

# Stubborn



# Farm

## **Member Agreement for 2015**

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We, the farm, 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 CSA runs for 21 of weeks, from June to November. Members are responsible for showing up at the farm, pick-up site or pay for delivery each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce, meats or goods. You will

generally receive a combination of the above, in the value of \$30 in the early and late season, and with a value of \$40 and up to \$50 during peak season. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 3. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2.

## B. Our Growing Practices

The farm practices organic principles, meat, poultry, eggs, and dairy products come from animals that are not given antibiotics or growth hormones. All produce is grown without using specific conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bio engineering, or ionizing radiation. For more information about organic production please ask. We'd be happy to tell you more. The farm is not currently certified, but we are in the process of becoming "Certified Naturally Grown". "Certified Naturally Grown (CNG) is similar to organic certification because it requires compliance the standards for organic certification. However, the inspection and record-keeping requirements are different. We are happy to tell you more about CNG at any time or view <https://www.naturallygrown.org/>

## C. The Products We Expect for 2015

The chart below outlines some of the vegetables we plan 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. For a complete planting list visit our web site.

<b>Month Harvested</b>	<b>Expected Crops</b>
June	Arugula, Beets, Head Lettuce, Radishes, Asian Greens, Kale Herbs, Scapes, Spinach, Cucumbers, Mesclun etc.
July to September	Beets, Broccoli Rabe, Carrots, Tomato, Peppers, Cucumber, Squash, Lettuce, Mesclun, Swiss Chard, Beans, Peas, Kohlrabi, Onion, Melons, etc.
October to November	Spinach, Chard, Arugula, Winter Squash, Beets, Carrots, etc

## 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 of produce, 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. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks.

### B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells to restaurants and farmers markets. We prioritize the CSA over our other markets. We will enlarge the shares up \$50 in value during abundant harvests. This allows us to select a consistently full and diverse share to our customers while avoiding over-delivering any one product.

### C. Feedback and Utilization

Feedback from membership is vital to the growth of our CSA. In order to provide the best shares it is important for us to hear from you on a regular basis about taste, shelf life and other varieties of products you are interested. Some of the products you receive may be unfamiliar to some members. We will be including recipes for more unusual items, Garlic Scape Pesto for example.

## Section 3. Picking Up & Delivery

We will be offering both delivery and pick up options. Delivery pricing will be determined based on the location and number of members in immediate vicinity. All deliveries will be made in a reusable container. Last weeks must be returned upon delivery of current week.

If you choose to pick up 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.

<b>CHECK YOUR SELECTION</b>	<b>City or Neighborhood</b>	<b>Name of Location, business, homeowner, or organization</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
	Williamsburg Greenpoint	Whiskey Annex	North 11 <sup>th</sup> between Berry and Wythe	Thursdays	4pm-7pm
	TBD				

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

1. Bring your own bag
2. 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.
3. Be respectful of our drop site hosts' property.

If you cannot pick-up your share, you must 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 wish to change your drop site or become a delivery, you must give us 7 days notice. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated to City Harvest.

We take the safety of your food seriously. All produce and eggs are washed at harvest. However for your added protection, wash all produce and eggs before eating and put frozen products in the freezer as soon as possible.

#### 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 YOUR SELECTION	Share Type	Share Size	Price
	Produce	Full Share	\$600.00
	Egg	Full Share	\$115.00
	Egg	Half Share	\$65.00
	Bread	Full Share	\$60.00
Total Amount Due: (add up your selections)			

**Please make check payable to Stubborn Girl Farm and mail to: Stubborn Girl Farm PO Box 254 St Johnsville, NY 13452**

#### Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email. Our email is [info@stubborngirlfarm.com](mailto:info@stubborngirlfarm.com). If you do need to phone, the number is 917 804 3970 and the best time to reach us is when the sun is down. We will do our best to respond to all messages 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 email. 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. Every week we will email a listing of expected produce and any recipes or information we have to share with you.

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: \_\_\_\_\_