

CSA Membership Agreement 2018

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Phone Number: _____

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NEW LARGER BOXES or BASKETS FOR THE 2018 FULL SHARE

White's Family Farm wishes to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal veggies, and you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest. This agreement outlines our shared commitments to that relationship.

Becoming Part of our Farm

So what is a CSA, exactly? "CSA" stands for Community Supported Agriculture. Through our CSA, members can enjoy bountiful local produce without all the hard work of farming. Members reserve (sign up for) a 2018 vegetable "share". (*Payments can be made starting in January.) We start harvesting in May and we prepare a box of veggies grown on our farm every week for each of our members to pick up. Members are able to choose the location of pickup. Our 24 week program is from May 5th to October 13th.

Our farm follows USDA, GAP (Good Agriculture Practices) standards. GAPs are farming practices that focus on preventing contamination of fruits and vegetables on the farm. Food safety is very important and we have a responsibility to minimize risks to produce food that is not only wholesome and nutritious, but also safe. (Free of harmful Chemicals or Bacteria) Our farm is not certified organic, but this does not mean we are not selective about the controls we do use. Generally, if we're using any kinds of controls at all, we use those that are certified organic themselves, and will only utilize more conventional controls as a last resort. We prefer to handle pests, disease, and soil care through other practices, such as crop rotation, companion planting, planting cover crops.

Shared Risk & Reward

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce in your boxes, 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 event of a minor crop failure, 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, you may see smaller quantities/less variety of produce in your boxes. There is also the unlikely possibility of full crop failure, such as in the event of extreme hail damage or drought. In this case, it is possible you may see weeks of little or no product in your boxes. *(We do have clean irrigation source. Typically, yields remain high, even during drought seasons. Our farm has a Pure, Freshwater Spring that runs through a Cave on the backside of our farm. We irrigate from this source to insure a healthy product, free of microbial organisms.)*

For example, if we were to have a poor tomato year like we have had somewhat recently, you may only see 2-3 tomatoes rather than the 6-7 we prefer to include in a full-share type box. The tomatoes that you don't receive may be replaced with other veggies, such as extra bell peppers or zucchini, if these are available.

Conversely, in the event of bumper crops and surplus, we will fill CSA boxes up with extras. We don't want to overwhelm our members or deliver so much produce that it goes to waste, so when we feel that members have received enough of certain crops, we handle the surplus by selling it at the farmers' market, to restaurants, or as special "bulk" items to CSA members interested in preserving food. Our CSA receives first priority when we are harvesting, and only after the shares are well-filled do we sell our produce elsewhere. Please note that we produce some items exclusively for our other outlets. You may see a few products at the farmers' market that you will not receive in your CSA share.

Our Produce

The chart below outlines what types of produce you can likely expect, 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. We may experiment with new varieties outside of this list.

Month Harvested	Expected Crops
May-June	Strawberries, Spinach, Lettuce, Radishes, Green Onions, Kale, Broccoli, Mustard Greens, Turnip Greens, Turnips, Cauliflower, Beets, Cabbage, Carrots, Kohlrabi, Sugar Snap Peas, Parsley, Sage, Dill, Cilantro, Garlic and more.
July-August	Blueberries, Blackberries, Watermelon, Cantaloupe, Honey Dew Melons, Yellow Squash, Patty Pan Squash, Zucchini, Cucumbers, Sweet Onions, Green Beans, Peas, Sweet Corn, Tomatoes, Red Potatoes, White Potatoes, Okra, Herbs and more.
September-October	Sweet Peppers, Hot Peppers, Cabbage, Purple Cabbage, Sweet Potatoes, Broccoli, Turnip Greens, Mustard Greens, Kale, Spinach, Tomatoes, Eggplant, Pumpkins, Winter types Squash and more.

*Quantities available vary widely from year to year depending on last frost dates.

***NEW THIS YEAR – Some weeks you will get Fresh Canned Goods in your CSA. (Ex. Salsa, Jams or Jellies, Tomatoes, Beans, etc.)**

Picking Up Your Shares - On the Farm Pick-up (You Fill your Box)

CHECK YOUR SELECTION	City or Neighborhood	Name of Location, business, homeowner, or organization	Address	Day	Time
	Nashville	Nashville Farmers Market	900 Rosa L. Parks Blvd, Nashville	Saturday	8:30am – 4:00 pm
	Clarksville	Downtown Market	Downtown Clarksville Mkt.	Saturday	8:30am-11:30pm
	Springfield	Robertson County Farmers Market	Robertson County Fairgrounds	Saturday	8:30am-11:30am
	On The Farm	White’s Family Farm Market	4853 Jones Roe Rd, Springfield, TN	Thur. – Sat.	8:30am – 4:30 pm

You will receive periodic emails letting you know as new crops are starting to come in and what you can expect in upcoming boxes. We will also send out recipes and ideas of how to prepare your vegetables. (We love it when you share your recipes with us as well.)

