

Giles Farms 2018 Member Agreement

Giles Farms, LLC
1425 Darnell Road, Herndon, KY 42236

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.

Section 1. Introducing Our Fresh Produce Program

A. Becoming a Part of Our Farm

Our Fresh Produce Program, commonly known as a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between our farm and you as our customer. Rather than simply purchasing food, our customers become "members" of this farm who receive a portion of the farm's harvest.

Our Fresh Produce program runs for 13 weeks, from June 8- September 1. Members are responsible for showing up at the pick-up site each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. You will generally receive over 1/4 bushel of vegetables during peak season. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 3. Variety and quantity may vary, as described below in Section 2.

B. Our Growing Practices

In the fall, we start with a cover crop of typically cereal rye and crimson clover. Then in the spring, some of the plants will be no-tilled into this and others will be planted after this is worked into the ground.

We use lime, fertilizer and mulch in our gardens. If needed, we apply insecticides, herbicides and fungicides to protect the quality of the produce.

Because we know and interact with the vast majority of our customers face to face, we enjoy an element of trust and transparency uncommon in today's food system. We invite our Fresh Produce members and others who enjoy our food to visit our farms in person to see exactly how we grow the food they enjoy.

If you have any questions about our growing practices, please feel free to contact us!

C. The Products We Expect for 2018

The description below outlines some of the vegetables we hope to deliver, and when you may see them in your share. This chart is not meant to be exhaustive and is based on our best estimate; of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production.

June sample items: Cabbage, onions, new potatoes, radishes, heads of lettuce, strawberries, herbs, etc.

July sample items: Sweet corn, potatoes, green beans, okra, squash, peppers, tomatoes, watermelon, cantaloupe, cucumbers, herbs, etc.

August sample items: Sweet corn, tomatoes, okra, black-eyed peas, sweet potatoes, herbs, etc.

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 Fresh Produce program, 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 only a small portion of crops fail, 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. We may cover for a crop loss by buying in from other local farmers with growing practices similar to ours. This may not be a feasible option for all crops because of cost or widespread failure.

B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our Fresh Produce program, our farm sells to restaurants. Although production is not segregated, our members receives priority. After filling our Fresh Produce share with the week's harvest first, the remainder is sold to our other markets.

Section 3. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week, at the time and site you choose during sign up.

You are responsible for observing our drop site rules, which are as follows:

1. Please bring your box provided.
2. Pick up your share within the timeframe stated.
3. Be respectful of our drop site property.
4. Follow additional rules posted at the drop site regarding parking.

If you cannot pick-up your share, you can arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. You are responsible for explaining the pick-up location and procedures to your substitute. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will become property of Giles Farms, which are typically donated to community food banks such as Micah Mission Center, the Salvation Army and other community food banks.

Please wash all produce before eating.

Section 4. Member Fees

By selling membership in advance of the growing season, our Fresh Produce program 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.

2018 Memberships are \$364. Memberships can be paid in full or in four payments of \$91, starting with an initial deposit. For payments, we use a web-based software program called Farmigo to help manage the financial interactions between our customers and farm. With it, Giles Farms members have online access to their own accounts.

We accept payment via Paypal, e-check or paper check through our invoicing system. All billing issues regarding your account will be emailed to you, including start ups and notice of suspension of service.

All payments are non- refundable. By submitting an agreement form, you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share referenced herein.

Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email. Please direct Fresh Produce related correspondences to Becky Giles Green at becky@gilesfarms.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 your food and not at our desk.

We will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. Please read your email 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, and other farm related news.

We will gladly accept responsibility for poor quality, damaged or otherwise unuseable produce when contacted within 12 hours of pick-up. Please contact the office at becky@gilesfarms.com. Be sure to include what day/time you picked up the produce, and how it was stored.

By clicking 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.