



Sassafras Farmstead  
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## Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Agreement

Member Agreement for Spring / Summer 2024

This Agreement is entered into on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, between Sassafras Farmstead LLC (Sassafras Farmstead) and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as "Member").

### *Member Contact Information*

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the terms described in this Agreement, Member agrees to pay the membership fee and in exchange, the Sassafras Farmstead promises to provide Member with fresh, local, seasonal food for the growing season indicated above, as available.

### *Growing Practices of the Farmstead*

Sassafras Farmstead is a biodynamic farmstead, while not certified organic we use organic practices. Our produce is naturally grown with no chemical herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers. All amendments used on the farmstead are either certified organic products or compost generated on the farm. With few exceptions, the produce we grow are heirloom varieties. Those that are not heirlooms are stabilized, open pollinated varieties. We use rotational grazing practices for all of our livestock and poultry ensuring the animals have access to fresh ground for foraging and grazing on a continual basis. Our poultry spend 3-8 weeks in their brooder (a nursery type coop) and are then moved to their portable housing. Our laying flocks live in portable coops that are moved daily and are allowed out during the day into their paddocks. Pasture raised chickens, for meat production, spend their time in movable chicken tractors that are moved daily to ensure access to fresh grass for them to forage and eat bugs and seeds. Heritage breed turkeys spend their time in a portable roost with daytime access to their forested paddocks. Forest raised pigs have a portable shelter with 24/7 access to their paddock as to our dairy goats. In addition to our native forage, all of our animals receive daily regimens of certified Non-GMO grain from a family owned farm near Dover, DE. Paddocks range in size from 2,500 to 5,000 square feet and are rotated on a regular basis.

### *Products and Deliveries Members Should Expect*

Sassafras Farmstead's Spring / Summer CSA runs for eighteen (18) weeks or from the first week of May to the last week of August. Member will receive on average 5-7 servings of produce for 4 people (full share) or for 2 people (half share) for each distribution, along with our and pasture raised chicken (2 for full shares, 1 for half shares) during the CSA season. We will also offer special items throughout the season, including; free range, non-GMO eggs, fresh cut flowers, artisanal breads and other local products we think our members will enjoy. Members will also have the opportunity to purchase add-on items as they are available.



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Below is a table of products Sassafras Farmstead expects to deliver to a Member during the season. This chart is based on our best estimate, but of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production and we cannot guarantee the quality or quantity of any particular item.

Month of Harvest	Expected Crop/Meat/Egg Product
May	Fresh Salad and Field Greens, Radishes, Beets and Carrots, Spring Onions, Fresh Herbs, Non-GMO, Free-Range Eggs
June	Fresh Salad and Field Greens, Radishes, Beets and Carrots, Spring Onions, Leeks, Fresh Herbs, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Summer Squash, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Strawberries, Non-GMO, Free-Range Eggs, Pasture Raised Chicken
July	Fresh Salad and Field Greens, Carrots, Fresh Herbs, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Summer Squash, Bell Peppers, Hot Peppers, Tomatillos, Celery, Garlic, Onions, Watermelon, Cantaloupe, Non-GMO, Free-Range Eggs, Pasture Raised Chicken
August	Fresh Salad and Field Greens, Carrots, Fresh Herbs, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Summer Squash, Bell Peppers, Hot Peppers, Tomatillos, Butternut and Acorn Squash, Watermelon, Cantaloupe, Non-GMO, Free-Range Eggs, Pasture Raised Chicken

Please check the pick-up site you would like to use.

Check Selection	City	Name of Location	Address	Day	Time(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Georgetown (West)	Hops & Crops Market	413 S. Bedford Street	Wednesday	3 pm – 6 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Frederica	Tidal Market	1313 Frederica Road	Sunday	9 am – 1 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Georgetown (East)	Hawthorn Clubhouse	Emerson Way	Thursday	11 am – Noon

*In the event of inclement weather or market cancellation for the day / time of pick up the Farmstead will notify members as soon as possible with alternate plans.*

Member is responsible for observing Sassafras Farmstead's following pick-up rules:

1. Return CSA box from the previous week in order to pick up the current week's share.
2. Pick up Member's share within the allotted timeframe. Products can deteriorate if not picked up on time and stored properly.
3. Follow rules for pick up site, such as parking limitations, as provided by Sassafras Farmstead.
4. If Member cannot pick up Member's share, Member may arrange for substitute to pick up share. Member will need to explain the pick-up site location and procedures to Member's substitute and notify Sassafras Farmstead via text message of the substitute.
5. Member may elect to place their pick up on hold and defer for one week or to donate any share or portion of any share. Member will notify Sassafras Farmstead via text message of their choice.



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6. Any shares not retrieved in the selected timeframe will be forfeited to Sassafras Farmstead for disposition (they may be donated to local non-profits or be moved to market stock for sale).

