

## Duurzame Growers CSA Agreement

Thank you for choosing us as your local grower. CSA, “Community Shared Agriculture”, is by far one of the best ways to eat in season veggies, all while supporting your local community growers.

Below you will find some terms and conditions that will help you better understand your share.

A little about CSAs... CSAs are a way of distributing food, one that has the least amount of transportation between the grower and the consumer. It also creates an opportunity for the consumer to have a closer connection with their food, and the grower. When investing in a share, you are essentially paying for the future harvest, thus providing your grower with an income early in the season. In return, each week during the share period, you will receive a harvest box showcasing that week's highest quality produce.

The harvest season begins early June and ends Thanksgiving weekend (depending on weather and growing conditions). That's 19-20 weeks of farm fresh goodness! Before the season starts, an advanced payment is required to secure your share. We offer our shares to folks of Centre Wellington and the surrounding areas. At this time, we only offer one central pick-up location, located at our farm stand outside of Elora. Before the start of the season, we will send out pick-up instructions so everything is outlined for our shareholders.

We are a diverse micro farm, growing a wide selection of crops. This means you will enjoy the diverse flavours and benefits of seasonal crops. Each week's share will look different throughout the season, as early season shares will contain an array of greens (great for early summer salads) while late season shares will boast more cooking veggies (great for those cherished family gatherings). So please take to mind, just as the season change so does your share. We pre-make your harvest boxes, but you don't have to worry, we do take to mind what goes together (you won't be given an odd assortment of produce), and you'll be able to notify us of any food allergies. We do hope you will take the challenge if an unfamiliar, or maybe less- enjoyed veggie arrives in your box you will give it a try! I am looking forward to occasionally tucking in some of my favorite recipes in your box, we and hope you will pass along some of your favourites as well for co-sharers to try!

Market garden crops can be devastated by weather, pests, and disease. At Duurzame Growers, we take the necessary measures to lessen the impacts of these difficulties, but sometimes it is out of our hands. As a shareholder, you buy into both the rewards of the farm, but also into the risks that may occur during the season. Be aware that some crops promised may be available to you in a limited quantity or not seen at all, due to the previously mentioned seasonal difficulties.

Unlike “big box stores”, our produce is harvested at its top freshness, so we cannot guarantee a shelf-life. You must use your discernment whether it is necessary to cook and enjoy, or preserve and store your fresh produce.

## **Payment Options and Pickup Requirements**

We accept E-transfer or cheque. Payment is required (in full) at the time of signing up to secure your share. If you choose E-transfer, we can discuss a password via email. If you prefer to pay by cheque, it can be made out to:

Duurzame Growers

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E-transfers can be sent to [duurzamegrowers@gmail.com](mailto:duurzamegrowers@gmail.com)

After signing up for a seasonal share, you will receive an email from Duurzame Growers specifying the pickup location, and the pickup dates for the upcoming season. It is required that, if a pickup date doesn't suit you, you notify us 48 hours before that pickup date. We will do our very best to make alternative arrangements to accommodate you and reschedule your pickup time.

## **Disclaimers**

At the farm, all produce is washed, but we do not guarantee our wash. We recommend that before consuming, you wash your produce.

If a harvest fails, or a natural disaster arises, Duurzame Growers will not be able to refund your share.

If you decide to cancel your share before May 1<sup>st</sup>, Duurzame Growers will refund your share, but a \$50 cancelling fee will be applied against your refund.

As the season progresses, and you become unhappy with your share (I doubt this will happen!), no refunds are available. However, please reach out to our head grower and we will do our best to present you with a solution that is mutually satisfying.

Please note: You are required to return your reusable share tote every week on each pickup date, and at the end of the annual CSA program.

## **Let's Make it Official!**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the Duurzame Growers CSA Agreement. I understand to what has been outlined, and wish to proceed in joining in the CSA program.

Large Share (\_\_\_\_\_ initial)

Small Share (\_\_\_\_\_ initial)

Thank you for joining our CSA Program, and making this exciting sustainable choice. We are so thrilled you chose us as your local grower. We look forward to the upcoming season and growing amazing food for you.

Cheers,

Isaiah Katerberg (Head grower at Duurzame Growers)