

Bray Grove Farm CSA Member Agreement for 2019

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Welcome to the Bray Grove Farm CSA! Through our Farm-to-Table CSA, we wish to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal food while you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest. This agreement outlines our shared commitments to that relationship.

Section 1. Introducing Our Farm

A. Becoming a Part of Our Farm

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between Bray Grove Farm and you as our customer. Rather than simply purchasing food, our customers become “members” of our CSA farm and receive a portion of the farm’s vegetable harvest.

Our CSA season runs for approximately 20 weeks, from mid-June to late-October. Members are responsible for showing up at the pick-up site each week to pick up their share of freshly harvested produce (unless you have signed up for delivery). Alternating Week members will receive a total of 10 boxes over the 20 week period, every other week. For a full CSA share, you will receive vegetables and herbs in a box (approximately 1-3/4 grocery bags), which is suitable for 2-4 people. A partial share is a box (approximately 1 grocery bag), which is suitable for 1-2 people.

On your first week, you will receive a box filled with produce and a freezer pack to help keep its freshness. On the second week, you will receive another box full of produce with a freezer pack in exchange for the empty box and unfrozen freezer pack from the previous week. Please remember to bring us back the empty box and freezer pack. As an alternative, many people choose to bring their own bags and transfer the vegetables from the box to their bag, leaving the box and freezer pack with us.

B. Our Growing Practices

The produce we grow at Bray Grove Farm follows organic standards. We utilize cultivation techniques that combine a carefully managed rotation of vegetable crops with cover crops to preserve soil fertility while protecting the soil’s structure, which in turn controls erosion, minimizes evaporation, and improves water infiltration. We use hand labor with simple agricultural tools along with a team of gentle and loving draft mules. They provide much of our farm’s motive power needs, from planting through cultivation and harvesting, minimizing our use of fossil fuels.

We take the safety of your food seriously. We surface rinse or gently brush most vegetables, but to help maintain the peak of freshness, we do not thoroughly wash them. All produce should be washed before eating.

C. The Products We Expect for 2019

The chart below outlines just a sampling of the vegetables we plan to deliver 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 may affect actual production.

Month Harvested	Expected Crops (First Harvest)
June	Arugula, Beans, Chard, Chicory, Kale, Japanese Greens, Lettuces, Peas, Radishes, Spinach, and more.
July to August	Basil, Beets, Bok Choi, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Lettuces, Melons, Summer Squash, Tomatoes, and more.
September to October	Cabbages, Carrots, Fennel, Lettuces, Onions, Turnips, Winter squash, and more.

We schedule staggered plantings of many varieties to provide an ongoing supply of several of the more popular vegetables so that they extend beyond a single harvest window.

Section 2. Our Shared Commitments

A. 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 our 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 a large portion of the crop fails, we may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks, but will strive to offset any shortages with larger portions later in the season. We have been fortunate in not having to miss any deliveries thus far.

B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In many instances, especially during the peak of the season, your weekly box will contain a greater than normal quantity and assortment of vegetables so that you can take part in the experience and reward of a bountiful harvest. One of the greatest joys of farming is seeing one's labors in cooperation with nature, produce a vast field of lush, green thriving vegetables, and we hope to share this reward with you.

Section 3. Share Distribution

A. Share Pick up

You should pick up your CSA share each week for the duration of the growing season from Bray Grove Farm during the scheduled times. For those members choosing the alternating week share program, we will communicate with you to determine if you'd like to start with week one or two of our 20 week season.

Tuesdays: 2pm to 7pm, Bray Grove Farm, Morris, Illinois.

Directions to be provided.

As members of our CSA we ask the following:

1. Please return last week's box and unfrozen freezer pack every week.
2. Please pick up your share within the time frame stated. Although we deliver high quality produce, its freshness may decline quickly if not picked up in time.

If you cannot pick-up your share, you can arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. We ask that you explain the pick-up location, time, and procedures to your substitute. If you cannot find anyone to pickup for you, please let us know at least 24 hours prior so that the food is not wasted. We are unable to hold your produce for you to pickup the following day.

B. Share Delivery

New this season is delivery, only available for season-long commitments, not by individual week. The charge is \$80 for full season shares and \$40 for alternating week shares. Please refer to our delivery area map. Deliveries will be made on Tuesdays between 3pm-5pm depending on your location on our delivery route. Your weekly share will be delivered to your door or left at an outside location.

As members of our CSA we ask the following:

1. Please leave us last week's box and unfrozen freezer pack every week.
2. If you will not be around to receive your share, you can arrange for someone else to pick it up from your residence. We cannot deliver to another address. If you cannot find anyone to pickup for you, please let us know at least 24 hours prior so that the food is not wasted. We are unable to hold your produce for you for delivery another day.

Section 4. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email. Our email is info@braygrovefarm.com. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we spend most of our time in the field growing food and not at our desk. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, problems with picking up, or dissatisfaction with your share.

We will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our email list. Every week, we will email a newsletter giving you information about the contents of your csa box that week, recipe ideas, and other farm related news. Please make sure our email is not blocked on your server. In addition, CSA box contents will be posted on Tuesdays on the Bray Grove Farm Facebook page.

Section 5. 2019 CSA 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.

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Share Size	Full Season	Full Season with Delivery	Alternating Wk	Alternating Wk with Delivery
Full Share	\$650	\$730	\$345	\$385
Partial Share	\$470	\$550	\$255	\$295

Please enclose a check (preferred) for your total amount due, made payable to **Bray Grove Farm**, with this signed agreement form. You may also pay online with a credit card through our website and then mail a copy of this signed agreement separately.

By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. All payments are non-refundable beyond the second week of the season.

Member Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in Section 4. I understand that, although unlikely, the farm may change parts of this agreement related to production and distribution from time to time. I understand that they will contact me via email in advance of any changes to this agreement.

Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____