



Common Thread CSA Winter Share 2015/2016 Agreement Form

CSA, or community supported agriculture, is a partnership of mutual commitment between a farm and a community of supporters – members make a commitment to support the farm for a period of time, assuming the risks and bounty of growing food along with the farmers. The farm provides, to the best of its ability, a healthy supply of seasonal fresh produce. CSA promotes a responsible relationship between people and the food they eat, the land on which it is grown, and those who grow it.

The Winter Share

The winter share will include storage crops (potatoes, winter squash, onions, root vegetables, cabbage, and garlic) as well as hardy greens and vegetables from the fields and unheated hoopouses (spinach, lettuce, kale, arugula, etc.) There will be more fresh food from the fields in November and Early December and most or all of the share will be storage crops in late December and January. We will distribute 2 weeks worth of food every 2 weeks from November 5 through January 7. Winter shares will contain 10-15 different types of vegetables from the farm at each pick-up. We estimate that each distribution will weigh 18-25 lbs. It is sized to feed 2-3 adults for the 2 week period between distributions. Because we have a more limited number of vegetable types for the winter share and we don't have a heated distribution space at the farm, we will be preparing box shares rather than doing the mix and match system. We will have a "swap box" for those who would like to trade out items from their box.

Share Sizes/Splitting Shares

If you anticipate that the share will be too much food for you, we are offering a half share for on-farm pick-up, which will be half the amount of food as the regular share. Alternatively, we encourage you to split the share with someone else. We only offer one size share for delivery to reduce confusion about which boxes to take. Two households are welcome to split a delivered share themselves.

Drop off locations and times

Pick up will be Thursdays, November 5 and 19, December 3 and 17, and January 7 (3 week gap).

- * On Farm in Madison, 2-7 pm, Pick up will be out of our cooler in the bottom level of the barn.
- * Dewitt, private residence on Pelham Road, 4-7 pm—must have 10 shares to deliver to this site
- * Utica at Café Domenico, 3-8 pm—must have 10 shares to deliver to this site

If there is a day that you cannot pick up, we can hold your share in our cooler for a few days— just let us know when you would like to pick it up at the farm, or you can arrange for a friend to pick it up. If you can't pick up, we can donate your share to a local food pantry.

As long as shares are available, we are able to add additional delivery sites if they are close to our delivery route and have at least 5 shares picking up at the site.

Sponsored shares and payment plans:

We are accepting donations for subsidized CSA winter shares this season for families who cannot afford the full price of a CSA share. Please contact us if you are interested in a sponsored share. We are also able to set up payment plans upon request.



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Name (Please write legibly)

Spouse/Partner

Street

City/Zip

Email

Telephone

Please sign our Shareholder Pledge

Community supported agriculture (CSA) is a partnership of mutual commitment between a farm and a community of farm members. By participating in Common Thread CSA, I understand that, although the farmers are committed to the best of their ability to provide a good variety of seasonal vegetables, there are risks in agriculture and I am prepared to share in the risks of the farm as well as the bounty. I also understand that it is my responsibility to pick up my share each pick up day.

Shareholder signature: _____

Please select a drop off location (options on reverse of this form) _____

CSA SHARE TYPE Please circle the payment box for the share type of your choice .	1/2 Winter Share (Deposit)	1 Winter Share (Deposit)
On Farm Pick-Up	\$165 (\$83)	\$300 (\$150)
Delivered Box		\$325 (\$163)
Optional donation: Sponsor a subsidized winter CSA share for a family in need: \$30 for half a box, \$120/2 boxes, \$300/a winter share		Donation
Amount enclosed		

We accept full payment or deposits. Account balances are due by Dec 1, 2015. Payment plans are available upon request. **Please make checks payable to Common Thread CSA and mail to Common Thread CSA, 3424 Lake Moraine Rd. Madison, NY 13402**

Questions? Contact us at 315-882-0086 or info@commonthreadcsa.com

OFFICE USE ONLY	Date received:	Check number:	Amount: