



CSA - Community Supported Agriculture

WHO WE ARE: ARGOS FARM is located at 1250 Lacey Road, one mile west off of the GSP Exit 74. It is a 97 acre farm that is growing a large variety of vegetables and herbs for the local community. We start with GMO-free, organic seeds and use no chemical fertilizers or herbicides. Our highest value is sustainability which we achieve through careful consideration of resources and reusing materials.

WHAT IS CSA?- CSA allows families and individuals to share in the bounty of the farm's harvest each week during the growing season by paying in advance. This creates a community of concerned citizens gathering their resources behind their local, healthy, and delicious food. Ensuring healthful, delicious, and local food in your home every day.

HOW IT WORKS: As a CSA Member you will receive 20 weeks of fresh produce during the growing season: May 18 - September 28, 2017 (Weather Permitting). You will pick up your basket of fresh vegetables and herbs from Argos Farm, 1250 Lacey Road, Forked River.

You have a choice of:

FULL SHARE: 3 - 4 people at \$535.00

HALF SHARE: 1 - 2 people at \$340.00

Payment prior to March 1, 2017

PAYMENTS: Payment in FULL prior to 3/1/17- Full Share- \$535.00 and Half Share is \$340.00. Payment after March 1, 2017- Full Share is \$595.00 and Half Share is \$380.00

PICK UP DAYS & TIMES: WEDNESDAY or FRIDAY from 2:00 - 6:00pm. Once you choose your day, that is your day for the full twenty week period.

SEASONAL VARIETIES:

SPRING:

Beets
Broccoli
Carrots
Herbs
Kale
Leeks
Lettuce
Peas
Radish
Spinach
Swiss Chard

SUMMER:

Beans
Cucumber
Garlic
Herbs
Lettuce
Melon
Peppers
Squash
Tomatoes
Zucchini

FALL:

Beans
Beets
Broccoli
Carrots
Herbs
Kale
Lettuce
Radish
Spinach
Squash
Sweet Potatoes
Swiss Chard

HERBS: Basil, Dill, Mint, Oregano, and Parsley.

EXTRAS: These items are on a first come first serve basis. Farm Fresh Eggs- \$5.00 a dozen, Clover Honey- \$9.00 24oz, and Goat Milk Soap- \$4.00 for 5oz.

PLEASE READ THE RULES AND CONDITIONS BELOW BEFORE BECOMING A CSA CLUB MEMBER.

ARGOS FARM, 1250 Lacey Road, Forked River, NJ, 08731 CSA - CONTRACT

CUSTOMER:

Crop Availability: I agree to accept the effects of weather conditions, and other agricultural production challenges, on the variety and quantity of specific crops at different times in the season. I understand that this means I may not have what I want, or as much of it as I want, at certain times of the year. I will not blame ARGOS FARM should such a situation occur. Natural disasters, like Hurricanes, may also wipe out a whole season, in which case I willingly accept to wait until the next harvest starts after recovery.

Pick up Times at the farm: Pick up of CSA customer orders at the farm will be restricted to the designated day and hours for the entire season. If weather conditions like heavy storms, or other unforeseen emergencies prevent, or delay pick up, I will be notified by ARGOS FARM via text, email, and/or face book. I understand that, should bad weather prevail, it is my responsibility to confirm my ability to pick up my order at the farm before driving out.

Refunds: I accept that there is a NO REFUND POLICY.

Communication: I agree to provide ARGOS FARM with an email and phone number that I frequently check and agree that communication will be via text, email, or the farm's Face book page.

Ethics and Fairness Pledge:

I pledge not to blame ARGOS FARM for bad weather or its effects on their ability to harvest. I pledge not to expect/demand to pick up my CSA order outside the season-specific pick up times. I pledge not to violate this contract, or make demands outside what the rights this contract guarantees me.

ARGOS FARM:

Crop Availability: We will provide the widest variety of crops that are Certified Naturally Grown, to our customers and carry out any production practices that protect our crops from the negative effects of bad weather, insects, and diseases.

Pick up Times at the farm: The farm will be open for order pick up on the designated day and we will diligently manage prompt updating of status to ensure good and clear communication with all customers regarding possible farm closure due to weather or other factors.

Ethics and Fairness Pledge: We pledge to do our utmost to negate negative effects of bad weather and to attempt to harvest even in the most difficult conditions.

