

Member Agreement for 2014



LAKESTONE
FAMILY FARM
FARMINGTON, NY

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Member Contact Information:

Name: _____

Cell Number: _____

Address: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

We, the 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.

Section 1. Introducing Our CSA Farm

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 24 weeks, from May to November. As a member, you are responsible to go to either to the farm **OR** our pick-up site in Rochester, NY every Wednesday to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce (and/or chicken and/or eggs). You will generally receive 7-10 items of vegetables equivalent to one or two grocery bags of produce, depending on what is in season. Our juicing members have the option to add on 3-4 bunches of greens to their weekly vegetable share.

Our poultry share will be 12 whole frozen chickens (at around 4lbs each, with a price of \$5.25 per lb) distributed every other week throughout the season beginning in June. If you would like a chicken every week, please purchase two shares. Egg shares are one dozen eggs per week, at a price of \$5.25 a dozen, for 16 weeks, beginning in July. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 3. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2.

B. Our Growing Practices

The farm is USDA Certified Organic through NOFA-NY. Certified organic poultry and eggs come from animals that are not given antibiotics or growth hormones. Organic produce is grown without using specific conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering, or ionizing radiation. We are inspected annually and are required to keep records for NOFA-NY and the USDA. For more information about organic production, please ask. We’d be happy to tell you more. Our animals are both free range and pasture raised. Free-range animals are allowed continuous access to the outdoors during their production cycle. Pasture raised animals receive some of their nutrients from pasture throughout their life, however, we also feed them grain from Lakeview Organic Grain, which adds to the cost of their production considerably.

C. The Products We Expect this Year:

The chart below outlines some of the vegetables and chicken/eggs we hope to deliver and when you may see them in your share. This chart is based on our best estimate, but of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production. We will do our best to keep you informed as to what to expect or if any unforeseen events affect our production.

Month Harvested	Expected Crops
May to June	Green Onions, Kale, Collard Greens, Mustard Greens, Swiss Chard, Escarole, Endive, Lettuce, Broccoli Raab, Pac Choy, Radishes, Hakurei Turnips, Fava Beans, Snap Peas, Snow Peas, Spinach Whole Chickens available weekly.
June to July	Garlic, Green Onions, Kale, Collard Greens, Mustard Greens, Swiss Chard, Escarole, Endive, Carrots, Borage, Nasturtium, Lettuce, Pac Choy, Radishes, Tomatoes, Eggplant, Peppers, Beets, Hakurei Turnips, Fava Beans, Snap Peas, Snow Peas, Spinach, Basil, Cilantro, Parsley, Dill, Summer Squash, Cucumbers, Napa Cabbage. Whole Chickens and Eggs by the dozen available weekly.
August to September	Garlic, Shallots, Cipollini Onions, Kale, Collard Greens, Mustard Greens, Swiss Chard, Carrots, Borage, Nasturtium, Lettuce, Broccoli Raab, Radishes, Tomatoes, Eggplant, Peppers, Beets, Hakurei Turnips, Snap Beans, Basil, Cilantro, Parsley, Dill, Summer Squash, Cucumbers, Napa Cabbage, Edamame, Potatoes, Cabbage, Kohlrabi, Watermelon Radish. Whole Chickens and Eggs by the dozen available weekly.
October to November	Garlic, Shallots, Kale, Collard Greens, Mustard Greens, Swiss Chard, Carrots, Borage, Nasturtium, Lettuce, Broccoli Raab, Radishes, Tomatoes, Eggplant, Peppers, Beets, Hakurei Turnips, Spinach, Pumpkin, Winter Squash, Potatoes, Cabbage, Kohlrabi, Celeriac, Fennel, Parsnip, Watermelon Radish. Whole Chickens and Eggs by the dozen available weekly.

Section 2. Our Shared Commitments

A. 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/month-to-month/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 members. In the unlikely event of a crop failure, our procedure is as follows: If only a small portion of crops fail, we may compensate for the failed crops by filling your share with other crops grown on the farm that are ready for harvest at that time. In the unlikely event that a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any product some weeks. We do as much advanced planning as possible to avoid crop failures- we use drip irrigation for most of our fields and plant in raised beds to prevent flooding. We use integrated pest management, including row covers and netting to prevent insect and animal damage to our crops. One of our strengths is that we live here on the farm and we are in the fields all day (and night!), so we can address both long-term issues and short-term situations as they arise.

B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells at local farmers markets and restaurants. Although production is not segregated, our CSA receives priority. After filling our CSA share with the week's harvest first, the remainder is sold to our other markets. This allows us to select a consistently full and diverse share to our customers while avoiding over-delivering any one product. You may occasionally see products on our market table that were not included in that week's share depending on the weekly harvest volume.

Section 3. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from your distribution site. Please place a check mark next to the drop site you would like to use from the list below.

CHECK YOUR SELECTION	Town	Name of Location	Address	Day	Time
	Farmington	Lakestone Family Farm	1089 County Road 28 Shortsville, NY 14548	Wednesday	4pm-7pm
	Rochester	Riddle Chiropractic	555 North Winton Rd Rochester, NY 14610	Wednesday	4pm-7pm

You are responsible for observing our drop site rules, which are as follows:

1. Bring your own bag and leave the box at the site.
2. Insulated shopping bags or a cooler are recommended for chicken or egg shares.
3. Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
4. Be respectful of our drop site hosts' property.
5. Sign in to our pick-up log weekly.
6. Follow additional rules posted at your drop site regarding parking/use of certain entrances.

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 sold at the farmers market.

We take the safety of your food seriously. We wash and refrigerate produce as it harvested in compliance with our organic certification. We submit annual water tests to our certifying agency as well. For your added protection, please wash all produce before eating, refrigerate your eggs and put frozen products in the freezer as soon as possible.

Section 4. Member Fees

By selling membership in advance of the growing season, CSA reduces the burden of up-front costs for the farmer. Your membership fees provide us with money to purchase seed, labor, chicks, grain, overhead and equipment, etc. before the distribution season starts, and we appreciate your commitment. Please place a check mark next to the share type you would like from the list below.

CHECK YOUR SELECTION	Share Type	Amount	Price per share	Total
	Vegetable	24 weeks	\$625	
	Juicing greens (add on only)	24 weeks	\$275	
	Eggs	16 weeks	\$84	
	Chickens	12 whole	\$252	
Total Amount Due: (add up your selections)				

CHECK YOUR SELECTION	Payment Preference
	I wish to pay my membership fee up front.
	I wish to pay my membership fee in two installments.

If you choose to pay the membership fee upfront, please enclose a check for your total amount due, made payable to Lakestone Family Farm with this signed agreement form. If you choose to pay by credit card please call Denis Lepel at the farm at 516-314-8209. If you choose to pay the membership fee in installments, please

enclose two checks: one dated with today's date and one dated April 1st with this signed agreement form. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. All payments are non-refundable. We reserve the right to bill any fees incurred with an overdrawn account.

Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email at lakestonefamilyfarm@gmail.com . 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 during the growing season. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, problems with your drop-site, 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 email from us. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to our farm events. Every week, we will try to email an update giving you information about the harvest, recipe ideas, or other farm-related news.

By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in Section 4. 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 via email in advance of any changes to this agreement.

Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____