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from your drop site and observing drop site rules:

1. Bring along your box from the previous week and place in the designated “Return” area.
2. You will be expected to pick up your share within the time frame listed.
3. This year we will have a sheet for you to sign when you pick up your box. If you can’t come, you can send someone to represent you and they can sign their name.
4. Please respect the property of the pickup site’s host.

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 procedure to your substitute. If possible, let us know you are having someone else pick up for you so we can notify pick up attendants and assist your sub. **We do not offer makeup shares.** If you need to change your pick up site, you must give us no less than one week of notice. We ask that you do not change pick up sites from week to week, as this can cause confusion on both ends.

Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be forfeited by the member and donated, used by the pick-up site’s host, or sold elsewhere. **You will not be able to pick up shares after the set time frame.**

Available at most pick-up sites will be exchange produce allowing members limited share customization. Produce substitutions or additions are not always possible.

Food Safety -We take the safety of your produce very seriously. Your produce will always be harvested with clean produce-only containers. In most cases, your produce will be lightly rinsed with tap water (Springfield city water) to remove visible dirt on an outdoor washing rack. More perishable items will then be transferred directly to our produce refrigerator. Generally, your produce will be harvested within a 36-hour period before your pick up whenever possible to ensure the highest possible quality. This doesn’t apply to all types of produce, however; products like potatoes, onions, winter squashes, dry beans, etc. may be stored for some time before reaching your CSA box. Because we use very minimal pest treatments, it is likely you will encounter the occasional insect at one point or another. Be sure to thoroughly wash all produce before eating for your added protection.

Share Options

*Regular; Sign up and Payment; January 2018 – End of February 2018

*Late; Sign up and Payment; March 1 2018 or after

*DELIVERY OPTIONS MAY BE AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA

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1. FULL share = **Bushel Box or Basket** = \$725/regular; \$750/late sign up

Our largest share option is also the most cost – effective. This share gives you the widest variety of produce grown over an entire season, so you’ll see lots of different items. Your box will typically include 6-8 different types of produce in meal-sized portions, and it will usually fill a 2 reusable grocery bags. For example, a box in mid-summer might include two pounds each of potatoes, tomatoes, and green beans, a pound of carrots, a large onion, two green bell peppers, and a bundle of fresh basil. Full shares work well for families of 2-3 who cook 5-7 nights a week, or larger families of 4-5 who cook less often. A full-sized share can easily be split between friends as well. Runs May 5th thru October 13th (24 Boxes - 24 weeks).

OR

2. HALF share = **½ Bushel Box or Basket** = \$375/regular; \$400 late sign up

The half share is basically ½ of the Full Share amount. 24 Boxes – 24 Weeks (May 5th thru October 13th)

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 check mark next to the share type you would like from the list below.

CHECK YOUR SELECTION	Share Type	Down payment to be paid in full by May 1st	Price if purchased before 3/1/2018	Price if purchased after 3/1/2018
	Produce - Full Share	\$100 or more	\$700	\$750
	Produce - Half Share	\$50 or more	\$375	\$400
Add On Choices that will be available soon:				
	Meat (Pork & Beef)	Different Packages Available	See Meat Agreement	
	Wine & Cheese	Natchez Hills Winery	See Wine Agreement	
	Total Amount Due: (add up your selections)			

CHECK YOUR SELECTION	Payment Preference
	I wish to pay my membership fee up front.
	I wish to pay my membership fee in installments, to be paid in full by 5/5/2018

1. If you chose to pay the membership fee upfront, please enclose a check or complete the Credit Card Info below, for the total amount due, made payable to [White's Family Farm] with this signed agreement form.
2. If you chose to pay the membership fee in installments (Minimum \$100 for full / \$50 for ½) , please enclose check or complete Credit Card Info below, for down payment amount with this signed agreement form. (Payment in full must be paid by 5/5/18)
3. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above.
4. All payments are non-refundable (beyond 5/5/2018).

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR PURCHASE IS A GIFT FOR SOMEONE. WE WILL SUPPLY YOU A RECEIPT, GIFT CARD AND AN INFORMATIONAL CSA PRINTOUT.

Card Type	Card Number	Expiration Date	3 Digit Number on Back of Card	Payment Amount
Circle type: Visa, MasterCard or Discover				

Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email: djwhite1918@hotmail.com You can also call or text Demetria White at 615-585-4331 or 615-920-6405. We will do our best to respond as quickly as possible, but understand this can be difficult when we are out in the field for most of the day. (Texting to Demetria's cell phone (615)585-4331 is the fastest way to communicate.) We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to our farm events. You will receive emails with produce info., preparation ideas, storage tips, and other farm updates.

By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated.

Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____