

# CSA Member Agreement

*Welcome to Easy Bee Farm's 2020 CSA!*



Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a way for consumers and farmers to share the risks and benefits of food production in a given growing season. By purchasing a CSA share, you are supporting a local farmer in advance in exchange for receiving a weekly share of the harvest. CSA programs allow consumers to enjoy eating fresh food grown right in their community while learning what it means to eat seasonally.

## *About Easy Bee Farm*

This is the sixth year that Easy Bee Farm has offered CSA shares. Rhonda has been growing food on her property in Spanish Valley for 13 years and in the Moab valley for 27 years. She has fed countless people in Moab from a small space and plans on expanding the current garden area to include fruit, berries and a new large area of her property for more vegetable production. Easy Bee Farm has worked with NRCS to develop a conservation plan that promotes native pollinators through habitat planting and hedgerows. In addition, Easy Bee Farm collaborates with like-minded neighbors to supplement our production space.

Our growing practices focus on the health of the soil using only organic practices. Easy Bee Farm builds soil through organic amendments, cover cropping, crop rotation, companion planting and mulching. We use drip irrigation to conserve water. Compost is made on-site from plant matter and food waste, with the occasional addition of composted chicken manure. Pollinators are key to our farm and we promote them however we can through flower, herb and perennial plantings. Easy Bee Farm also keeps two honeybee hives on site.

We provide 30 paying member shares and 8 worker member shares. Our worker members help with harvest in exchange for produce. Harvest is done the morning of pickup, so that the food is as fresh as possible. We believe in providing clean and well-packaged produce, so our worker shares are trained to have high standards of cleanliness when processing in the garden kitchen.

## CSA information

### 1. Products expected for the year

As a CSA member, you will learn about what crops are available in Moab during different times of the year. Timing and availability will vary each year based on the weather and agricultural variables, but below are some of the crops we are planning to grow:

| Early Season<br>(May-June)<br><i>cooler weather crops</i> | Summer<br>(July-September)<br><i>when it is too hot for the early<br/>season crops</i> | Late Season (September-<br>October)<br><i>Some Summer crops will still<br/>be available in addition to:</i> |
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| Arugula   | Cabbage  | Chard/Kale  |
| Beets   | Carrots  | Greens <i>again</i> (lettuce,<br>arugula, spinach, etc)   |
| Bunching Onions   | Chard  | Dry Beans   |
| Carrots   | Cucumbers  | Winter squash   |
| Lettuce Mix   | Eggplant   | Potatoes  |
| Romaine Lettuce   | Green Beans  | Kohlrabi  |
| Peas  | Leeks  | Chinese Cabbage   |
| Radicchio   | Kale   | Turnips   |
| Radishes  | Bulb Onions  | Root Crops <i>again</i> (Carrots,<br>Beets, Radishes, Salad<br>Turnips)                                     |
| Spinach   | New Potatoes   |   |
| Salad Turnips   | Peppers (sweet, green chilies<br>and hot)  |   |
| Garlic  | Tomatoes   |   |
| Fennel  | Zucchini (and other summer<br>squash)  |   |

A large variety of herbs will be available throughout the entire growing season and will be distributed to go along with the offerings of each week's share. Expect basil, cilantro, rosemary, thyme, mint, marjoram, parsley, sage, chives, dill, fennel fronds, lemon balm, oregano and tarragon. There will also be weeks of excess when we will offer add-on purchases. For example, we may offer an optional box of canning tomatoes one week and bulk basil the next week for an additional charge.

A full share will feed a small family and is approximately \$25 worth of produce each week. Some weeks may be worth much more during peak harvest times while others may not

quite reach that mark. For example, there is usually a lull between Spring and Summer crops where you may not receive as much produce, but in August you will most likely receive an excess.

## **2. Pick up time and location**

The 2020 CSA season will run for 22-24 weeks from early to mid May through mid to late October. Expect an email with the exact start date, depending on Spring weather. Pick up will be Wednesdays or Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Easy Bee Farm site's garden kitchen. The farm is located at 4065 Easy Street. Plan on bringing your own bag or basket to pick up your share. We will send information about pickup procedures before the season begins. You can contact us to schedule a farm tour if interested.

If you are unable to pick up during the allotted time and have not scheduled delivery for the season, you will be required to find another person to pick up your share. If you are having someone else pick up your share, you are responsible for sharing the pickup procedure document and directions. Shares that are not picked up by 7:00 p.m. on the evening of pickup will be donated to the food bank or otherwise distributed.

## **3. Communication**

Each week you will receive an email with share contents. Included will be recipes, suggestions for use and updates on the farm. If you have questions about a week, recipes you would like to share, or concerns, please email us at [easybeefarm@gmail.com](mailto:easybeefarm@gmail.com)

You can also call Brendan (207) 317-7244 or Rhonda (435) 260-2231. But remember, we are often out weeding and harvesting, so email is probably the best way to contact us.

## **4. Delivery option**

Easy Bee Farm will offer a limited number of delivered shares this year. Delivery is an additional \$200 for the season. Please note if you are interested in delivery and we will provide the service on a first-come, first-served basis. If you receive one of the delivery shares, we will contact you to work out a procedure for drop-off. If you are not home at time of delivery, we will require access to a refrigerator or cooler so the produce does not sit out in the sun.

## **5. Membership fee and payment deadline**

The CSA membership fee will be \$560 for the season. Online applications must be filled out and signed by March 30th, 2020 to secure your spot.