

Member Agreement for 2020

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We, Abe's Acres Farm and our partners Cherry Grove Farm, LiLLiPiES Bakery, Cherry Valley Pastures, and Morganics Family Farm, wish to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal food and you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest, as well as food from our partners. This agreement outlines our shared commitments to that relationship.

Section 1. Introducing Our CSA Farm

A. Becoming a Part of Our Farm

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 CSA farm who receive a portion of the farm’s harvest, as well as food from our partners. Our CSA runs for 24 weeks, from May to October, weather-permitting. Members are responsible for picking up their share each week on Wednesday at LiLLiPiES Bakery, 301 N Harrison Street, Princeton, NJ, (during regular business hours) or another agreed upon location chosen from our Farmer’s Markets (during Market hours). If members live within 15 miles of the farm, they may choose to have their weekly share delivered to their home on a day of the week chosen by Abe’s Acres Farm. Upon signing this agreement members will indicate their chosen method to receive the weekly share. The method cannot be changed over the course of the CSA season. Weekly shares include produce; value added products such as salsa, tomato sauce, hot sauce, pickles, etc.; cheese; eggs; rolled oats, oat groats, winter wheat berries, or 100% whole wheat flour; and a bread voucher, to be redeemed for one loaf of member’s choice of bread at LiLLiPiES. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 4. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2.

B. Our Growing Practices

All **Abe’s Acres Farm** produce is grown sustainably and without chemicals or sprays, using practices that go above and beyond organic. While we are not yet certified organic, we are pursuing USDA certification. By maintaining healthy soils and a balanced ecosystem, we are able to produce nutrient dense, flavorful foods to feed our bodies, minds and spirits. Members are welcome to come to the farm by appointment for tours and to learn more about where their food comes from. Everything in our value added products like sauce, salsa, hot sauce, pickles, etc. is grown on our farm, with the exception of ingredients like extra virgin olive oil, apple cider vinegar, salt, pepper, and spices. These are sourced locally and organically whenever possible.

Cherry Grove Farm cheese is grass-fed and--with the exception of cheeses aged fewer than 60 days, which must be pasteurized in accordance with federal law--raw, and the cows are raised on organic pasture.

Cherry Valley Pastures eggs are pasture-raised and the chickens are never kept in cages, foraging for food out in the open and fed vegetable scraps and supplemental organic feed.

Morganics Family Farm products are grown organically, and go right to the roller mill, with no parboiling or flaking in between.

LiLLiPiES bakes breads and sweets in small batches throughout the day with the utmost care, so everything they sell is fresh and delicious. They use the best ingredients, including locally-sourced fruit, and always bake from scratch. Their breads are high-hydration sourdough and are fermented anywhere from 12-36 hours at a low temperature, yielding a complex and satisfying flavor.

Section 2. Your Weekly Harvest Box

-Abe’s Acres Farm - The Products We Expect for 2020

The chart below outlines SOME of the vegetables we hope 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 will affect actual production. Vegetables will be supplemented with canned value added products made with Abe’s Acres produce.

Month Harvested	Expected Crops
May-June	Lettuce, Spinach, Kale, Radishes, Salad Turnips, Beets
June-July	Tomatoes, Beets, Kale, Lettuce, Salad Turnips, Beans, Summer Squash, Cucumbers
July-August	Tomatoes, Beets, Kale, Lettuce, Salad Turnips, Beans, Summer Squash, Cucumbers, Peppers, Eggplant, Onions, Garlic

September-October	Tomatoes, Beets, Kale, Lettuce, Salad Turnips, Summer Squash, Cucumbers, Peppers, Eggplant, Onions, Garlic
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-One dozen pastured **Cherry Valley Pasture** eggs will be included in each share.

-Approximately half a pound of **Cherry Grove Farm** grass-fed cheese will be included in each share. The variety of cheese will be determined by season and what the cheesemakers are packaging for sale that week.

-Member's choice of one pound of **Morganics Family Farm** rolled oats, whole oat groats, winter wheat berries, or whole wheat flour will be included in each share.

-Each member will receive one bread voucher, redeemable for a loaf of bread from **LILLiPiES** Bakery. As the bakery has a rotating read schedule, this allows the member to choose the type of bread they would like for the week.

-**Recipes:** Included in each share are recipe cards using that week's ingredients to inspire your cooking.

Section 3. 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 vegetables, 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 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 farms with similar growing practices. This may not be a feasible option for all crops because of cost or widespread failure. In any case, members will be notified of the change.

B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells to farmers markets, restaurants, grocery stores, and wholesale distributors. Although production is not segregated, our CSA receives priority. After filling our CSA share with the week's harvest first, the remainder is sold to our other markets.

Section 4. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week on Wednesday during regular business hours from **LiLLiPiES Bakery** or from one of our weekly Farmer's Markets during Market hours. If a member lives within 15 miles of the farm they may choose to have their box delivered to their home on a day chosen by **Abe's Acres Farm**.

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

1. Please return the empty box from the previous week.
2. Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
3. Sign the CSA pick-up clipboard to indicate receipt of your share.
4. Be respectful of LiLLiPiES Bakery or Farmer's Market property.

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 location and procedures to your substitute. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated to a charity or food pantry or sold at the farmer's market. We work hard on your weekly shares and putting together each box is a labor of love. Let us know in advance if you will be away for any of the weeks during the summer so that no food goes to waste.

We take the safety of your food seriously. All produce is washed thoroughly, value added products are canned in certified kitchens, cheese is produced in a fully inspected facility, bread is baked in a certified kitchen, and eggs are washed before being packed. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating, refrigerate value added products after opening, and put perishable products in the refrigerator as soon as possible.

Chosen Pick-Up/Delivery Method (Circle one)

LiLLiPiES Bakery (Wednesday Pick-Up)

Farmer's Market (If you choose this option we will communicate with you directly regarding details of the market options)

Home Delivery (if your home address is greater than fifteen miles from the farm we will not be able to do a home delivery)

Section 5. Member Fees

By selling membership in advance of the growing season, a 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. Shares cost \$1440.00. Please enclose a check for that total amount, made payable to Abe's Acres Farm, with this signed agreement form. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee

Section 6. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email or phone. Our email is abesacresfarm@gmail.com, and our phone number is (609) 477-2016, and the best times to reach us are between 6:00AM and 9:00PM. 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. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, problems with the drop-site, dissatisfaction with your share, or any other issues that you may have.

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 product availability. Every week, we will email an update giving you information about the crops available that week, recipe ideas, or other farm related news.

By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in Section 4. I understand that, although unlikely, Abe's Acres Farm may modify 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: _____