

SHADY GROVE FARM AND WELLNESS CENTER

Membership Agreement

844 State Route 22B, Peru, NY 12972

518-524-3593

shadygrovefarm@live.com

shadygrovefarmandwellness.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Shady Grove Farm and Wellness Center wishes to provide members with fresh, local, seasonal food and members wish to receive a portion of our harvest. This agreement outlines our shared commitments to that relationship.

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. Our CSA runs for approximately 20 weeks, from June to October. We also offer an alternative to the CSA membership. For a \$10 fee and with a signed contract, you can become a member and purchase produce, meat, eggs or wellness classes offered by the Wellness Center.

B. Our Growing Practices

Our farm offers organically grown vegetables, fruit, culinary and medicinal herbs. Organic produce is grown without using specific conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering, or ionizing radiation. For more information about our farming practices, please ask. We offer Grass-fed Black Angus beef, pasture-raised grain fed pork, pasture-raised grain fed chicken, free range eggs and our own honey. Free-range animals are allowed continuous access to the outdoors during their production cycle. Grass-fed animals receive the majority of their nutrients from grass throughout their life.

C. Produce

We grow a variety of vegetables including lettuce, spinach, radishes, carrots, potatoes, onions, cucumbers, tomatoes, beans, peas, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, peppers, eggplant, summer and zucchini squash, winter squash, sweet potatoes, dried beans, beets, Brussel sprouts, cantaloupe, watermelon, kale, swiss chard, blueberries, raspberries. But of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production.

D. Meat

Pasture-raised beef and pork are slaughtered humanely on the farm and taken to the butcher for processing. We currently use Pardy’s Custom Meat and D&D Meats. CSA members are offered shares of the animal with a \$100 deposit paid prior to the season. Members may purchase beef and pork by the cut. Free-range chicken is available for purchase as whole, half or pieces. Our free range eggs are offered by the dozen.

E. Meals

Meals from the farm as well as Canned Goods are available at pick up. All meals and Canned Goods are prepared by a Master Food Preserver in the Farm House Kitchen.

E. Sharing in the Risk of Crop Failure or Crop Surplus

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 CSA, you are agreeing to share the risk of crop failure with us and other members. When production of our CSA segregated 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 handle the surplus by selling it to the other members the day after pickups.

F. Picking Up CSA Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week at the farm on your designated pick up day (Monday or Thursday 4:00 pm-6:00 pm. You will generally receive a 7.5 gallon bucket of produce each week.

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

- Bring your bucket to the pick-up. Return egg cartons, produce baskets, mason jars for recycling.
- Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we offer high-quality produce, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
- Be respectful of our farm property (10 mph speed limit).
- Park in designated areas.

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 charity. We take the safety of your food seriously. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating and put frozen products in the freezer as soon as possible

H. Membership Fees

By selling memberships in advance of the growing season, a CSA reduces the burden of up-front costs for the farmer. Your membership fees provide us with funds to purchase seed and equipment before the season starts, and we appreciate your commitment. A farm membership includes availability to purchase all farm products and services at retail pricing. The farm membership fee is included in the CSA membership price.

CHECK YOUR SELECTION	Share Type	Share Size	Price	Subtotal
CSA MEMBERSHIP:	Vegetable	Full	\$600	
	Vegetable	Half	\$400	
			Circle pick-up day:	MONDAY or THURSDAY
	Beef	$\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, full	\$100 deposit	
	Pork	$\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, full	\$100 deposit	
FARM MEMBERSHIP:	Membership	fee	\$10.00	
			TOTAL	

G. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is by email at shadygrovefarm@live.com or contacting Francisco by phone or text at 518-524-3593. 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, or dissatisfaction with your share. We will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. Please read your emails from us. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to our farm events. We will communicate through email, Facebook and our website at shadygrovefarmandwellness.com for recipes, farm events, etc. By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated above. I accept the risk of purchasing farm products and understand the farming practices used by Shady Grove Farm and Wellness Center. I understand that 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.

Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Shady Grove Farm signature: _____