

# MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

## 2020 CSA MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

*We, the farm, wish to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal food and you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest. This agreement outlines our shared commitments to that relationship. By purchasing a membership share, you agree to the terms and conditions outlined herein.*

### **Becoming a Member of Happy Toes Homestead**

*CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture, which is basically a subscription for vegetables. Members pay up front to secure their share. We farmers then use the money to buy seeds and equipment and get food growing. Then, each week, beginning in mid/late May 2020 to early/mid October 2020, we deliver fresh, local vegetables to our farm members. We also offer a flower share from June 2020-August 2020.*

### **Growing Practices**

*We believe in providing fresh, seasonal, local veggies from our farm to your home. We believe in being open and honest about our farming practices and about all inputs used on our farm.*

*We use organic growing practices and will be certified organic in 2020. All seeds are either certified organic or untreated and non-GMO. We use physical barriers, crop rotation, and, when necessary, organic approved inputs, to protect crops from pests and diseases and to improve soil fertility. We welcome any inquires about our growing practices.*

*We wash our hands frequently and clean and disinfect all harvest equipment thoroughly prior to use. We also take our temperature multiple times a day and anyone exhibiting any symptoms of illness does not work on the farm.*

## **Shared Risk**

*Members of our farm get the opportunity to share in the abundance of an urban Columbus farm. With that opportunity there are risks associated with our growing season. We are committed to minimizing those risks, yet risks will always remain. 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 our other members.*

*In the unlikely event of crop failure: If only a small portion of crops fail, we compensate for the failed crops by filling your box with other crops grown on the farm that are ready for harvest at that time. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any products in some weeks. Should this happen, members will be contacted directly, as soon as possible to discuss options for remediation. However, it is unlikely that we would be able to refund memberships or even partial memberships as the money is used to fund the seasons expenses. Please take this into consideration when joining the CSA.*

## **Shared Reward**

*In addition to our CSA, Happy Toes Homestead sells to several local restaurants, direct one-on-one sales, and farmer's markets. We do this in order to create a financially stable and sustainable farm that can offer our community the freshest food, as well as provide us farmers a livable wage. Some crops we grow specifically for these wholesale (for example, microgreens are typically wholesale only). When production of our CSA crops are especially abundant, we pack as much as possible into your share. However, we don't want to overwhelm our members or deliver so much produce that it goes to waste. When we feel that members have received enough of certain crops, we handle the surplus by selling it through the avenues described above. If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact us. Our CSA is a critical sales avenue so if you feel you need to discuss the amounts you get week to week please bring it up with Katie.*

## **Pick up details:**

*Pick up will be at the walk-in cooler on our farm property which is at 999 East Cooke Road, Columbus, Ohio 43224 on Tuesdays between 10am and 7pm or at Everyday Acres in Granville any time on Tuesday.*

*-You are responsible for observing the pick-up site rules, which are as follows:*

*Pick up your share within the timeframe stated.*

*Be respectful of the pick-up locations hosts' property.*

*Follow any additional rules posted at the pick-up location site.*

*Return last week's box every week.*

*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 procedure to your substitute. If unforeseen circumstances arise, please contact Happy Toes Homestead as soon as possible as we try to accommodate emergencies. Shares that are not retrieved within the designated pick-up time will be forfeited for that week.*

*In special circumstances, alternative arrangements for CSA pick-up or delivery may be arranged. This is a case-by-case situation that must be discussed with Happy Toes Homestead, agreed upon, and written into this document prior to signing and dating the contract.*

## **Communicating with Us**

*The best way to communicate with us is via email or phone. You can contact us by email at [Happytoeshomestead@gmail.com](mailto:Happytoeshomestead@gmail.com) or by phone/text at 614/209-1460. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible.*

*We will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. Please read your emails from us. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to our farm events. Every week, we will email a newsletter giving you information about the crops available that week, recipe ideas, or other farm related news.*