

GI Acres CSA Member Agreement

Member Agreement for 2016

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Address: _____

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Phone Number: _____ Alt Phone Number: _____

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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.

Section 1. Introducing Our CSA Farm

A. Becoming a Part of Our Farm

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 farm’s harvest.

Our CSA runs from mid-May-early June to a hard freeze (mid-September to end of October). We anticipate that the season will be at least 20 weeks and maybe as many as 26 weeks. Members are responsible for showing up at the farm each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. You will generally receive vegetables equivalent to one grocery bag of produce, with two bags during peak season. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 3.

B. Our Growing Practices

The farm is not USDA Certified Organic and we do not anticipate applying for such status. We strive to produce healthy vegetables using natural methods of fertilizing, building soil, and controlling pests such as insects and weeds. Natural methods include but are not limited to using composted vegetable matter, grasses and leaves, composted and uncomposted animal manure, hand weeding, mechanical cultivation, and diatomaceous earth. In certain circumstances, when we deem it is necessary to save a crop, we may use chemicals on specific crops. In the case where chemicals are used we will inform our members what was used, when it was applied and to which crops it was applied.

C. The Products We Expect for 2016

The chart 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. We will try to accommodate specific requests but these are the items we typically grow.

Month Harvested	Expected Crops
May to June	Spinach, Lettuce, Radishes, Carrots, Beets, Leafy Greens (mustard, collards, chard, turnip etc.), Peas, Green Onions, Herbs (parsley, chives, rosemary, basil, dill, mint, organo, etc...), Summer Squash (zucchini, yellow squash, tatume), rhubarb (If it comes up but I do know where I can get some)
July to September	Green Beans, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Turnips, , Leafy Greens (mustard, collards, chard, turnip etc..)Summer Squash, Sweet Corn (if we grow it), New Potatoes, Peppers, Herbs (parsley, chives, rosemary, basil, dill, mint, organo, etc...), Carrots, Eggplant
October	Tomatoes, Peppers (sweet and hot), Potatoes, Lettuce, , Leafy Greens (mustard, collards, chard, turnip etc.), Winter Squash, Summer Squash, Horseradish, Herbs (parsley, chives, rosemary, basil, dill, mint, organo, etc...), Carrots

Section 2. Our Shared Commitments

A. 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. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks.

We do have irrigation available for the farm and expect to irrigate. Our biggest risk is hail and high winds as we cannot control the destruction that those could cause especially late in the season. If necessary we will replant with short season crops to insure that deliveries can be made.

B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA and our household, our farm intends to sell to farmers markets, restaurants, and/or grocery stores. Although production is not segregated, our CSA and household receive priority. After filling our CSA shares and meeting our household needs with the harvest from the week the remainder is sold to our other markets.

Section 3. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from our drop site.

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Pickup is scheduled on Thursdays from 6:00pm-8:00pm (Subject to Change Notification will be provided by Email and on Facebook)

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

1. Bring your own bag and leave the CSA box/basket at the site
2. We will have a table where you can share items you will not use or claim items left by others. All excess will be donated, sold, or composted.
3. You will be given a bucket for compostable material. You can bring vegetable scraps and peels back when you pick up your share and we will incorporate them into the garden.
2. Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we harvest high-quality produce on our farm, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
3. Be respectful of our farm property.
4. Follow any additional rules posted at our farm.

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. Contact us via email or cell phone if you need to make other arrangements. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated to a charity or food pantry, sold at the farmers market, or composted.

We take the safety of your food seriously. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating and put frozen products in the freezer as soon as possible. (We are considering adding frozen pesto and frozen horseradish to at least one share.)

Section 4. 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.

For the 2016 Year we are offering a single share at the cost of \$200 per share. We anticipate delivery of an average of at least \$10 worth of produce per week for a growing season of 20 weeks or more subject to the vagaries of farming. Payment must be received either by check or PayPal (chadn1@grandislandacres.com) no later than March 31, 2016.

By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share indicated above. Membership forms can be signed and emailed to chadn1@grandislandacres.com or sent to GI Acres at 4311 W 13th Street Grand Island, NE 68803

All payments are non-refundable after March 31, 2016.

Any check returned due to insufficient funds will be redeposited. Members will be charged actual costs of any banking fees accrued due to the event and will not receive a share until charges are covered. In the event that the check does not clear on the second deposit the matter will be referred to the County Attorney.

Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email or cell phone (voice or text). Our email is chadn1@grandislandacres.com, Chad's Cell (308) 379-3882, Kathy's Cell (308) 379-5273. The best times to reach us are weeknights after 8 PM. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we spend much of our time at outside jobs and in the field growing your food and not at our desk. Please contact us with any news of the following:

- changes to your contact information, or
- dissatisfaction with your share.

We will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. Please read your email from us. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to our farm events. Every week, we will email an update giving you information about the crops available that week], recipe ideas, or other farm related news. We will also share those on our web page www.grandislandacres.com on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/UrbanFarmAdventures/> and on Twitter @GIAcres.

By signing below, I agree to purchase a membership share for the 2016 Season for \$200. 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): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Date: _____