We pledge to always facilitate CSA order pick up within the season-specific pick up times.

We pledge to uphold all articles in this contract and treat all our customers respectfully.

BUYING A SHARE:

New members must contact us prior to sending in an application agreement. When we meet our shareholder goal we will stop taking applications. We will post an announcement when memberships are closed. If your application is in the mail during this transition, it will be returned with your payment. At that time you may ask to be placed on our waiting list.

MEMBER PROTOCOLS:

- **WEDNESDAY OR FRIDAY** are PICK-UP DAYS – 2:00PM - 6:00PM
- **You must call before 5PM on Tuesday** if you are not able to pick-up your share.
- Please **PARK** in designated area and **SIGN IN**.
- Please **DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED**.
- Please leave your animals at home.
- Children may help you on **PYO (Pick Your Own)** days. Please supervise their activity!
- **WASH YOUR PRODUCE** before eating or cooking.
- **WEAR** appropriate shoes and clothing on PYO days.
- I understand that being a shareholder does not allow access to the farm unannounced!
- I understand that if I do not pick up my share during those hours that my share for that week is **forfeited** and may be **donated**.

Have a FARMtastic DAY!

PLEASE MAIL BOTH FORMS & MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

SEAD Farming, LLC

1250 Lacey Road
Forked River, NJ 08731

CONFIRMATION OF YOUR SHAREHOLDER MEMBERSHIP WILL BE E-MAILED TO YOU AS SOON AS YOUR PERSONAL CHECK CLEARS OUR BANK. Thank You!

CSA AGREEMENT: AS STATED IN OUR MEMBERS PROTOCOLS, which I have read, understand, and unconditionally agree to: I _____ agree to pick up my basket of produce on Wednesdays OR Fridays between the hours of 2:00 - 6:00pm. I will notify the farm no later than 5PM on Tuesday if I am not able to pick up my basket or if someone other than myself will pick up in my absence. I understand that produce quantity and quality will vary with extremes of weather and seasonal insect, disease, and animal damage problems. I agree to share the risks inherent in farming and to notify ARGOS FARM if I decide to discontinue my share. I have read and understand the **“NO REFUND POLICY”. I agree that I am solely liable for my actions and the actions of my dependants or companions while on the property of ARGOS FARM. I hereby release, waive, and discharge any and all claims that I may now or in the future have for damages against SEAD Farming, LLC (Argos Farm), including its owners, family, employees, and the respective affiliated arising directly or indirectly from any injury to me or others, or damage to my property or that of others, while on the property. My signature below attests to my voluntary agreement to the foregoing in its entirety.**

SHAREHOLDER/MEMBER

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SHAREHOLDER/PARTNER

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**** DUE TO THE LIMITED SHARES, YOU MUST CONTACT US @ 908. 890. 1633 PRIOR TO MAILING APPLICATION****



DATE _____

Circle DAY of Pick Up: Wednesday or Friday

SHAREHOLDER/MEMBER

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse / Friend Name for Alternate Pick Up Person: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone () _____ E-Mail: _____

SHARE OPTIONS AND PRICE:

PLEASE CHECK OFF SHARE OPTION:

FULL SHARE- \$535.00 "EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM"

Payment in full **prior** to March 1, 2017 application fee is waived. **CIRCLE** preferred payment: Cash or Check

FULL SHARE- \$595.00 Payment in Full after March 1, 2017

 HALF SHARE- \$340.00 "EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM"

Payment in full **prior** to March 1, 2017 application fee is waived. **CIRCLE** preferred payment: Cash or Check

HALF SHARE- \$380.00 Payment in Full after March 1, 2017.

(Note: \$30 returned check fee)

PRINT AND MAIL WITH PAYMENT

If you wish to pay with a credit card we will contact you once we receive registration and contract.

QUESTIONS ABOUT CSA

What will I get?

CSA members will receive baskets of fresh produce each week throughout the growing season from ARGOS FARM. The following are examples of what members may expect to find in their baskets (depending on what is in season at the time): Beans, Beats, Broccoli, Cucumber, Garlic, Kale, Leeks, Lettuce, Melon, Peas, Peppers, Radish, Spinach, Squash, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes, Zucchini, and Herbs.

Will I get the same items every week?

No, you will not get the same items every week. Items will vary from week to week and month to month. We pick all of our vegetables at the peak of their season to ensure maximum ripeness and nutrient content. Weather patterns may also affect the development of certain crops altering the size of the vegetables.

