available that week or month, recipe ideas, or other farm related news.

JULY 10 DELIVERY WILL BE TUESDAY, JULY 9.

By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in Section 4. 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.

Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____