

# Racing Heart Farm Member Agreement for 2017

## Member Contact Information:

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## Our Contact Information:

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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.

## Becoming a Member

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 farms harvest.

Our CSA runs for 16-18 weeks, from early June through Mid-October with a one week break in July. Members are responsible for showing up at pick-up site each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. If you have signed up for the large share, you will receive a ¾ bushel box of vegetables, a small share will receive a ½ bushel box. The box will vary in weight as the season progresses. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below.

## Our Growing Practices

Racing Heart is Certified Naturally Grown (CNG). CNG is similar to organic certification because it requires compliance the standards for organic certification. However, the inspection and record-keeping requirements are different. This is our guarantee that the produce you receive from us is grown without using conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering, or ionizing radiation. Additionally, we do everything we can to reduce the amount of off-farm inputs that go into our field. We do this by manually removing or excluding bugs and weeds, and by growing cover crops to increase fertility.

## What to Expect

The list below outlines some of the vegetables we hope 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.

### June/July (early in the season)

Arugula	Cabbage	Kale	Spinach
Beet Greens	Chard	Kohlrabi	Salad Mix
Baby Beets	Cilantro	Lettuce Heads	Radish
Broccoli	Green Beans	Peas	Turnip

### August/September (height of summer)

Some of the above list and...

Beets	Eggplant	Herbs	Potatoes
Carrots	Garlic	Melon	Summer
Cucumber	Onion	Peppers	Squash/Zucchini
Tomatoes			

### October (late season)

Some of the above list and...

Broccoli	Leeks	Kohlrabi	Rutabaga
Cabbage	Herbs	Turnip	Winter Squash

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells at two farmers markets. We balance priority of the CSA with our other markets. This allows us to select a consistently full and diverse share to our customers while avoiding over-delivering any one product. We offer more diversity and our most special varieties through the CSA, but if you ever need more veggies for your week (or just to say hi!) you can find us Saturdays at the Northeast Farmers Market from 9am-1pm and Sundays at the Linden Hills Farmers Market from 9am-1pm.

## 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. We may cover for a crop loss by buying in from other local farmers with the same certifications as our farm. This may not be a feasible option for all crops because of cost or widespread failure.

## Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from your drop site. Place an x next to the drop site you would like to use from the list below. All pickups are on Wednesday.

- **Eastside Coop**- 26<sup>th</sup> and Central, Northeast Minneapolis
- **Moe Bodyworks**- 36<sup>th</sup> and Lyndale, Uptown Minneapolis
- **Seward Coop**- 28<sup>th</sup> and Franklin, Seward Neighborhood Minneapolis
- **Menomonie**- location TBD

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

1. Return last week's box every week- our boxes are a huge part of our budget at \$2/each, it is important that we get these back each week so that we can reuse them.
2. Pick up your share before the close of business at your location. 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.
4. Follow any additional rules or instructions posted at your drop site.

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. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated to the drop site host.

We take the safety of your food seriously. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating and refrigerate appropriate products soon as possible.

## 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. Please check the share type you would like from the list below:

- Large Share, Paid in Full \$550
- Large Share, Paid in Installments \$555
- Small Share, Paid in Full \$350
- Small Share, Paid in Installments \$354

If you chose to make a single payment, please enclose a check for your total amount due with this signed agreement form.

If you chose to pay the membership fee in installments, please enclose 3 checks dated [4/1, 5/1, 6/1] in the amount of \$185 for a full share or \$118 for a half share with this signed agreement form. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above.

Make checks payable to Racing Heart Farm. All payments are non-refundable after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email (or phone on delivery days). Our contact info is listed on the front page. The best times to reach us are between 8am and 8pm. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, changes to your drop-site location, any feedback about your drop site or week's share.

We will communicate with you by email. Please read your email from us. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule. Every week, we will email a newsletter, giving you information about the crops in that week's box, recipe ideas, and other farm related news.

By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated above. 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: \_\_\_\_\_