

2022 CSA Participation Agreement between Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT) and the following Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Farm:

Name of Farmer:

Farm/Business Name:

The above-named CSA farm agrees to the following:

1. We understand that this agreement begins on the day it is signed by both parties and that it will only apply to the 2022 season.
2. We understand that communication about financial or farm issues will take place with NOFA-VT.
3. We understand that communication about share delivery schedule and logistics will take place with the housing site coordinator(s) assigned to our farm by NOFA-VT.
4. We understand that this agreement authorizes us to receive \$50 per share provided to this Program, and we agree to reserve _____ shares for Program participants at the \$50 rate for the 2022 season. We understand that receipt of this rate is conditional upon our farm providing \$50 worth of eligible foods to confirmed program participants.
5. NOFA-VT will pay the farm for half of the payment in July, and the balance by the end of October. The total share value will be based on the number of shares confirmed on June 30, 2022.
6. Our Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm agrees to provide \$50 worth of fresh fruits and vegetables over a time period agreed upon with the housing site coordinator and our farm.
7. We will communicate our produce distribution plan to the housing site coordinator and be open to modifications that are mutually agreed upon.
8. We agree that the foods we provide to this Program will be of value that is at or less than the price the farm would charge to other customers, and that no state or local taxes will be collected on food purchases made with Program funds.
9. Foods eligible for senior shares will consist only of fresh and unprocessed fruits, vegetables or herbs for human consumption and grown on land in the State of Vermont or in the United States within 30 miles of the Vermont border.
10. We understand that we may not substitute ineligible products if eligible foods are not available.
11. We will notify NOFA-VT immediately if the CSA farm ceases operation before fulfilling its obligations under this agreement, or if it is experiencing a problem with crop production making it unable to provide the number of agreed upon senior shares.

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12. We will accept annual program training, either written or in person, provided by NOFA-VT; and if requested by NOFA-VT, will attend an orientation meeting with residents and the resident coordinator of a housing site for which my farm is providing senior shares.
13. We will allow participating seniors to visit our farm for a field trip whenever it is convenient for both our staff and the seniors.
14. We will be accountable for actions of any staff of the farm involved in our participation in this Program and will offer the senior shareholders the same courtesy as other customers.
15. We will provide such information as NOFA-VT may require in order for the State to make periodic reports to FNS, and for NOFA-VT to document that payments to this farm do not exceed the value of eligible foods the farm provides to Program participants.
16. We agree to be monitored for compliance with federal requirements and understand that this monitoring may be covert or overt.
17. NOFA-VT can deny payment to the CSA for program funds used for anything other than eligible foods and may establish a claim against the CSA for payments already made for improperly used Senior Farm Share Program funds.
18. We understand that neither this CSA farm nor NOFA-VT is obliged to renew this agreement, and that NOFA-VT can take action against a CSA for violating the terms of this agreement, giving the CSA at least fifteen days advance written notice stating the adverse action, its causes, and the effective date. Adverse actions may include disqualification from the Program, a probationary period, or reduction in the number of shares the Program will purchase from the CSA. The CSA may appeal any adverse action within fifteen days of the date of the adverse action notice.
19. We understand that this program is funded by the federal Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SMFNP) of the USDA Food & Nutrition Service (FNS) and is therefore subject to FNS conditions and restrictions.
20. We understand that this program is subject to USDA policy that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under this program.

I have read and understand the agreement.

➤ Signature of CSA Farmer(s): _____

Date Signed: _____

➤ Signature of NOFA-VT Senior Farm Share Coordinator: _____

Date Signed: _____

Please return one copy of this agreement by email to johanna@nofavt.org if possible or by mail to the address below and keep one copy for your files.

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