



## **Green Junction** **FARMSTEAD**

### 2023 CSA Member Agreement

**Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)** is a farm model that allows people to be more directly involved with their food choices. Members essentially become an investor in the farm by paying for a share of the farm's production prior to each growing season. The investment as a member provides early capital so the farm can buy the seeds, supplies, equipment, and other inputs needed for the growing season without having to wait until harvest to generate revenue. Then, members get a share of what is harvested each week during the season. This agreement outlines our shared commitments to that relationship.

#### **Green Junction Farmstead (GJF) CSA**

##### **Becoming a member:**

Full share members receive a share weekly and half-share members receive a share every other week. Members are responsible for picking up their shares at the selected pickup sites. There is detailed information about share pickups below. Variety and quantity of what is in each week's share will vary depending on the season and weather.

##### **How we grow:**

We believe that food is medicine when grown consciously. "Organic certification" as defined and implemented by the USDA does not fit our business model of small-scale farming selling direct to consumers, nor does it align with our reluctance to be involved with the USDA and the "big money agriculture" behind it. That said, we do believe in organic growing methods and the movement towards all food being grown organically. We therefore choose to grow under the guidelines of the National Organic Program without the use of synthetic herbicides, insecticides, and fertilizers. The cornerstone of our farm is the health of the soil and the microbiome within. Our regenerative practices in the field are sequestering carbon from the atmosphere and helping to draw down greenhouse gasses back into earth.

Furthermore, we are committed to being completely transparent with our farming practices.. We welcome our members, and anyone else, to visit our farm and take a tour. Please recognize that GJF is a working farm and visitors to the farm are responsible for the safety of themselves and their children while on the property. Please leave all of your four-legged friends at home when visiting as well.

## **Produce included in a share:**

The following is a list of some of the produce we expect to harvest during the season. This is not an exhaustive account of what we grow, as we grow many more vegetables and we continually experiment with new things to grow for our members. This is based on our best guesstimate. Weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production. Experience has also taught us that the early season often starts slow from a harvest standpoint and then slows again at the tail-end of the season.

**Early season** (weeks 1-4): salad greens, root vegetables, Asian greens, peas, cooking greens, and beets

**Mid-season** (weeks 5-15): salad greens, squash, tomatoes, peppers, melons, chard, beans, lettuce, and cucumbers

**Late season** (weeks 16-20): winter squash, garlic, lettuce, root vegetables, broccoli, cabbage, parsnips, and cooking greens

*Please note:* GJF offers additional food and products such as eggs, bread, quiche, honey, CBD, and more. These items are available for purchase though they are not included as part of the CSA.

## **Sharing the risk of crop failure:**

Our promise to members is to do our best to produce a bountiful share on a weekly basis throughout the season. Our bio-intensive approach to growing vegetables and fruits includes regenerative practices of crop rotation, insect netting, row covers, irrigation, cover cropping, integrated pest management, and other earth-conscious growing practices designed to reduce the risks of crop failure. Though we take many steps for a healthy and plentiful garden, each season seems to offer challenges and unforeseen obstacles that affect the harvest. Some weeks members may experience a variance of the quantity of food in their share. As a CSA member with GJF, you are essentially agreeing to share the risk of growing food with us and your fellow members. With our diversified plantings, crop calendar, and proven techniques, it is highly unlikely that we would not be able to deliver any products, but it is possible.

## **Sharing the crop surplus:**

Our CSA is the backbone of our farm. We also sell our produce to retail customers at our farm stand, farmers' markets, and restaurants. Our CSA is the priority of each week's harvest and we take care to ensure that our commitment to our members is fulfilled before our other market avenues. This means that our members receive a consistently diverse share without being overwhelmed by any one product.

## Market-style pick up:

For the 2023 season, we are encouraging members to pick up their share Saturdays between 10am - Noon at the farm, *market-style*, where you will have choices that fit your tastes, rather than the luck of the draw the pre boxed option provides. And you'll get to watch the farm grow throughout the season!

If Saturday market-style at the farm isn't convenient for you, we do offer pre-boxed shares for an additional charge (for the season) of \$50 for full share and \$25 for half share. *See pick up location options below.*

## Pre-boxed pick up locations include:

**Redlands at *Preserving Techniques***, Wednesday from 5:30-7pm

**Fruita at *Copper Club Brewing***, Wednesday from 5:30-7pm

**Downtown at *The Hog and The Hen***, Friday 4:30-6pm

***the Farm***, Friday 4:30-6pm & Saturday 10am-Noon

## Picking up your share:

Members are responsible for picking up their share each week at their selected pickup location, during the specified time. But we do know that life happens. If you are unable to pick up your share, we have these options available:

**Arrange for someone else to pick up.** In this case, it is not necessary to let us know. Simply give that person instructions on how the pickup works and have them check your name off the check-in sheet.

**Donate your share.** We donate food to several local food pantry locations most weeks. Un-picked-up shares can be added to this donation.

**Double up your share.** Members are allowed to receive a double share the week before or the week following a missed share. We must be notified by email ([gfarmstead@gmail.com](mailto:gfarmstead@gmail.com)) no later than the day before pickup.

**Choose an alternate location/day.** Please inform us by email ([gfarmstead@gmail.com](mailto:gfarmstead@gmail.com)) no later than the day before the regularly scheduled share pickup.

We have these procedures in place to help us ensure our weekly delivery of fresh produce get to the members and that we minimize food waste. We reserve the right to make rare exceptions.

**Payment, deposits, and payment schedule:**

Each share requires a minimum deposit of \$100 to secure a membership. The remaining payment is due one week prior to the first distribution of shares. If you are not able to pay in full before the first distribution of shares, we ask that members agree to a payment plan.

**Cancellation policy:** We offer a 2-week trial period to confirm suitability, as we understand that a CSA membership is not for every one or every situation. We will give a prorated refund during the first or second week of the CSA season. Please allow two to four weeks for your refund. After two pickups, a refund may be granted only if we have a waiting list and can find a new member to take over your membership.

**Communication:** The preferred means of communication is via email ([gjfarmstead@gmail.com](mailto:gjfarmstead@gmail.com)). If you prefer to call, our phone number is 970.234.0024 (Dawn) or 970.459.0461 (Brian). If we don't answer, please leave us a detailed message. We do our best to respond within 24 hours. Please contact us with any changes including mailing address, email address, weeks you are not able to pick up your share, changes to your pickup location, dissatisfaction with your share or anything else you need us to know.

Our communications are sent to members by email (we use an email system called, "Mailchimp"). When signing up, members will be added to our email distribution list which we use to share important news about the CSA and farm events. Each week during the distribution season (every other week for half-share members) we will email information on what to expect in your share, recipes, FRESHTips, photos, and other farm related news.

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**By acknowledging these member terms, I agree to purchase the membership share selected in the first step of the signup process. I understand that, although unlikely, GJF may change parts of this agreement related to production and distribution. I understand that they will contact me via email in advance of any changes to this agreement.**