



# Diggin' Roots Farm

## Community Supported Agriculture

### Member Agreement 2014

*We the farmers are to provide you, our members, with fresh, local, seasonal food in exchange for your shared commitment to the farm. This agreement outlines our relationship.*

## **Section 1. Introducing Our CSA Farm**

### **A. Becoming a Part of Our Farm**

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between a farm and farm members. Rather than simply purchasing food as a retail customer, farm members receive a portion of the seasonal harvest in exchange for their advance commitment, and payment.

Diggin Roots Farm offers 20 main season CSA shares, from mid-June through Thanksgiving. In general, shares are packed weekly; In the Fall, every other week. Full shares will typically receive 7-12 varieties of vegetables and herbs (partial shares 6-9), equivalent to 1-2 grocery bags of produce. For reference, our goal with a full share is to provide a four-person family enough produce for a week, though this rate of use will ultimately depend on the culinary culture of each household.

The chart below outlines, by season, some vegetables you might expect to find in your share. This chart is based on our best estimate. Weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production.

Month Harvested	Expected Crops
<b>June to July</b>	Beets, broccoli, carrots, lettuce, cilantro, spinach, radish, fennel, green onions & garlic, kale, chard, snap & snow peas, kohlrabi, radish, turnips.
<b>August to September</b>	Green beans, summer squash, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, basil, melons, fava beans, cabbage, lettuce, bunched greens, onions, garlic, broccoli, cilantro, cucumbers, potatoes, dill, parsley, beets, carrots, and leeks.
<b>October to November</b>	Peppers, winter squash, carrots, beets, potatoes, bunched greens, cabbage, cilantro, dill, parsley, fennel, broccoli, endive, chicories, popcorn, lettuce, spinach, radish, turnips, garlic, onions, shallots, leeks, and kohlrabi.

### **B. Sharing in the Risk & Reward**

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce can, and will, vary with the season, because each season is unique in its challenges and rewards. Some production factors - extreme weather, pests, disease - will require short-term compromise and long-term mediation.

By joining our CSA, you are an integral part of the culture in agri-culture. Sustainable food production is a necessarily imperfect, living system. As good stewards, we are beholden to both the bounty and risks of the season, and must take time to observe the land and improve production practices at a pace that reflects ecological rhythms. That is our intention, and this is our guarantee: Over time, Diggin' Roots Farm members will enjoy the vibrancy, bounty and diversity of healthy soil and responsible land management. In the unlikely event of significant crop failure, our procedure is as follows:

If only a small portion of crops fail, we compensate for the failed crops by filling shares with other crops ready for harvest. If a large portion of crops fail, there may be a noticeable reduction in share size.

Likewise, when crops are especially abundant, you will share in the bounty. However, we don't want to overwhelm our members, or deliver so much produce that it goes to waste. After filling CSA shares with the week's harvest, the remainder is sold to restaurants and through farmer's markets.

To increase diversity, we may experiment with new varieties of vegetables, fruits, grains, herbs, or flowers. These crops will be distributed equitably, though shares are not always identical from week to week. For example, with small trial plantings, half the membership might receive a crop one week, and half the next.

### **C. Our Growing Practices**

We are overwhelmed with gratitude to have found a place to call home for the long haul. We intend to care for this place as thoughtfully and holistically as our good fortune demands. Previous to our tenure, this land was managed conventionally, which means that Diggin' Roots Farm must wait until May 2015 to establish organic certification. In the meantime, your food is grown without using conventional pesticides, bioengineering, ionizing radiation, and without synthetic fertilizers or "bio-solids" (aka. sewage sludge).

We focus on techniques that build soil health and increase biodiversity. Our vision is a farm system that supports, incorporates and invigorates the native ecosystem. We always prioritize the use of open-pollinated, regionally bred, publicly available seed and vegetable varieties. Open pollination encourages agricultural diversity, resiliency, and in our case, helps to support small-scale, local seed growers. This approach to varietal selection and seed sourcing is akin to "open-source" in the technology world. For more information about our production practices, please ask.

