

## Farm Share Member Agreement

### *Farm Contact Information:*

**Grant's Berry Patch**

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### *Member Contact Information:*

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

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

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

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

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

*Grant's Berry Patch is a family owned and run local farm established in 1997. We use conventional growing methods and make every effort to limit pesticide use. We sell only our own produce.*

We, the farm, work diligently to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal food and you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest. This contract outlines our shared commitments to that agreement.

Our Farm Share/CSA runs for 10 weeks, starting in June (dates to be determined). Members are responsible for showing up at the Grant's Berry Patch Farm Stand every week to pick up shares of freshly harvested produce. You will receive a basket catered to the consumption of a typical family of four. Variety and quantity will vary according to seasonal availability.

The following is a list of some of the items we will be providing based on our best estimate, but of course weather, pests, crop health and other events can and do affect actual production. We will endeavor to change the weekly offerings as much as possible.

*Sweet corn, lettuce (2 to 3 varieties), cucumbers, tomatoes (big beef, grape and cherry), summer squash, zucchini, green & yellow beans, kale, broccoli, basil, kohlrabi, onions, carrots, beets, a variety of peppers, eggplant, potatoes, and snap peas. This is not a comprehensive list but rather a list of the most likely items.*

### **Sharing in the Reward & Risks of Farm Share Programs**

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce however, may vary due to extreme weather, insects, or other production factors despite our best efforts. By joining our Farm Share, you agree to share the risk of crop failure. In

the event of a crop failure, we will do our utmost to compensate, if at all possible with other crops that are ready to be harvested.

In addition to our Farm Share we sell our produce, on site, to farmers markets, and to other farms. We consider the priority of our Farm Shares with our other markets allowing us to provide a consistently full and diverse selection to our customers.

### **Picking Up Shares**

You accept responsibility for picking up your share every week on the designated date (TBD), from the Grant's Berry Patch Farm Stand. As we do not wish for produce to sit in the baskets for longer than necessary, we ask that you notify us if you are going to be later than the scheduled pick-up of **1:30 to 5:30**

*You are responsible for observing our Farm Share rules, which are as follows:*

1. Return your designated basket from the previous week, each week.
2. Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce, it will decline quickly if not picked up on time.
3. 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 any particulars, to your designee. Shares that are not retrieved on the pick-up date, without making alternative arrangements, may be donated to a food pantry or sold on site.

We take the safety of your food seriously but for your added protection, we encourage washing all produce before eating.

### **Member Fees**

The advanced payment helps offset production costs, helps the farmer most accurately estimate the amount of produce needed for that season so as to plant accordingly, and allows farmers to have a guaranteed market for at least some of their produce which in turn limits waste. Farm Share members get to experience a full bounty of what a farm has to offer.

Shares are \$300 for the 10-week season. The shares are for vegetables only, no fruit option. Fruit is however available for purchase at our Farm Stand.

The deadline for signing up is April 1, 2021 (or once we have a paid commitment from customers to fill all available shares).

We accept cash or checks: please make checks payable to: Grant's Berry Patch.

Please enclose a check for your total amount due, along with this signed agreement form.

### **Communicating with Us**

The best way to communicate with us is via [email/phone] or our website. Our [email/phone] is listed at the top of the contract and the best times to reach us are between 5 and 8AM or 5 and

8PM. We can also be reached between the hours of 8AM and 5PM via ***our website Communication link.***

We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we spend most of our time in the field growing your food.

Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, issues with a pick up.

We will communicate general information via our website. When you sign up, you will be added to a distribution list. Please read your email from us and check our Farm Share page on our website. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule.

By signing below, I agree to purchase a membership share. I understand that, although unlikely, the farm may change parts of this agreement related to production and or distribution. Further, I understand that I share in the risk of crop failure and do willingly accept those risks.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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