

## CSA Agreement 2021

*Thank you for joining The Lively Farm's community supported agriculture program!  
We are happy to be able to serve our community fresh vegetables, grown using regenerative practices and as little fossil fuel input as possible.  
You are strengthening our local food system & creating livelihood through small scale farming.*

THANK YOU!

### **Investment:**

The nature of CSA is that of an investment: you are investing in our season of produce and flowers & will share with us the season's good harvest or the potential failure of crops and loss.

We work daily (from February-November) to grow the food we offer -- seeding onions in spring so we can share them midsummer through the winter, for example. The food we grow is incredibly valuable and we do our best to ask a true and fair price for it.

- Seeds (organic, open-pollinated, hand harvested on site)
- Labor (full season of crop maintenance + processing)
- Resources (season extension or artificial heat, water, compost, etc.)
- Packaging (reusable, compostable, recycling...)
- Marketing (ads and word of mouth -- thanks for your help!)

All of these costs are incurred by our business and we rely on our vegetables sold through CSA shares to cover them. We hope to grow for you year after year -- the business must be sustainable as well as our agricultural practices! Your investment in the grown vegetables helps us do the work that it is to grow them. Every dollar you spend is used directly to feed you!

### **Giving:**

We are also committed to giving back to our community. If ever you were to not show up for your produce we reserve the right to donate it directly to the Empire Food Pantry or other partners working to share fresh produce with food insecure folks. You may also elect another individual to pick up your load if you are unable to yourself. Notice is helpful so that the produce doesn't go to waste.

*Additionally, we are raising money throughout the season to increase the amount of produce we are able to donate to the local food pantry. If shareholders choose to, they can contribute to our produce donations or purchase a full share to be donated to the pantry.*

### **Feedback:**

If you are not pleased with the quality or quantity of your product we value your feedback! Please remember, however, that you are sharing the harvest from our field with many others and we work very carefully to distribute fairly to all of our customers. We work to be transparent in what's going on at the farm -- what's producing well, where did we see loss, etc -- and hope that you'll not be shocked by what's in (or not in) your box. But if you are shocked, let us know! Open communication is important to us -- the more feedback the better!