Honey Nut Farm Member Agreement for 2022

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| **Member Contact Information** |  |
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| Address: |  |
| City, State |  |
| Zip:  |  |
| Phone Number:  |  |
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We, at Honey Nut 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.

**Section 1. Introducing Our CSA Farm**

**A. Becoming a Part of Our Farm**

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between Honey Nut Farm and you, our customer. Rather than simply purchasing food, our customers become “members” of this CSA farm who receive a portion of the farm’s harvest. Our CSA runs for twenty weeks, from June to October. Members are responsible for showing up at Honey Nut Farm or agreed upon pick up location each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. You will generally receive eight to fourteen pounds of vegetables each week in full share and often more during the peak growing season, as well as other farm products we produce here on a less regular basis like soap and honey. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 3. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2.

**B. Our Growing Practices**

Honey Nut Farm is a regenerative permaculture farm focused on creating a self-supporting ecosystem consisting of a diverse annual and perennial polyculture, sustained through no-till and organic farming practices. We do not use synthetic and conventional pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, and fertilizers on our farm and do our best to generate our fertility and pest management solely from on farm resources. When we do bring in resources from off farm, such as compost, seeds, and other biological amendments we ensure that they are of the highest quality, choosing certified organic options whenever possible. Honey Nut Farm is designed to fulfill the complete nutritional needs of those who live here, while selling the wholesome excess to our neighbors. We grow the highest quality food we can because we’re eating what you’re eating.

**C. The Products We Expect for 2022**

The chart below outlines some of the vegetables we hope to deliver and when you may see them in your share. This chart is based on our best estimate, but of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production. Each crop corresponds to the month we start to harvest, but many of these crops are harvested for more than one month and you can expect to see certain crops repeat throughout the season in your share.

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| **Month Harvested** | **Expected Crops** |
| June | Tatsoi Mustard Greens, Pak Choi, Lettuce, Kale, Peas |
| July | Paste/Cherry/Slicer Tomatoes, Carrots, Cucumbers, Chard |
| August | Eggplant, Peppers, Onions, Zucchini, Beans |
| September | Radish, Leeks, Melon, Celery |
| October | Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts, Broccoli, Beets, Fennel, Pumpkin |

**Section 2. Our Shared Commitments**

**A. Sharing in the Risk of Crop Failure**

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce, however, may vary from week-to-week due to extreme weather, insects, or other production factors despite our best efforts. By joining our CSA, you are agreeing to share the risk of crop failure with us and other members. 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. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks.

**B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus**

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells to farmers markets & restaurants. Although production is not segregated, our CSA receives priority. After filling our CSA share with the week’s harvest first, the remainder is sold to our other markets.

**Section 3. Picking Up Shares**

You are responsible for picking up your share weekly from your drop site. Place a checkmark next to the drop site you would like to use from the list below. Pick-up in Westboro will be at the Farmer’s market, the date, time, and location of which is yet to be determined. Last year it was at the congregational church on Thursdays from 2-6.

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| **CHECK YOUR SELECTION** | **City**  | **Name of Location, business, homeowner, or organization** | **Address** | **Day** | **Time** |
|  | Hopkinton | Honey Nut Farm | 219 Pond, Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748 | Friday | 4:30-6:00 |
|  | Worcester | Neil and Joan-Beth Gow | 41 Terrace Drive, Worcester, MA 01609 | Friday | 6:30-7:30 |
|  | Westboro | Westboro Congregational Church | West Main Street | TBD | TBD |

You are responsible for observing our drop site rules, which are as follows:

1. Return last week’s box every week.

2. Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.

3. Be respectful of our drop site hosts’ property.

4. Follow additional rules posted at your drop site regarding parking, use of certain entrances, etc.

If you cannot pick-up your share, you must arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. You are responsible for explaining the pick-up location and procedures to your substitute. If you wish to change your drop site, you must contact the farm at 508-873-9849. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will either be donated to a charity or food pantry, donated to the drop site host, or sold at the farmers market. We take the safety of your food seriously. All the produce coming off the farm has been washed and packed in our dedicated wash-pack area, but for your added protection, wash all produce before eating and put refrigerated products away as soon as possible.

**Section 4. Member Fees**

​​By selling membership in advance of the growing season, CSA reduces the burden of up-front costs for the farmer. Your membership fees provide us with money to purchase seed and equipment before the season starts, and we appreciate your commitment. Place a checkmark next to the share type you would like from the list below.

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| **CHECK YOUR SELECTION** | **Share Size**  | **Share Price** |
|  | Full Share | $800 |
|  | Half Share | $400 |

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| **CHECK YOUR SELECTION** | **Payment Preference**  |
|  | I wish to pay my membership fee up front. |
|  | I wish to pay my membership fee in THREE installments. |

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| **CHECK YOUR SELECTION** | **Payment Preference**  |
|  | I wish to pay by **card** |
|  | I wish to pay by **check** |

If you chose to pay the membership fee by check, please mail a check for your total amount due, made payable to **BHL.** Card payments will receive an invoice by email shortly. Completed forms can be emailed, sent by text, printed and mailed or delivered in person. If you choose to pay the membership fee in installments, please enclose three checks dated June 1, August 1, October 1 with this signed agreement form. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. All payments are non-refundable after June 1.

**Section 5. Communicating With Us**

The best way to communicate with us is via phone 508-873-9849. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we spend most of our time in the field growing your food and not at our desk. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, changes to your drop-site location, problems with your drop-site, or dissatisfaction with your share. 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. Every month, we will email a newsletter giving you information about the crops available that month, recipe ideas, or other farm related news. By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in Section 4. 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.

By signing this Agreement, the Member hereby releases, indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Farm, its agents and employees from any and all claims and/or liability from being on the Farm property, being at any of the CSA pick up locations, from the purchase of a CSA membership or the use or consumption of food provided by the Farm.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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