

Abbott Farms CSA Shareholder Agreement 2022

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 last week of October, for 17 weeks total, depending on the weather. Shareholders will pick up their shares at Abbott Farms on Tuesday or Thursday 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 day of pick-up is assigned at the beginning of the season and will remain the same throughout the season. 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. Both full and half shares are available. A full share is a heaping half-bushel of produce, and a half share is a heaping peck basket with exactly half as much produce as a full share. A full share will provide abundant vegetables for 4-6 people and a half share enough for 2-3. 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 full share costs **\$27** per week and a half share costs **\$16** per week, to be paid at the time the basket is picked up. Shareholders on the weekly payment plan are required to pay a deposit of **\$108** for a full share and **\$64** for a half share, due by March 31, 2022. This deposit will cover your first four weeks of produce. We also have an option to pay for the entire season up front, which will be \$459 for the full share and \$279 for the half share for an estimated 17 week season. Herbs, flowers, and recipes are optional, but the share will cost the same whether or not they are included because these items cost us very little to produce.

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 \$16/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 full or half 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

Full Half (circle one) share of produce from Abbott Farms for the 2022 season, for the fee of **\$27 \$16** (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

Call 269-692-2328 or email scabbott@sbcglobal.net for more information