

## Allandale Farm CSA Guidelines and Regulations

Before registering, please carefully read the guidelines below.

<u>Start Date</u>: The beginning of the CSA will likely be mid June (and run through late October). However, we ask for some flexibility due to the unpredictability of New England's spring weather. You will receive an email notification at least 10 days in advance of the first pick-up date.

<u>Pick-Up Time & Day</u>: CSA pick-up takes place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 1pm-6:30pm. Each member chooses a pick-up day and agrees to pick up on that day for the duration of the season. Each pick-up day we harvest, wash, and pack the exact number of shares that we need for our members. We require that you pick up your share on your assigned day and during the designated hours. If you will be unavailable for pick-up on your chosen day, feel free to send a friend or neighbor in your place. Under extreme circumstances, we will accommodate a one-time pick-up day change so long as notice is sent by email to csa@allandalefarm.com no later than noon on the Monday of the week of the change.

<u>Pick-Up Location</u>: Shares will be available for pick-up from the garage of our Harvest Barn located to the left of the Farmstand. Please be prepared to provide the last name under which the share is registered. For simplicity, please assign only one name to each share.

<u>Parking</u>: Parking is available in the main parking lot just off of Allandale Road in front of the farm store. Please do not drive up to the harvest barn as that space is used for farm vehicles, tractors, and summer camp congregation. If you need assistance carrying your share, our staff will gladly carry your bag to your car for you. Just let us know! Please be extra cautious around 3pm from June 24th-August 9th: camp will be letting out at that time and children can sometimes be unpredictable in the parking lot!

<u>Bringing Your Share Home</u>: Shares are organized and displayed farmers market style for members to choose their produce themselves. Each member should bring their own bag for picking up their share each week.

**Swap Box:** See something you can't stand but don't want it to go to waste? This season, we'll have a Swap Box so you can drop it and swap it! Leave behind those veggies you've had enough of, and grab something else that you absolutely love.

We promise to do our best to provide you with the highest quality and largest diversity of farm-grown

vegetables that we can. Thanks again for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the farm this season!

Don't hesitate to email Michael & Mia at csa@allandalefarm.com with general CSA questions or questions about weekly harvest.

Before completing registration, please carefully read and agree to the following statement: I understand that by registering I accept the inherent risks and rewards of participating in a CSA program. By accepting the terms, I acknowledge that agriculture is unpredictable and I will not receive a refund for any crop losses or failures.

Thank you,

Michael, Mia, and the Allandale Farm Team

## COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a model which connects you, the community, more closely to your local farm. Our CSA is great way to support the farm and get a share of the coming season's harvest. You receive a good value for fresh, local vegetables and in turn, the farm receives income in the winter months when the seed, plant and supply bills are piling up and other farm income is minimal or non-existent.

What is a CSA Share? *Vegetable CSA*: One share is \$700 and will be at least one half-bushel (about 10-12 different veggies) of Allandale Farm grown produce per week. Our CSA runs for 20 weeks beginning in mid June. In your box, you will find a full representation of the crops we are harvesting at that point in the season.

When and where do I pick up my CSA Share? Shares are picked up at the farm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays - your choice but it must be the same day every week - between 1PM-6PM.

<u>Are there other benefits to being a CSA member?</u> Yes! Members receive a 10% discount on everything in the store on their pick-up day. You will also receive a weekly CSA newsletter with crop and farm information, recipes and more.

<u>What will I receive in my share?</u> Each week, you'll receive a diverse array of fresh vegetables representative of what we are harvesting from our fields. Your share might include seasonal combinations of...

Arugula, beans, beets, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, cucumbers, eggplant, fennel, garlic and garlic scapes, greens, herbs, leeks, lettuce, new potatoes, onions, sweet and hot peppers, radishes, scallions, spinach, spring lettuce mix, summer squash, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, turnips, watermelon, winter squash, and zucchini.

Given the success of certain crops during the season you may receive the same crop for multiple weeks while others you may only see once or twice. It is the unpredictable yet exciting nature of a CSA! Please feel free to reach out to Michael at <u>csa@allandalefarm.com</u> if you are interested in seeing an example of past seasons weekly shares.

<u>Sounds great! How do I sign up?</u> You may sign up directly through our website and then pay via credit card or mail in a check/cash within 7 days.

Sign up online at <u>www.allandalefarm.com/csa-fb-2023</u> - information about paying by cash or check is online too