

CSA Member Agreement for 2023

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We, The Ryder Family 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.

About Our Farm Operation

Becoming a Part of Our Farm



Community Supported Agriculture (known as a CSA program) is a relationship between our farm and you as our customer. Rather than simply purchasing food, our customers become “members” of this CSA farm and receive a portion (a share) of our farm’s harvest for the season in exchange for advance payment.

Allowing us to grow your food helps you feed your family and it invests in our future as farmers which in turn invests in you and the community. Farming, food, and communities are all connected and we are honored to have the opportunity to help nourish our neighbors and community members.

Our Growing Practices

While we are not an organically certified (licensing is cost prohibitive) farm we strive to grow healthy and nutritious food without the use of chemicals and pesticides. We aim to enrich the ecosystem on our farm using sustainable and holistic practices. We attract and use beneficial insects. Nutrient rich compost from our own family’s livestock is used to nourish our gardens. We allow our chickens to free-range the garden beds in the off-season to gobble up pests and till vegetation back into the soil. We do rotational planting to nourish the soil and reduce pest problems.

Should a pest or crop issue arise, we always look for the most natural ways to help

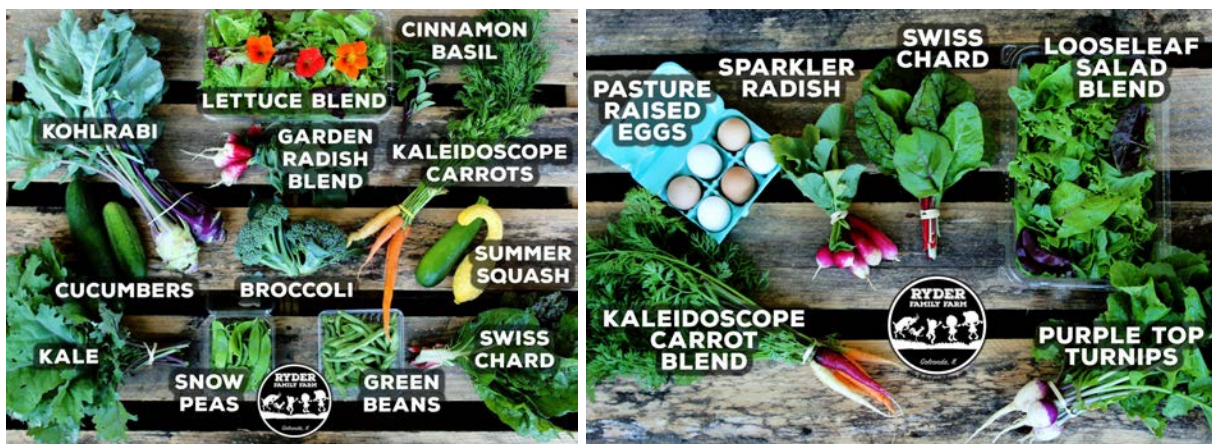
the crop flourish. We will aim to use organic practices first. If those fail and as a last resort, we may choose to use standard chemicals, always following labeled application rates and recommendations. If you ask or have concerns, we will always be forthcoming in telling you if a particular crop has been sprayed, what was used, and why.

The Products We Expect

The core of our CSA offering is in the form of summer produce. Some of the produce we hope to deliver includes: carrots, collards, kale, lettuce, swiss chard, fresh herbs, cucumber, beans, peas, peppers, okra, squash, tomatoes, zucchini, garlic, potatoes, pumpkins, sweet potatoes & various berries upon availability. This list is based upon our best estimate but of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production.

Continuing in 2023 we are adding a spring share option that you may select. This includes 2, 4 or 6 weeks of veggies for \$11 a week. We plan to have peas, kohlrabi, spring greens, strawberries, carrots, blackberries and more in our spring offerings. Spring shares will begin as early as late April/ early May, weather permitting.

Depending on the selected share size, members will receive the equivalent to one/two grocery bags of produce, with two/three bags during peak season. Half shares easily feed 1-2 people and full shares feed 3-4 people.



Full share example (left) - Half share example (right)

Our Shared Commitments

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 conditions beyond our control (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. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any of that product in some weeks or we may cover for a crop loss by buying from other local farmers depending on crop availability and situation

specifics. We may also extend the subscription period to make up for shortages or losses.

Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

Our farm is exclusively a CSA farm and all our production is planned for the CSA. When 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 will handle the surplus by offering bonus extras for members to select at pickup, donating surplus to a food pantry or shelter, selling at market or inviting members to harvest extra for themselves. We may experiment with new varieties of vegetables, fruits, grains, herbs, or flowers so that we can increase diversity. These crops will be distributed as equally as possible, often in weekly rotations.

Membership Responsibilities

Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from your drop site and observing our drop site rules, which are as follows:

Baskets: We will purchase and provide you with two baskets to rotate through for your subscription period. When you come to pick up your share always return your empty basket so we can pack it full in the following week.

