

# Small Axe Market Gardens

## CSA Member Agreement for 2017

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### Member Contact Information

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

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

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

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

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the farmer, 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 The CSA Farm**

#### A. Becoming a Part of Our Farm

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between the farm and you as our customer. Rather than simply purchasing food, customers become “members” of this CSA farm who receive a portion of the farm’s harvest.

The CSA runs for 22 weeks, from May 16th to October 10th. Members are responsible for showing up at the farm every Tuesday between 4 p.m and 10 p.m to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. You will generally receive approximately \$25.00 in market value each week. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in section 3. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in section 2.

#### B. Growing Practices

The farmer is dedicated to bringing you food the way it was intended to be eaten. Your food is grown without the use of any synthetic chemicals or fertilizers. We are a small plot intensive farm with an emphasis on quality control. Our growing practices include composting, cover cropping, organic fertilizers and crop rotation.

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### C. The Products Expected for 2017

The list below outlines some of the produce I hope to deliver and when you may see them in your share. This list is based on my best estimate, but of course weather, pests, and other events will effect actual production.

April-May arugula, lettuce, scallions, carrots, spinach, radish, mesclun mix, mustard greens, turnips, chard, kale, kohlrabi, mint, cilantro, parsley, snap peas

June-August broccoli, beets, cabbage, carrots, turnips, lettuce, mesclun mix, peppers, green beans, tomatoes, eggplant, radish, cucumbers, zucchini, boc choi, fennel, dill, basil, rosemary, potatoes

September Expect many of the spring and summer crops plus radicchio, rapini, napa cabbage, celeriac, parsnip, endive, broccoli, stir fry mixes, mesclun mix, radish, spinach, scallions

### Section 2. Our Shared Commitments

#### A. Sharing in the Risk of Crop Failure

I promise to work hard 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 the CSA, you are agreeing to share the risk of crop failure with me 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 farms with the same growing practices as ours. This may not be a feasible option for all crops because of cost or wide spread failure.

#### B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells to farmers markets, restaurants and retail outlets. We balance priority of the CSA with our other markets. This allows us to select a consistently full and diverse share to our customers while avoiding over-delivering any one product. Some weeks you will find your share has a higher value than \$25.00!

### Section 3. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share every Tuesday between 4 p.m and 10 p.m at the farm. The farm entrance is located one driveway north of 324 N Bruns lane in Springfield. There is a red fire hydrant next to the driveway, park near the red barn.

You are responsible for observing the pick-up site rules, which are as follows:

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1. Bring your own bag and leave the box at the site.
2. Pick up your share within the time frame stated(4p.m-10p.m). Although we deliver high quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time. That being said, if you forget to pick up you can always come back in the morning and it will still be there.
3. Be respectful to our pick-up site hosts' property.
4. Follow additional rules posted at your pick-up site regarding parking, use of certain entrances, and bringing your own re-usable bag(s).

If you can not 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. Shares that are not retrieved after 24 hours will be donated to the pick-up site host (our landlords) or the St. Johns Bread Line. We take the safety of your food seriously. Your food is properly hydro-cooled, packed and refrigerated. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating.

### Section 4. Member Fees

By selling memberships in advance of the growing season, CSA reduces the burden of up-front costs for the farmer. Your membership fees provide me with money to purchase seed and equipment before the season starts, and I appreciate your commitment. The cost of a share is \$550.00 for the 2017 season. The CSA will begin May 16th and end October 10th. This 22 week program consists of approximately \$25.00 worth of produce each week. Please enclose a check for the total amount due, made payable to Small Axe Market Gardens along with the signature portion (below dotted line) of this agreement form. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share described above. **In order to secure your CSA membership, full payment is required by February 1st., although the earlier the better!**

**Total Amount Due: \$550.00**

Make check payable to Small Axe Market Gardens

All payments are non-refundable.

Mail checks/contracts to:

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### Section 5. Communicating With Us

The best way to communicate with me is via email or phone. My email address is [augustj77@gmail.com](mailto:augustj77@gmail.com). My phone # is 217-299-4578, I will do my best to respond to you as soon as possible. Please contact me with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, or phone number.

I will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to the distribution list. Please read your emails, I depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to farm events.

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By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in section 4. 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 Gus will contact me via email of any changes to this agreement.

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

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