

Wake County Farm and Faith Partnerships Project

CSA Membership Agreement – Fall 2024

This agreement is between Fairport Farms, LLC and Hayes Barton United Methodist Church and friends purchasing shares. From here on out, “we” are the farmers, “you” are the CSA shareholders.

A. CSA Overview

A CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) is a relationship between the farmer(s) and the customer(s). Rather than simply purchasing food, our customers become “members” of this CSA farm who receive a portion of the farm’s harvest.

This 2024 FALL season CSA will run for 8 consecutive weeks from Friday September 27 through Friday November 15. Each full share will be designed for four people (half shares for two people), with each weekly delivery providing a serving of veggies for each person for approximately six meals.

B. Transparency: Our Commitment to You

We commit to growing the products on our farm that are part of the weekly CSA shares unless otherwise specifically communicated.

We grow without the use of pesticides or chemicals, and we also take the safety of your food seriously as it moves from farm to your pick-up location. Even so, for your added protection, wash all produce before eating.

C. 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 this 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. We may cover for a crop loss by buying in from other local farmers with similar certifications as our farm. This may not be a feasible option for all crops because of cost or widespread failure.

D. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to this CSA, our farm sells to a Raleigh, NC based farmers market. We balance the priority of the CSA with our other markets. This allows us to select a consistently full and diverse share to our customers while avoiding over-delivering any

one product.

E. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from your pick-up location.

Pick-up Location: Hayes Barton United Methodist Church, Raleigh, Fellowship Hall

Weekly pick-up times: Fridays 11:45am-12:45pm

If you cannot pick up your share and want us to donate it any given week, please inform the HBUMC CSA team leaders in advance so they can donate it that Friday.

If you need to pick up your share after 12:45, it will be the refrigerator in the kitchen. However, refrigerator space is limited so please try to pick it up at the allotted time. If you have not picked up your share by 4pm the following Monday, it will be donated at that time.

F. Member Fees

By selling memberships 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. The total cost per share for the entire fall season is \$250 or \$125 for a half share.

Payment is requested upon signing up. Each participant will pay HBUMC directly, and HBUMC will pay Fairport Farms. All payments are non-refundable.

G. Communicating

The farmers will do their best to respond to communication from HBUMC as soon as possible. HBUMC will provide in a timely manner any news of the following: changes to your drop-site location, problems with your drop-site, or dissatisfaction with our shares.

Communication between the farmer and HBUMC will be via email or phone.

By submitting payment for the CSA share you are accepting the terms of this agreement. You understand that, although unlikely, the farmer may change parts of this agreement related to production and distribution.