



TERRA PRETA FARM

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2017-2018 COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE AGREEMENT

Thank you for starting the CSA sign-up process! A completed & signed application form and payment is required to reserve your space in the program.

NAME _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

We, Terra Preta 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.

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. Members buy shares of the farm’s harvest each year before the farmer has produce to sell. The shares are typically paid for in advance when most of the operating costs for a farm are needed (seeds, soil amendments, equipment, etc...) By purchasing CSA shares early on, members enable the farm to have a solid start to the growing season. Once harvesting begins the members receive a weekly share of seasonable vegetables.

Our season runs for 25 weeks starting on Nov 11th and ending on May 12th. No deliveries will be made on Nov 25th and Dec 23rd. Members are responsible for showing up at pick-up site each week or every other week to pick up their share of freshly harvested produce. Share boxes will contain a variety of 6 to 9 vegetables each week during peak season. We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. Variety and quantity may vary week-to-week due to weather, insects, or other production factors.

Our Shared Commitments

Farmer Commitments:

We, the Farmers, commit to providing you with fresh chemical free produce for the growing season. We are USDA Certified Organic by Nature's International Certification Services and Certified Naturally Grown. Directly involved in production, from seed to harvest, we grow our vegetables with love and respect for the Earth. We commit to delivering your share of our harvest to the designated pick up location.

Member Commitments:

You, as CSA members, agree to share the benefits and risks of agriculture. You, as CSA members, share the reward of an abundant harvest. Our farm sells to farmers markets and restaurants, however, our CSA receives first priority. This means that we fill our CSA shares with the highest quality produce of week's harvest, and the remainder is sold to our other markets.

As a CSA member, you agree to pick up your share of the harvest during the pick-up window at the designated location. If you will be away or otherwise unable to pick up your share, you will need to make arrangements for someone else to pick it up and communicate this change to you farmer (see communicating with us section below). If you are not able to make arrangements for pick up you must notify the farmer by Wednesday of the pick-up week not to harvest your share. Member shares that are not picked up cannot be refunded or made up because the farmer has already fulfilled his commitment of harvesting and delivery.

CSA members share in the risks of agriculture as well (poor weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure and so on). We, the farmers, purposely plan for such contingencies, and use growing techniques that protect the harvest, minimize risk to members and optimize the rewards: growing a wide variety of crops that thrive in different types of conditions, cover cropping, crop rotation, and irrigation. 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 local farmers with the same growing practices as our farm. This may not be a feasible option for all crops because of cost or widespread failure. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks.

Communicating with Us:

One of the greatest benefits of being a CSA member is knowing your farmer personally. Become an active participant in the CSA program and contact your farmer if you have any questions or concerns. Please e-mail us often with your comments, suggestions and concerns. Please understand that we spend most of our time in the field and not at our desk. If you need a prompt response our phone number is (956) 351-5847. During market hours, please call our cell phone number: (956) 355-0698. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible.

Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your email address or phone number, changes to your pick up location, problems with your pick up location, if are not able to pick up your share, or dissatisfaction with your share.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with your share, please contact us directly and we will do our best to resolve the problem. We strive to provide you with fresh and clean produce, however, because we do not use pesticides on our farm you may find on rare occasion dirt or a bug on your produce. Don't panic, it's organic. We will replace items that don't meet our high standards of quality.

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. We will email an update or newsletter giving you information about the crops available, recipe ideas, or other farm related news.

Refund & Cancellation Policy:

In the CSA model, members are seen as active farm partners, sharing the risks and rewards of the harvest. Should you choose to cancel your membership, we cannot offer a refund for shares already paid for. We can offer a gift certificate for the amount of remaining shares on your account that you can give as a gift. The CSA partnership sustains our farm, individual members, and the community at large. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our refund policy.

By signing below, I agree to the terms stated above and agree to purchase the membership share indicated in the following section. 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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NAME _____ PHONE _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____ PICK UP LOCATION _____

CSA Share Selection	Pick Up Schedule	Share Price	Seasonal Membership Fee	Quantity	Subtotal
Full Season Share \$26/week (Nov 11th – May 12th)	Weekly 25 weeks	\$650*	waived		
Full Season Share * \$26/week (Nov 11th – May 5th)	Biweekly 13 weeks	\$338*	waived		
Month to Month Share \$26/week	Weekly 4 weeks	\$104*	\$30		
*Apply 3% Discount for paying by check! Make checks payable to Terra Preta Farm and mail to 1923 Largo ST, Weslaco TX 78596					
Total					

Payment Options:

Payment options include online secure payment at <https://squareup.com/store/terrapretafarm>. Or checks payable to Terra Preta Farm.

- Full season shares shall be paid in full at the time of sign up. Full payment must be received on or before Nov 4th to begin on Nov11th. Shares purchased after this date will be prorated based on starting date.
- Month to month shares must be purchased 1 week prior to the first pick up of the month. Shares will not be delivered if monthly membership is not renewed on time.

By signing below, I agree to the terms stated in the 2017-2018 CSA Agreement and agree to purchase the membership share indicated. I understand that, although unlikely, the farm may change parts of the 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 the agreement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____