

# Racing Heart Farm Member Agreement for 2018

## Member Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Second Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Contact Information:

Racing Heart Farm

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Colfax, WI 54730

715-658-0195

415-283-8264 (cell, doesn't work at the farm)

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## Becoming a Member

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is shorthand for the mutual relationship between farmers and farm members. By selling membership in advance of the growing season, CSA reduces the burden of up-front costs for the farmer. Your membership provides us with money to purchase seed and equipment before the season starts, and we appreciate your commitment!

Our CSA runs for 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  $\frac{3}{4}$  bushel box of vegetables, a small share will receive a  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel box. The box will vary in weight as the season progresses.

## Share Size and Payment

Please select 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 \$380
- Small Share, Paid in Installments \$384

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

If you chose to make a single payment, please enclose a check for the total amount due with signed agreement form. If you chose to pay the membership fee in installments, please enclose 3 checks [we will deposit these after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the next three calendar months] in the amount of \$184 for a full share or \$128 for a half share with signed agreement form.

## Picking Up Shares

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastside Co-op, 26 <sup>th</sup> and Central | <input type="checkbox"/> Lakewinds Co-op, 64 <sup>th</sup> and Lyndale           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seward Co-op, 28 <sup>th</sup> and Franklin  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Market, West 7 <sup>th</sup> St. (St. Paul) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moe Bodyworks- 36 <sup>th</sup> and Lyndale  | <input type="checkbox"/> Menomonie Market (Menomonie WI)                         |

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

1. Return last week's box every week, 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 sure to take only the box with your name on it- if your box is missing, let us know ASAP (there are a few things we can do if this happens).
4. 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.
5. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated to the drop site host.
6. Be respectful of our drop site hosts' property.
7. Follow any additional rules or instructions posted at your drop site.

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

## 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 plan 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

## 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.

## 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. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your 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. We will send an email reminder the day before each pick-up, 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: \_\_\_\_\_