## **Section 2. Logistics**

### **A. Picking-Up Shares**

Members will be notified of first pick-up one week in advance. Throughout the season, members are responsible for picking up their shares from the relevant drop site.

Please be aware that members who are splitting a full share are responsible for coordination and should designate *one* person to gather the complete share. Partial shares are available. If you cannot pick-up your share, you must arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. We ask that members explain the pick-up location and procedure to any substitutes. Shares that are not retrieved during the pick-up time will be donated to a food pantry or to the drop site host.

We are serious about the nutrition and cleanliness of farm-direct food. As the FDA works to finalize food safety rules, we are preparing to meet those standards. For your added protection and peace of mind, please wash all produce before eating.

### **B. Communication**

The best way to communicate with us is via email: [info@digginrootsfarm.com](mailto:info@digginrootsfarm.com). We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we spend most of our time in the field. Do not hesitate to contact us immediately with any news or feedback, of any kind. As the season progresses, we will do our best to address member concerns and offer more of whatever makes you smile.

While there is no substitute for face time on the farm, email is a necessary part of our communication strategy. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. Please read your emails from us. The success of Community Supported Agriculture depends on good communication regarding logistics and on-farm events. Each month, we will email an update with crop-related information, seasonal recipe ideas, and other farm related news.



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## Member Agreement Form 2014

By offering memberships in advance of the growing season, Community Supported Agriculture reduces the burden of up-front costs to the farmer. Membership fees provide capital for seed and equipment before the season starts. We cannot overstate how much we appreciate this commitment. Please place a check mark next to your desired pick-up location and share type.

CSA Options		
Pick-up location & time:	On-farm (Tues. 3-6pm)	<a href="#">Portland Homestead Supply</a> (Tues. 3-6pm)
Full Share (\$650)		\$
Partial Share - <b>On-farm pick-up only</b> (\$440)		\$
Discounts	Subtract	
Full payment post-marked by 2/28/14 (-\$10 for Full Season, -\$5 for Partial)	-\$	
On-farm pick-up (-\$40 for Full Share ONLY)	-\$	
<b>Total Due</b>	<b>\$</b>	

**Important:** If you choose to pay the membership fee upfront, please enclose a check for your total amount due, made payable to Diggin' Roots LLC. If you choose to pay the membership fee in installments, please enclose a \$100 deposit and three equal checks dated 3/28, 4/28, 6/28 covering the balance. Payment must be submitted with this signed agreement form. All payments are refundable through the fourth week of the season (minus value of shares received).

By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated above. I understand that, from time to time, the farm may change parts of this agreement related to production and distribution. In the unlikely event of any changes, I understand that the farm will provide advance notice via email.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Add-Ons		
We are exploring the viability of add-ons to the vegetable CSA share. Product type or flavor (if applicable) would vary on a weekly basis and full payment would be required in advance. <u>Approximate</u> prices are included below. Please indicate your preferred add-ons and quantities.		
Select	Optional Add-On Item	Quantity
	<a href="#">Café Mam Organic Coffee</a> (\$10/lb)	Lbs./Week
	* <a href="#">Willamette Valley Cheese Co.</a> Cheese (\$10-20/lb)	Lbs./Week
	* <a href="#">Portland Creamery</a> chevre (\$6 for 4 oz)	Oz./Week
	<a href="#">The Bread Board</a> breads (\$5/loaf)	Loaves/Week
	Flowers (TBD)	N/A
	*Diggin' Roots Farm grass-fed lamb (\$150/half, ~20lbs)	Half    Whole
	*Diggin' Roots Farm organic-fed pork (\$550/half, ~ 90lbs)	Half    Whole
	*Diggin' Roots Farm organic-fed Thanksgiving turkey (\$7/lb)	
	*Monthly <a href="#">Sustainable Seafood</a> Shares (Half \$50 ~4lbs, Full \$100 ~8lbs)	Half    Full/Month
<b>*Indicates on-farm pick-up location.</b>		