



## 2024 CSA MEMBER AGREEMENT

### 1: WHAT IS A CSA

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program is a relationship between a farm committed to growing food sustainably and a community of farm friends committed to eating locally and supporting local farmers. When you join BrynTeg Farm’s CSA, you are not just purchasing food from the farm. You are becoming part of the farm by entering into a direct relationship with the people who grow your food and with the land it is grown on.

### 2: ABOUT OUR CSA

Our CSA runs from June to October and we deliver to the Pick-Up Sites listed on our Subscription Form. Members are responsible for picking up their CSA on the day and time they sign up for. We offer one share size.

The Summer Share (Every-other-Week) will generally receive about 6 to 10 different vegetables, herbs and/or fruits. Our goal is to give you a supply of seasonal staples with variety and quantities that may vary as described in Sections 3 and 4. Your farmer will choose what goes in the share. Please know that our farm’s CSA begins with smaller amounts of produce in June shares and increases as September approaches.

Our produce is grown naturally without harmful chemicals. Although, we strive to use organic practices, we are not certified organic. We are happy to answer any specific questions you may have about our farming practices, and we invite you to visit our farm to see our growing methods in action. We use an integrated pest management program on our apples, which means our apples and cherries are minimally treated with sprays. Please be assured, our other fruits, herbs, and vegetables are free of synthetic pesticides and chemicals.

### 3: WHAT WE GROW

This Produce Schedule shows some of the major crops we grow at BrynTeg Farm. We cultivate, tend, and grow everything on the schedule. If one particular fruit or vegetable fails, we will communicate this. This schedule varies from year to year. Harvest dates may change depending on the weather.

#### PRODUCE SCHEDULE

Month Harvested	Anticipated Crops (partial list)
June to August	Asparagus, Green Onions/Scallions, Rhubarb, Lettuce, Kale, Cucumbers, Chard, Broccoli, Herbs, Beans, Greens, Apples, Garlic, Kale, Kohlrabi, Carrots, Beets
August to October	Apples, Carrots, Beans, Beets, Chard, Greens, Kale, Lettuce, Onions, Herbs, Fennel, Cabbage, Kohlrabi, Spinach, Melons, Tomatoes, Eggplant, Peppers, Summer Squash, Zucchini, Sweet Potatoes, Winter Squash, Potatoes

### 4: SHARING IN THE RISK OF CROP FAILURE

We commit to do our best to provide you with a scheduled share. Despite our best efforts, certain crops may fail due to extreme weather, insects, or other factors. 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 only a small portion of crops fail, we will simply fill your share with other crops grown on our farm that are ready for harvest at that time. If a large portion of crops fail (due to severe drought or other conditions), we may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks, and will communicate this to members as soon as possible by email.

We will try our best to communicate openly and clearly with our membership during challenging times. In 2012, we had a challenging season due to drought but we continued to provide our members with shares from the abundant crops of tomatoes, onions, peppers, carrots, and sweet potatoes even though other crops did not fare well in the heat. Your box will reflect the growing conditions of the season. No matter how well prepared and planned we think we might be, there are uncertainties of farming.

#### 5: SHARING IN THE REWARD OF CROP SURPLUS

When production of our CSA-only crops are especially abundant, we add 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. During our peak season, we offer special bulk prices on surplus crops for our farm friends on a special order basis (for example, extra tomatoes for canning).

#### 6: PICKING UP SHARES

You are responsible for picking up your share from your pick-up site. We do not provide home delivery. You can pick up your CSA Share from either our Home Office in Oconomowoc or the Farm in Ashippun.

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

1. Bring your own bag, box, or container to transfer your share into. The wax boxes/plastic containers may NOT leave the pick-up site area.
2. Remove your name card from your box and place in the provided container.
3. Once you have emptied your produce into bags, please nest the empty containers in a neat stack. At times there could be wax boxes, and we ask you to stack them neatly.
4. Pick up your share within the time frame stated at the beginning of the season. Although we deliver quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
5. Be respectful of drop-site property
6. Additional purchases by special orders will be in a box/crate/bag with your name on a label.

We take safety of your food seriously. We do our best to provide clean produce and store it in a cooler to keep it fresh. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating and put frozen products in the freezer as soon as possible.

If you cannot pick up your box, you must 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 be given as a gift to a local individual or family in need of encouragement of BrynTeg Farm's choice. When going on vacation, CSA members often request that their box be donated to those in need of encouragement

#### 7: FINANCIAL POLICIES

Should you wish to cancel your subscription after deliveries begin, we cannot issue a refund as by that time we will already have incurred a good share of the costs connected to your membership. In this situation, we ask that you try to find another family to buy out the remaining weeks in your subscription. In a previous year, one CSA member donated her CSA share after encountering a life-changing event, and she found families to pick up her share.

#### 8: COMMUNICATING with US

The best way to communicate with us is via email or text/phone. We will also use email, text, and phone to communicate with you. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. Please read your emails or texts from us. Each share week you will receive a produce list of what will be included in your share.

You should understand that, although unlikely, the farm may change parts of this agreement related to production and distribution from time to time. Please know that we will contact you via email in advance of any changes to this agreement.