

# Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey 2024 CSA Application Form

## Mission of Our CSA

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. It connects the consumer directly with farm and the people who grow your food. For a flat rate, our farm provides you with a weekly box of fresh produce. You are granted the peace of mind that comes with knowing exactly where your food comes from and who grows it. You get to know the farmer and best of all you get to see your food being grown.

## Risks and Benefits of a CSA

Risk is a factor in any business, but in farming financial risk seems greater than in most businesses due to weather conditions. When one joins a CSA it is an arrangement of the importance of knowing the origin of one's food while accepting some of that risk. By paying up front, the CSA member shares with the farmer the risk that a certain percentage of the crops planned in advance might be failures. The benefit to the farmer is that a certain income is assured even if he doesn't have 100% crop success. The benefits to the CSA member is that they are assured of a steady, weekly supply of produce presented with the knowledge that the produce is grown free of pesticides and chemical fertilizers. The CSA member can visit the farm where the produce was grown and know that their money is supporting the local economy.

## Pick Up Location and Time

Pick ups will be on Wednesday's from 3:00-6:00pm at our farm at 8927 River Styx Rd, Wadsworth, OH. Scheduled pick up times must be adhered to. It is the member's responsibility to make arrangements to have their share picked up at the set time. **If a share is not picked up within the agreed time it will be donated to a needy family after 24 hours. Cooler space is limited.**

## On Site Pickup's and Visits

We welcome our members to walk around and enjoy the gardens. In doing so, we ask that you carefully monitor your children. It is important that your children not be left unattended or climbs on any of our equipment for their own safety. We also ask that all pets remain on a leash and do not let your pets enter into our gardens. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration.

## How to Contact Us

The easiest way to get a hold of us is to call Donna's cell phone 330-608-5423 or E-mail us [info@bakersproduce.com](mailto:info@bakersproduce.com). We will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible.

## Cost of a CSA Vegetable Share

The cost of a CSA share for the entire 2024 season is \$675. (May 22 thru September 18). Half shares receive a full share every other week and choose to start on May 22 or May 29 or will be assigned if no preference chosen. Shares are sold strictly on a first come first serve basis. A deposit of \$100.00 holds your place. The remaining balance is due on or before the first day of pickup. We are requiring three hours of work for per share whether it is one person or a family coming to do the work. (One-time only during the 2024 season) A \$36.00 deposit for your three-hour work time will be collected at the first pickup. Once the work time is completed (which must be completed before the end of the season) the \$36 deposit will be returned. A share would be approximately a ½ bushel containing six to ten items. Extra produce is available for an additional cost if you would like a larger quantity of an item or if you desire to can or store for the winter. For example, if you would like to can a quantity of tomatoes just let us know ahead of time and we will have it ready at pick up.

## Cost of a CSA Egg Share

Our chickens are not confined to a box inside the chicken coop. They are able to go outside and peck at the soil and eat fresh greens as they choose. We do have a fence to limit them from going into our gardens, but they are still considered free range, as they are able to move about, as they like. An egg share consists of a guaranteed dozen of brown eggs at the time you pick up your vegetable share. The cost of an egg share is \$80. We are currently only offering twenty shares, and this can only be added on to the vegetable share, it cannot be purchased by itself.

## CSA Honey

We only offer honey that is raw. Honey that is raw contains beneficial qualities. What this mean is that we will never heat our honey as that kills the enzymes that can be beneficial to our bodies. We do not believe in using chemicals in our hives.

We generally have 2-3 honey flows a year. We start out with the light honey (mild honey taste), and then it goes to a medium color, and ends up with a darker color, which is a stronger honey flavor. We will offer bottles for sale (1½# 2-3 times in the season) from each flow.

**Thank you for your support. Our family looks forward to meeting you and providing some great vegetables for you!**

**Deposit is due with application made payable to: Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey and mail to 8927 River Styx Rd, Wadsworth, OH 44281.** A confirmation will be sent upon receipt. If CSA membership is full, your deposit will be returned.

# Member's Commitment & CSA Application Agreement For 2024

In becoming a member of Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey CSA, I understand that I am making a financial commitment for the 2024 season by sharing the cost of farming with the farmer.

I understand that there are no refunds.

I understand that if I have any questions about membership that I must contact the farm for answers before joining.

I understand that due to weather, pests, predators and other hazards of farming that the actual harvest amounts will vary, and that Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey will make every effort to ensure a successful season, but make no guarantees as to the total value or amount of produce provided over the course of the 2024 season.

I understand that shares cannot be personalized.

I understand that Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey Farm is private property, not a retail establishment, park, petting farm or recreational area. No one is permitted to touch equipment and animals without our permission.

I agree to respect the Baker's property and to leave no children or pets unattended.

I agree not to hold Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey Farm responsible for any injuries, accident, damages or liabilities while on the premises.

I would like to participate in the Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey CSA for the 2024 growing season. I have read over the enclosed information. I understand that the weather and other factors beyond the control of Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey may result in more or less of crop production. I understand that shares are non-refundable and limited on a first come first serve basis.

I have read, understand and agree to these terms.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (cell or home) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which of the following you would like to apply for:

	Amount
___ ½ Vegetable Share	\$375.00
___ Choose to start 5/22 or 5/29	_____
___ Vegetable Share	\$675.00
___ Egg Share \$80.00full/\$45 half	_____
3 hour work deposit	\$36.00 + <u>\$36</u>

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Due now Non-Refundable Deposit 100.00 - \$100**

Additional payment (lower balance)\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE BY 1ST PICKUP \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PICK UP DAY/TIME WEDNESDAY 3:00 to 6:00pm**

**INTERESTED IN HONEY? WHEN AVAILABLE? \_\_\_\_\_**

(Pay as you go, as honey flow varies year to year)

**Which day of the week works best for your three-hour workday? (We won't schedule on a Sunday)**

**REMARKS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Office Use Only:	Cash _____ Venmo _____
Application # _____	Date Received _____
Early Bird Discount (-\$25 if app rec'd by 11-1-23) _____	Check # _____ Balance \$ _____
Work Deposit received _____	Work Completed _____ Deposit Returned _____
Notes: _____	