

Rise Up Farms CSA Membership Agreement Summer 2016

We want to welcome you as new members, or welcome you back if you chose to be part of our CSA again this year. The CSA is nothing but the direct relationship between the farm and the members of this community. Your participation, support and understanding of this program is vital for us, so please read the whole membership agreement.

Our commitment to our members:

We will provide our members and their families with healthy and tasty vegetables and fruits from the first week of June to the last week of October for a total of 22 weeks. We strive to give you as much produce as possible, and as much variety as possible. As a CSA member, you are making a season-long commitment to the farm. That means you deserve to get more veggies for your dollar than you would get at the farmers market.

Our farming practices are based on the principles of ecology. We work to improve the health of our soil using biological sources of fertility, and create an agricultural ecosystem that is stable, self-sustaining and chemical free. Rise Up Farms is Certified Naturally Grown, which means we follow all the same guidelines as a farm that is Certified Organic.

As part of our effort to help the environment we are working on the creation of a pollinators sanctuary at the farm. It is our duty to create a healthy environment for those little guys who make possible all those tasty veggies and fruits get to our plate.

A very important thing to keep in mind when we agree to be members of a CSA is that we will understand that we're signing up for a season that we still don't know how is going to turn out to be. It could be a good season or it could be a challenging one.

Our members' commitment to the farm:

As a member, you agree to help support Rise Up Farms. Members with paid shares will help to keep the farm financially viable, and work share members will support the farm with their time and labor.

In addition, you agree to accept some of the risk that comes with farming. Yields can be reduced by droughts, pests, disease, and other difficulties that are hard to predict. In some cases, crops can be lost altogether. You understand that our planned CSA offerings for 2015 represent a goal that we will make every effort to achieve. However, if

some crops should fail, we may not be able to provide you with some of the vegetables and fruits that we are planning to grow.

This year will have the work share option for low income families as an effort to get more healthy options for everybody. However if we don't get enough low income work shares you can still participate. So, if you're not a low income member please sign up any way, we have a waiting list.

Please select one of the following membership options:

Paid shares:

Please choose one or more of the shares below

___ Full share, one installment (\$600 enclosed with membership agreement)

___ Full share, two installments (\$300 enclosed with membership agreement, an additional \$300 to be paid by March 20th)

___ Half share, one installment (\$325 enclosed with membership agreement)

___ Half share, two installment (\$175 enclosed with membership agreement, and additional \$150 to be paid by March 20th)

Work shares:

___ Full work share (commitment of 8 hours work per week for 22 weeks)

___ Half work share (commitment of 4 hours work per week for 22 weeks)

*Work share members must fill out a work share agreement in addition to their membership agreement. You can find the work share agreement at our website, www.riseupfarms.com or we can send you a copy.

Cut flowers shares:

___ Fresh-cut, rustic bouquets of cultivated flowers and wildflowers each week for 8 weeks. Exact start and end dates depend on weather. Spots are limited; available with vegetable share only (Add \$45 to share price)

Pick up options:

___ Tuesdays at Rise Up Farms (north side of Elkhart) between 5:00 and 6:00 pm

___ Wednesdays at Purple Porch Coop (downtown South Bend) between 5:00 and 7:00

Wednesdays at Center for Legal Justice (down town Elkhart) between 3-5 pm

Fridays at Rise Up Farms between 5:00 and 6:00 pm

Sorry, we don't do deliveries!

Orientation meeting (paid shares only):

All new members are asked to attend an orientation meeting. This will help you get to know the farm and the farmers! If you have selected a paid share, please select an orientation meeting below:

Monday, May 16th, 5:30 pm at the farm Tuesday, May 17th, 5:30 pm at the farm

I cannot make either of the above times

Volunteer opportunities:

YES! I am interested in volunteering at Rise Up Farms. We have different ways you can help!

Personal Information:

Name(s)

Address

Email _____ Phone #

_____ About how many people will regularly eat produce from this share? 1 2 3 4 5 More than 5

Comments: _____

Please return this agreement by email or mail. If you mail your agreement and mail your check separately, please write the name(s) of the CSA members clearly on the check.

Email: riseupfarms@gmail.com Mail: Rise Up Farms 22600 SR 120

Elkhart, In 46516

You will be considered a member of the Rise Up CSA once we have received your membership agreement and your first check. We will contact you when you are officially a member of the CSA! Note that we can only offer a limited number of shares this year. Once we meet our limit, we will have to start putting applicants on a waitlist. If we have to put you on the waitlist, we will return your check by mail.

Thanks so much for joining us at Rise Up Farms! If you have any question, feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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