



2016 CSA Membership Agreement

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. By purchasing a membership share, you agree to the terms and conditions outlined herein. Please retain a copy of this agreement for your records.

I. Becoming a Member of Forager Farm

- a. **CSA** stands for *Community Supported Agriculture*, which is **basically a subscription for vegetables**. Members pay up front to secure their share. We farmers then use the money to buy seeds and equipment and get food growing. Then, each week, beginning in **late June/early July 2016 to mid/late October 2016**, we deliver fresh, local vegetables to our farm members.

II. Growing Practices

- a. We believe in providing fresh, seasonal, local veggies from our farm to your home. We believe people should have a relationship with their food, one that gives back to both you and the land. Instead of organic certification, we believe in "face certification: *a direct contact between farmer and consumer that creates an environment for trust and faith.*" as described by Douglas Gayeton. We believe in *transparent* farming practices and being open and honest about all inputs used on our farm. We **do not** use *synthetic fertilizers or pesticides, or any genetically modified seed*. As a practice, our farm records will be available to all members. We welcome any inquires about this stance.

III. Shared Risk

- a. Members of our farm get the opportunity to share in the abundance of a local North Dakota farm. With that opportunity there are risks associated with our growing season. We are committed to minimizing those risks, yet risks will always remain. 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 our other members.

- i. In the unlikely event of crop failure: If only a small portion of crops fail, we compensate for the failed crops by filling your box 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 products in some weeks. Should this happen, members will be contacted directly, as soon as possible.

IV. Shared Reward

- a. In addition to our CSA, Forager Farm sells to the Jamestown Public School District as part of the ND Farm to School program. We segregate our production for the CSA by dedicating a certain plot for Farm to School. When production of our CSA crops are especially abundant, we pack as much as possible into your share. However, we don't want to overwhelm our members or deliver so much produce that it goes to waste. When we feel that members have received enough of certain crops, we handle the surplus by selling it at farmer's markets and/or our Farm to School buyer.

V. Picking Up

- a. You are responsible for picking up your share each week from the pick-up location. Pick-up locations are listed below:

Pick-up Location	Address	Day	Time
Farmer's Union	1415 12 th Ave SE Jamestown	Mondays	4:30 - 6:00 pm
Hillside/Lions Park	17 th St N & Ave E Bismarck	Thursdays	TBD
Sargent Residence	322 4 th Ave NE Hazen	TBD	TBD

- b. You are responsible for observing the pick-up site rules, which are as follows:
 - i. Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up on time.
 - ii. Be respectful of the pick-up locations hosts' property.
 - iii. Follow any additional rules posted at the pick-up location site.
 - iv. Return last week's box every week.
- c. 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 procedure to your substitute. If unforeseen

circumstances arise, please contact Forager Farm as soon as possible as we try to accommodate emergencies. Shares that are not retrieved within the designated pick-up time will be forfeited for that week.

- d. You will be receiving the freshest produce available short of growing it yourself. That being said, shares will come packed unwashed for the most part. Please take the time to properly wash and store all produce each week once received.

VI. Member Fees

- a. 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. *Below are the shares offered for the 2015 season:*

Share Type	Share Size	Payment Options	Price
Full	Feeds 4-5 people. Delivered in a 1-bushel box.	1. In Full 2. Half now / Half later 3. Monthly (5months)	1. \$700 2. \$350/\$350 3. \$140/month
Half	Feeds 2-4 people. Delivered in a half-bushel box.	1. In Full 2. Half now / Half later 3. Monthly (5 months)	1. \$475 2. \$237.50/\$237.50 3. \$95/month
Single	Feeds 1-2 people. Delivered in a half-bushel box.	1. In Full 2. Half now / Half later 3. Monthly (5 months)	1. \$385 2. \$192.50/\$192.50 3. \$77/month

- b. If you are *Paying in Full*: payment is due at sign-up
If you are paying *Half Now/ Half Later*: the first payment is due at sign-up, second payment due by June 1, 2016.
If you are paying *Monthly*: first payment due at sign-up, following payments due the next consecutive 4 months following sign-up. You are responsible for making each payment in a timely manner.
- c. If you request a refund at any point, your refund will be prorated for the weeks that you received a share.

VII. Communicating with Us

- a. The best way to communicate with us is via email or phone. You can contact us by email at hannah@foragerfarm.com / jonathon@foragerfarm.com or by phone at 701-368-1552 / 701-

880-8223. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible.

- b. We will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. Please read your emails 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 newsletter giving you information about the crops available that week, recipe ideas, or other farm related news.

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