Pick up: Pick up your share within the timeframe selected at signup. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up and stored properly in a timely fashion. 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/procedures to your substitute. If you wish to arrange an alternate pickup time, **at least 24 hours notice** is required. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated to a charity or food pantry or donated to the drop site host.

Be respectful of our farm and/ or our drop site hosts' property. Follow any additional rules posted at your drop site regarding parking/use of certain entrances/boxes, social distancing, face coverings, etc. We take the safety of your food seriously and will rinse and wash certain food items as necessary. For your added protection, always wash all produce before eating and put frozen/ refrigerated products in the freezer as soon as possible.

Upgrading to Home Delivery

Those residing in Pope County may choose to upgrade their CSA share so that it is delivered to them weekly. Delivery will take place on a set date & time TBD. Golconda delivery is \$2.50 per week. Deliveries outside Golconda but within Pope County are \$5 per week. When signing up, you may opt for home delivery on the signup form below or you can choose to pickup your share at a set pickup time and skip the delivery fee!

Member Fees



By selling membership in advance of the growing season, our CSA reduces the burden of up-front costs for us. Your membership fees provides us with money to purchase seed, soil amendments and equipment before the season starts, and it allows us to plan specifically for growing food for you. Advance signup and payment is the backbone of our program and our pricing structure reflects this.

When subscribing & paying prior to February 1st, CSA costs run from just \$12- \$25 per week depending on share size selected. **That's right, you can feed your family locally grown, fresh produce for as little as \$12 per week!**

In 2023 we are offering two different subscription periods to better accommodate customer's calendars and budgets. You may now choose from a 12 or 16 week subscription period. The 12 week subscription period will run from approximately late July to mid October. The 16 week subscription period will run from approximately early July through late October.

Subscription costs are based upon the date they are paid in full. The last page of this agreement shows the cost breakdown based on when you subscribe & pay. Subscriptions made after February 1st are more expensive, due to the added risk & expense of not having membership paid in full prior to planting & growing the crops. Subscriptions are sold on a first-paid, first-served basis.

Membership fees can be paid in a number of ways:

- With a check made payable to The Ryder Family Farm. Checks and signed membership agreements should be mailed to the address listed on this agreement.
- You can schedule a time to stop by the farm to pay us cash, check or via card.

- You can [order your CSA share online today!](http://bit.ly/RyderCSA) <http://bit.ly/RyderCSA>

By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. All payments are non-refundable after May 31st, 2023.

Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email or Facebook Messenger. Our email is nryder98@gmail.com or you can also call or text us at 618-615-0063 (Nathan) or 618-615-0129 (Talina) if necessary. 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/ with our phones.

Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, changes to your drop-site location, problems with your drop-site, or dissatisfaction with your share.

Please give us as much notice as possible when you need to skip or postpone a weekly share. Advance notice allows us to keep your garden goodies on the plant/ in the garden growing rather than losing freshness in our cooler.

We will communicate with you by email, text & via Facebook. When you sign up, you will be added to our private distribution list on Facebook. Please read and like posts from us so we know you've seen them. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to our farm events. We will be giving you information about the crops available that week or month, we will share recipe ideas, bonus products available and or other farm related news.

We're very excited for our CSA this year and we are honored that you'd consider letting our family feed your family. If you have any further questions don't hesitate to ask us. We hope you'll join us on our journey this year!

CSA Signup Form

To secure membership, please print, fill out and return this page with your payment.

Share Type: circle your selection with payment date

Full Share -16 weeks
Early July to Late October

Half Share -16 weeks
Early July to Late October

\$400 prior to 2/1/22

\$200 prior to 2/1/22

\$480 prior to 3/1/22

\$240 prior to 3/1/22

\$600 prior to 4/1/22

\$300 prior to 4/1/22

Spring Addon Share

Add 2 weeks of spring Veggies for \$22

Full Share - 12 weeks

Half Share - 12 weeks

Add 4 weeks of spring Veggies for \$44

\$300 prior to 2/1/22

\$150 prior to 2/1/22

Add 6 weeks of spring veggies for \$66

\$360 prior to 3/1/22

\$180 prior to 3/1/22

\$450 prior to 4/1/22

\$225 prior to 4/1/22

Preferred Drop/ Pickup: circle your selection

Saturday Pickup: 8a-1pm @ The Ryder Family Farm	Tuesday Pickup: 6-7pm @ The Ryder Family Farm	Home Delivery Outside Golconda but within Pope County - \$5 per week
Saturday Pickup: 6-7pm @ The Ryder Family Farm	Other: I'm trying to set up my own drop point.	Delivery to Golconda \$2.50 per week

By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated. 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 in advance of any changes to this agreement.

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing address: _____

Special Requests/ Notes: _____