### Risk of Crop Failure

By joining Farmstead's CSA, both Farmstead and Member are agreeing to share in the risk of crop failure, due to factors such as inclement weather, pests, and acts of God. Farmstead will take all reasonable steps to limit crop failures from controllable factors. If a crop failure does happen, Farmstead's normal policy is as follows:

We will substitute more of any available crop(s). Note, when substitutions need to be made there may be some variation amongst the shares. Member(s) will be given the ability to choose their substitute product from a list of options when there are multiple substitutes available.

In the event of a substantial crop failure, items may be purchased in from other local sources using the same farming practices. Member will be notified of all external products in their weekly share newsletter. A refund of the share fee is not available.

However, Farmstead reserves the right to deviate from these policies.

\_\_\_\_\_ Member Initial

### Crop Surpluses

- Sassafras Farmstead also sells produce at Tidal Market and Revelation's Hops & Crops Markets as well as from our produce stand. Sassafras Farmstead does not segregate CSA production, but CSA production does receive our priority. In the event of a crop surplus, other markets will be served after Farmstead has satisfied Member's shares. Members will also have the opportunity to add-on items as they are available.

### Membership Type and Payment Options

#### Spring / Summer CSA

<b>Duration:</b>	18 Weeks		<b>Dates:</b>	May 2nd - August 29th			
	Prepaid		Pay-as-You-Go				
<b>Omnivore</b>	Cost Per Week	Total Cost	Cost Per Week	Total Cost	Deposit	Due 5/1	Due 7/1
<b>Full</b>	\$30.00	\$540.00	\$35.00	\$630.00	\$315.00	\$157.50	\$157.50
<b>Half</b>	\$20.00	\$360.00	\$25.00	\$450.00	\$225.00	\$112.50	\$112.50
<b>Vegan</b>							
<b>Full</b>	\$25.00	\$450.00	\$30.00	\$540.00	\$270.00	\$135.00	\$135.00
<b>Half</b>	\$15.00	\$270.00	\$20.00	\$360.00	\$180.00	\$90.00	\$90.00

#### Membership Selection

Share Type (Circle One)	Payment Plan (Circle One)	Total Cost	Amount Due At Signing
Omnivore / Vegan	Prepaid / Pay-as-You-Go		
Full / Half			



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Payments may be made in Cash, by Check (made payable to Sassafras Farmstead), via Venmo or PayPal (both @SassafrasFarmstead), in person with a credit or debit card, Google Pay or Apple Pay. Member may also request an invoice via Square and pay by credit / debit card, Google Pay or Apple Pay remotely. Please note that if Member elects to utilize an electronic payment option add an additional \$3.00 for each transaction to cover the increased processing charges. The \$3.00 fee will be added to any remote invoices.

By signing and submitting the agreement, you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for share indicated above.

Sassafras Farmstead may, at its discretion, consider a request from a Member to downsize a share and may or may not grant a refund upon downsizing. Selling CSA memberships helps Sassafras Farmstead reduce the burden of up-front costs (such as seeds, irrigation, equipment, and other inputs) before the season starts. Sassafras Farmstead appreciates Member's commitment to us.

### ***Communications between Sassafras Farmstead and Member***

The best way to communicate with Sassafras Farmstead is via email. Our email is CSA@SassafrasFarmstead.com. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we spend much of our time in the field growing your food and are not always able to send a same day response. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, problems with your pick up location, or dissatisfaction with your share. We will communicate with Members primarily by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. Please regularly read your email from Sassafras Farmstead. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or notices of our events. Members will receive a CSA Shareholder Newsletter every Wednesday with the anticipated crops in that week's boxes along with any add-ons available. Please follow us on FaceBook @Sassafrasfarmstead and Instagram @Sassafras\_Farmstead.

### ***Indemnification and Hold Harmless***

By signing this Agreement, Member hereby releases, indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless Sassafras Farmstead, its owners, agents and employees from any and all claims, damage and/or liability he or she might suffer from being on Sassafras Farmstead property, being at any of the CSA pick-up locations or from the purchase of a CSA membership, including but not limited to, the use or consumption of any food provided by Sassafras Farmstead.

### ***Termination***

If Member violates any of the provisions of this Agreement, he or she will be considered to be in breach of contract Sassafras Farmstead may terminate this Agreement and retain all Member fees. If Sassafras Farmstead violates any of the provisions of this Agreement, Sassafras Farmstead will be considered in breach of contract; the Member may terminate the agreement and receive a refund of the membership fee minus the value of any products received during the season.



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### *Acknowledgment*

I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in the Membership Selection section. I understand that, although unlikely, Farmstead may change parts of this Agreement related to production and distribution from time to time. I understand that Farmstead will contact me via email in advance of any changes to this agreement.

By signing this Agreement, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to the terms contained herein.

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

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

### *Farmstead Use Only*

Type Of Share	Size of Share	Payment Option	Pick-Up Location