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## **PKF-CSA Farmer/Shareholder Agreement**

Our mission at Powder Keg Farms, is to provide our CSA shareholders with fresh, local, seasonal food. We want to offer our shareholders the opportunity to feel connected to their food and community. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between our farm and you as our share buyer. Rather than simply purchasing food, our buyers become “shareholders” of this CSA farm, and receive a portion of the farm’s harvest. This agreement outlines the shared commitments of the farmer-shareholder relationship.

### **Certified Naturally Grown**

The farm’s produce, poultry and bees are Certified Naturally Grown (CNG). CNG requires farmers to produce locally, without GMOs and no synthetic chemicals. Our naturally grown produce is grown without using specific conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients, bioengineering or ionizing radiation. Our chickens and their eggs are also CNG, and come from birds that are not ever given antibiotics or growth hormones. Our birds are free-range and grass-fed. They are allowed continuous access to the outdoors during daylight hours and receive the majority of their nutrients from non-GMO feed, grasses, vegetable clippings, weeds that are hand picked, and bugs throughout their life.

Certified Naturally Grown (CNG), “The Grassroots Alternative to Certified Organic,” is a US-based farm assurance program certifying produce, livestock and apiaries for organic producers who sell locally and directly to their customers CNG was founded in 2002 by organic farmers Kate and Ron Khosla, as a simpler to administer and less expensive alternative to the USDA's National Organic Program (NOP) certification, using a production standard based on the NOP.

## The CSA Season

**Each of our 4 CSA Seasons run for 12 weeks, year round.** The Farm is responsible for delivering your share of freshly harvested produce and/or prepared goods each week. As a shareholder, you will receive vegetables/ fruits/ eggs/prepared foods, etc. or a combination, equivalent to your weekly allotted share.

We select a consistently full and diverse share to our shareholders while avoiding over-delivering any one product. Each season offers produce just a little bit different from the others. What will be in your basket each season is based on our best estimate, but of course, weather, pest and other events can affect actual production. And when it comes to the prepared foods, we'll do our level best to respect your personal preferences i.e., gluten-free, vegetarian, allergies, etc.

## Our Shared Commitments.

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful basket each week, however, the quantity of produce may vary from season to season 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 share- holders. 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 farms with the same certifications as our farm. This may not be a feasible option for all crops because of cost or widespread failure. Our Farm is responsible for delivering your share to your doorstep each week.

*You are responsible for observing our delivery guidelines, which are as follows:*

1. Shareholders are asked to provide two soft-sided, [collapsible coolers](#) and reusable, hard-sided [ice packs](#). Produce will decline quickly if not kept cool. Our suggested soft-sided cooler bag is CleverMade SnapBasket 50 Can, Soft Sided Collapsible Cooler, and our suggested icepacks are by Kona, Large Icepacks for Coolers. Both are available on Amazon and Target.
2. Set out the prior week's empty cooler, unfrozen ice packs, and any reusable jars, egg cartons or food storage containers for pickup on the morning your full cooler is to be delivered.
3. If you wish to donate your basket, or change your delivery address, please do so 48 hours in advance.

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. If you wish to participate in our compost project, and we hope you do, please use biodegradable, compostable bags. We'll pick up your compost when we deliver your basket.

## **Communicating with Us.**

Please email us with any questions or concerns at [tyler@powderkegfarms.com](mailto:tyler@powderkegfarms.com). Tyler, your farmer can be reached over the phone or text at (540)514-4589. Lacey can be reached over the phone or text at (540)877-8216. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we spend most of our time outdoors, in greenhouses, and in chicken coops. Please update us with any news of the following: changes to your email address or to your delivery location, problems with your delivery, suggestions or dissatisfaction with your share.

When you sign up, you will be added to our PKF-CSA group email list. Please read your email from us. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your delivery schedule or to share our farm news. Every week, we email an update on what to expect that week in terms of crops and prepared foods.

## **Share Fees for PKF-CSA 2022**

By offering shares in advance of each season, CSA reduces the burden of up-front costs for the farmer. Your share-holder fees provide us with money to purchase seeds and equipment before the season starts, and we very much appreciate your commitment. A full share cost is \$528 for the 12 weeks. A half share cost is \$390 for 12 weeks. All payments are non-refundable, however, we will credit your account in cases of delivery errors, or produce quality concerns. Payments can be made at [PowderKegFarms.CSAware.com](https://PowderKegFarms.CSAware.com) with one credit card payment or one check. If you wish to pay the shareholder fee in three installments, to total your amount due, you can do so with three postdated checks made payable to Powder Keg Farms.

*We thank you.*