When is the CSA growing season?

The CSA growing seasons begins in mid May and ends first week of October. It is a 20 week period. Start date depends on weather conditions.

What is a full share?

A full share is one basket of in-season, fresh-picked, assorted local produce. It has approximately 7-9 varieties of vegetables and herbs. Pounds fluctuate throughout the seasons. It is enough for 3 - 4 people.

What is a half share?

A half share is one basket of in-season, fresh picked, assorted local produce. It has approximately 5-6 varieties of vegetables. Pounds fluctuate throughout the seasons. It is enough for 1 - 2 people.

Do you offer anything else besides vegetables?

We do offer farm fresh Eggs, Goat Milk Soap, Clover Honey, Fresh picked Flowers, Extra Virgin Greek Olive Oil, Greek Oregano, and Blueberries for an additional price. Depending on the season and the demand, they are a first come and first serve basis.

What are your growing practices?

We are proud to announce that our vegetables are Certified Naturally Grown. We start with GMO-free, organic seeds, and use no synthetic fertilizers or herbicides. Our highest value is sustainability which we achieve through careful consideration of resources and reusing materials. We may use IPM Integrated Pest Management as our last resort to save our crop.

May I swap items in my basket with items being sold at the farm market?

No, you may not trade any items in your basket with produce that is for sale at our farm market. You are more than welcome to purchase extra vegetables if you wish.

When and where can I pick up my weekly share?

Members can pick up their shares at Argos Farm, 1250 Lacey Road, Forked River, NJ- One mile west off of GSP Exit 74 on Wednesday or Friday from 3:00PM - 6:00PM. Once you have chosen a day that is YOUR DAY for the 20 week period.

When do I pay for my CSA membership?

To become a CSA member, complete the CSA Application. You may e-mail, mail, or bring completed application to Argos Farm. A check for full payment can be made payable to SEAD Farming, LLC and mailed to: ARGOS FARM, ATTN: CSA Membership, 1250 Lacey Road, Forked River, NJ 08731

Can I come to the farm and pick the vegetables by myself?

There will be days of PYO (Pick Your Own). You will be notified in advanced so you can dress appropriately to be in the garden.

Can I split a share with my friend?

This is your share you can split it any way you choose. We ask that you do it on your own terms, not on the farm.

Can I split a payment with a friend?

We recommend one payment from one share holder. You and your friend can square away the finances amongst yourselves.

I have to pick up my box myself?

No, you can have someone else to pick up your share. Just be sure to have them check your name off the list when they pick up your basket, and notify Argos Farm the night before.

What happens if I am unable to pick up my share?

You are responsible for picking up your share each week. If you are unable to pick up your share, you may ask a friend to pick it up for you. They must sign in when receiving your basket. IF you are away on vacation we can arrange for a different day of pick up that week. We must be notified within two weeks to arrange proper pick up day. Any weekly share not picked up will be forfeited and you may not get a refund or store credit. Your share will then be donated.

Can I visit the farm?

ABSOLUTELY! It's incredibly important to us that you see exactly where your food comes from, and a big part of that is knowing exactly how our crops are raised. Members are welcome to visit the farm and ask any questions. We ask, however, that you do not just come and wander around the farm going into the fields without permission. Text us prior to your arrival.

Can I cancel my share?

No. Your CSA membership is valid for the entire 20 week period...and that time period cannot be altered. If you cannot pick up your basket of produce or for some reason need to relinquish your produce, you can either gift your produce to a friend or let us know that you would like your produce donated.

Can I upgrade my share?

No. Once you have decided on your share, that is what you get for 20 weeks. You may purchase extra vegetables at the market.

What happens if there is a crop failure?

We plant several successions of a variety of crops. It is rare that we will have a complete crop failure. If we were to have a complete crop failure, it could be for a relatively short time until the next crop rotation matures. Thus any crop failure will have a limited impact on our CSA. This is the advantage of growing multiple successions of a variety of crops. Nevertheless, joining a CSA connects the consumer to the farmer and to all the risks and bounty inherent in farming.

Are there any reminders sent out about picking up my share?

Yes, we will send out reminders on our closed CSA FB Forum the morning of your share pick-up date.

ANY MORE QUESTIONS?? E-Mail- angela@argosfarm.com or text @ 908 890 1633.