

## **Abbott Farms CSA Shareholder Agreement 2023**

Welcome to the Abbott Farms CSA program! We want your CSA experience to be enjoyable both for you and for us, so before you sign on, please read through both this document and the fact sheet on the Abbott Farms website.

### **Overview**

The Abbott Farms CSA will run from approximately the first week of July until the end of October, for 16 weeks total, depending on the weather. Shareholders will pick up their shares at Abbott Farms on Tuesday of each week, between notification of when the baskets are ready and 6:00 PM. Alternate times may be available if there is a work conflict with this window. The shares will be arranged in wooden baskets with vinyl liners, and shareholders will return their basket from the previous week when they pick up each week's share. Each shareholder is assigned two baskets which will have a metal tag with their name on it, so only those baskets will ever be used for an individual shareholder's share. This year we are standardizing our regular share basket as what we formerly called a half share. Since all of our shareholders last year and the majority in past years got a half share basket, we decided to make that the standard. If a larger basket is desired, a double share basket, which is the size of the former full share basket can be provided. Our regular share basket is a peck (half of a half bushel) basket full to overflowing with vegetables that are ripe in any given week. A regular share will easily feed 2-3 people a week. A double share is a half bushel basket and is appropriate for 4-6 people a week. All Abbott Farms vegetables are grown organically, but our farm is not USDA Organic Certified. For more information, see the Abbott Farms CSA fact sheet.

### **Prices**

A regular share basket (former half share) will be \$18 per week this year. A deposit of \$72 (the first four weeks) is due by March 31, 2023. The entire season can be paid for up front for \$288. A double share basket (former full share) will be \$30 per week. A deposit of \$120 (for the first four weeks) will be due by March 31, 2023. The entire season will be \$480 for a double share.

### **Surplus Produce**

At certain times during the season, Abbott Farms may have surplus of specific crops, such as green beans or tomatoes. Shareholders will have the first opportunity to purchase extra crops, either U-Pick or pre-picked, when they pick up their shares. U-Pick may or may not be available at the discretion of Abbott Farms and will only be offered on Saturdays.

### **Labor Shares**

All shareholders have the option to pay part or all of their fees with labor at Abbott Farms, at the rate of \$18/hr. Labor may include weeding and harvesting vegetables, milking goats, feeding poultry, or shoveling manure. Proper training must be conducted for all labor done at Abbott Farms, and Abbott Farms is not responsible for any injuries that may be incurred while shareholders are working at the farm. Abbott Farms reserves the right to decide whether or not to allow each individual shareholder to trade labor.

**Other Farm Products**

In addition to vegetables, Abbott Farms also sells chicken eggs; goat milk and honey soap, lotion, lip balm, and lotion bars; and goat milk herd shares. Shareholders will have the opportunity to purchase other farm products to supplement their shares at the time of pickup.

**Substitutions and Omissions**

If a shareholder does not want a particular vegetable in his/her share, we will remove that particular vegetable for that shareholder. We may or may not be able to substitute the omitted vegetable with another vegetable based on availability. The share will cost the same whether or not some vegetables are omitted.

**Guarantee**

Abbott Farms guarantees to provide each shareholder with a complete regular or double share, depending on their contract, each week during the growing season. We guarantee that the vegetables in each share basket will be of the highest quality at the time the share is picked up (no mold, rotten vegetables, etc.). We will replace any defective vegetables in the basket at the time it is picked up by the shareholder. However, Abbott Farms is not responsible for improper storage or natural degradation of vegetables after they have been picked up by the shareholder and will provide information on proper storage. All vegetables will suffer a marked deterioration in quality if left in the car in a hot parking lot for an hour or more; please plan on taking your vegetables straight home and storing them properly for best results.

*I have read and understood the above statements, and I agree to purchase a*

**Regular Double** (circle one) share of produce from Abbott Farms for the 2023 season, for the fee of

**\$18 \$30** (circle one) per week,

Would you like your share to include a weekly bundle of herbs? **Yes No** (circle one)

Would you like your share to include a weekly bouquet of flowers? **Yes No** (circle one)

Are you interested in trading labor for part/all of your share? **Yes No** (circle one)

Is there a particular vegetable that you would like us to omit from your share even if it is available? **No Yes, please leave out** \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive a copy of the Abbott Farms CSA recipe cookbook this season?

**Yes, as an electronic pdf Yes, as looseleaf pages Yes, in a 3-ring binder No**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and your deposit to 1386 108th Ave. Otsego, MI 49078

**Please make all checks payable to Caroline Abbott**

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