

MOUNTAINWISE FARM  
COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE  
MAY - OCT 2023

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MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

**WHAT IS A CSA?**

CSA stands for **Community Supported Agriculture** and at its core, it is a mutually beneficial relationship between the farm and the consumer. The CSA model works within the local food system to directly connect consumers to farm goods. In a traditional CSA, customers purchase a share of the farm at the beginning of the season. In exchange, the farm provides a weekly supply of fresh produce throughout the season. The CSA model is beneficial for small farms because it provides farmers with an upfront income, early in the season, when expenses are usually the highest. The beauty of the CSA model is that it provides the customer with a realtime relationship to where their food comes from. CSA members understand that they benefit from the successes of the season and that they may also lose out if the farm were to incur crop loss due to weather, pests or other hardship. In the end, the consumer and the farmer are in it together, and it is a wonderful way to show your support for local farms while enjoying the fruits of their labor!

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**FARM PICK-UP**

We believe there is a lot to be gained by visiting the farm that grows the food that nourishes your family. We hope that by engaging with us at the farm, it will bring you a sense of involvement, investment and accountability for your health and your local food system.

We invite you to spend a little time at pick up, to walk around, meet the animals and enjoy where your food comes from!

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## 2023 DETAILS

20 WEEK CSA | MAY - OCTOBER

LOCATIONS :

**Mountainwise Farm, Zionville NC:**

TUESDAYS | **5 PM - 7 PM** | May 23 - Oct 3rd

**High Country Food Hub, Boone NC**

**Sign Up by visiting the [High Country Food Hub](#) link.**

WEDNESDAYS | **12 AM - 6:30 PM** | May 24- Oct 4

**\*\* additional Foodhub satellite locations available for pick up, days and times may be different - confirm at signup\*\***

PRICING :

**FULL SHARE | 6 - 8 ITEMS | \$25 X 20 WEEKS | \$500**

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## UNDERSTANDING RISK & REWARD POLICY

A distinguishing feature of the CSA model is the up-front commitment made by CSA Members. This is an essential part of the model and a primary way in which it benefits the farm during the part of the year when costs are high such as seeds, compost, soil amendments, propane etc for the upcoming season, the CSA provides the farm with working capital during this time.

CSA members understand that they benefit from the successes of the season and that they also assume the risks involved through the growing season - for example if the farm were to incur crop loss due to weather, pests or other hardship.

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## **COMMUNICATION**

If you are unable to pick up your share at your chosen pick up day/time - in the case of an emergency or going out of town - you are responsible for communicating with us in advance of the weekly pick up. We will be happy to accommodate an alternative pick up day for you or if you choose to gift your share to a friend or family member who will pick up the share instead(if you will be out of town, for example.)

If any shares are unclaimed after the pickup day/time, without advance communication, those shares will be donated to the Hunger and Health Coalition or Hospitality House in Boone.

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## **REFUND POLICY**

CSA membership is a commitment. When you choose to participate, you acknowledge that you are contributing to the survival of the farm and to sustaining the farmer's living. By acknowledging the Risk & Reward Policy you are agreeing to the upfront payment of a service without the possibility of a refund or cancelation. While we **do not offer refunds for canceled CSA memberships** - if you are unable to participate or pick up your shares for the remainder of the season because of unforeseen circumstances, we can offer you a gift credit for the remaining balance to be used the following season. Another alternative is to have someone buy your share from you and start picking up the share in your place, these types of arrangements are the responsibility of the CSA member to be communicated with/agreed upon by the farmer.

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## **FARM CONTACTS**

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**MEMBER**

**Name |**

**Date |**

**Phone & Email |**

**Signature |**