

# Kylo Family Farm CSA Membership Agreement



For questions or feedback on this CSA Membership Agreement, please contact Gana and Daja Gombojav at [kylofarm@gmail.com](mailto:kylofarm@gmail.com).

## Member Agreement for 2017

Farm Contact Information: Kylo Family Farm, Gana and Daja Gombojav  
1772 Western Ridge Road  
Palermo, ME 04354

626-320-9121

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Member Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If you are splitting a share with another household, a separate agreement should be filled out for each household.)*

We, Kylo Family 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 and receive a portion of the farm’s harvest.

Our CSA runs two sessions. The first session is for 9 weeks, from July to September. The second session runs 5 weeks, from September through October. Members are responsible for showing up at Kylo Family Farm, 1772 Western Ridge Road, Palermo, ME, each week to pick up their share of freshly harvested fruits, vegetables and herbs. As available “value added” items may be added. This may include jams, jellies, naturally fermented products, bread, cheese and butter. You will generally receive \$25 (full share) or \$12.50 (half share) of vegetables/fruits/herbs or a combination of the above. During peak season additional produce will be added if available. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 3. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2.

## **Section 1. Introducing Our CSA Farm, Continued**

### **B. Our Growing Practices**

Kylo Farm has partnered with Stonehouse Gardens and Restoration Farm for our 2017 season. Your share will include harvest from our three farms. But, all produce will be picked up at Kylo Farm. If there are enough members to warrant it, we may set up a pick-up location either in Benton or Whitefield.

Stonehouse Gardens, 16 Stonehouse Court, Whitefield, ME 04353

Restoration Farm, 1458 Benton Ave, Benton, ME, 04901

Understand that neither Kylo Farm, nor its partners (Stonehouse Gardens and Restoration Farm) are certified organic. The term *organic* is now regulated by the USDA and through state and local regulatory agencies. We have not, at this time, sought certification. Our farm (and any farm with which we partner or work) maintains a higher standard than government minimums. We call it *transparency*. You are welcome to question us about our growing practices at any time, visit the farm anytime, see the operation anytime, etc. We will not spray chemical pesticides, chemical herbicides or use chemical fertilizer. Remember, we have to live here and drink water from this well! The health of our soil is paramount to us! Our model and goal is sustainability. Our fertilizer and soil amendments come from happy animals and compostable materials. Our seeds are saved year-by-year to the best of our ability. When we purchase seeds they are always 100% non-GMO. Our animal operation is rotational pastured-based. Our animals are part of our sustainability, providing our soil with nutrients. We strive to reduce waste by recycling, upcycling, and reusing all we can. Our goal is *small footprint* farming.

## **Section 1. Introducing Our CSA Farm, Continued**

### **C. The Products We Expect for 2017**

The list below outlines some of the produce we hope to include in your share. This list is based on our best estimates, but of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production.

#### **Produce:**

Tri-colored string beans

Long beans

Chinese cabbage

Green cabbage

Heirloom tomatoes (red, yellow, purple and cherry)

Cucumbers (slicing and canning varieties)

Summer Squash (yellow, striped, and green zucchini, sunburst)

Winter Squash (butternut, acorn, Tahitian melon squash)

Beets (red, golden, and chioggia)

Broccoli

Sweet peppers (green, red and sweet chocolate varieties)

Hot peppers (several varieties)

Sweet corn

Pumpkins (jack-o-lantern and cinnamon girl varieties)

Carrots (orange and purple)

Mini Eggplant

Brussels Sprouts

Mixed Greens

Lettuce (Red Butter and Romaine)

Onions

Garlic (bulbs and shoots)

Potatoes (Russet, Yukon and purple varieties)

Sweet potatoes

Edible Flowers

Herbs (variety of culinary and/or medicinal)

Raspberries

Apples

**Value Added Items: (subject to change and availability)**

Sourdough and artisan breads

Cheese

Raw Milk

Butter

Yogurt

Jam

Fermented Vegetables (such as kimchi, sauerkraut, mixed vegetables)

Fermented Condiments (ketchup, mustard, salsa and dressing)

Kombucha (final product and/or SCOBY)

Kefir (final product and/or grains)

## **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 due to extreme weather, insects, or other production factors despite our best efforts. We will strive to make each week's share meet or exceed the values put forth in section 1A. 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 compensate for the failed crops by filling your share with other crops grown on the farm that are ready for harvest at that time. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks.

## **Section 2. Our Shared Commitments, Continued**

### **B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus**

Our farm is exclusively a CSA farm and all our production is planned for the CSA. When 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 will handle the surplus by donating it to a local food pantry or church, setting it out for member pick-up or selling through a roadside stand. We may experiment with new varieties so that we can increase diversity. These may be grown in lesser quantities. These crops will be distributed as equitably as possible but we cannot guarantee that all members of the CSA will receive all items.

## **Section 3. Picking Up Shares**

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from the farm. Pick-up days are Wednesdays or Fridays (choose one) between 4pm and 7pm. (If you need an earlier pick-up time, please make arrangements with Daja Gombojav or Lucas Gombojav. We will do our utmost to accommodate special requests.)

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

1. Bring your own bag(s).
2. Pick up your share within the time frame stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
3. This is a working farm and a busy family. Please, be respectful of the property.

4. Follow additional rules posted at the farm or instructions from the farmers.

If you cannot pick-up your share, please let us know so other arrangements can be made. We encourage you to arrange for someone else to pick it up for you, just let us know. You are responsible for explaining the pick-up location and procedures to your substitute. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time may be donated to a local food pantry or sold at the roadside stand.

We take the safety of your food seriously. We will have produce rinsed/washed as necessary. For your added protection, please wash all produce before eating and put refrigerated products in the refrigerator as soon as possible.

**GOVERNMENT WARNING: RAW (UNPASTEURIZED) MILK AND RAW MILK DAIRY PRODUCTS MAY CONTAIN DISEASE-CAUSING MICROORGANISMS. PERSONS AT HIGHEST RISK OF DISEASE FROM THESE ORGANISMS INCLUDE NEWBORNS AND INFANTS; THE ELDERLY; PREGNANT WOMEN; THOSE TAKING CORTICOSTEROIDS, ANTIBIOTICS OR ANTACIDS; AND THOSE HAVING CHRONIC ILLNESS OR OTHER CONDITIONS THAT WEAKEN THEIR IMMUNITY.**

Kylo Farm and/or Gana and Daja Gombojav, Stonehouse Gardens and/or Marc Doyon, and Restoration Farm and/or Kristina Terry disclaim any potential consumer liability caused by consuming this product. By purchasing this product the consumer assumes the risk of consuming this whole food.

## 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 and equipment before the season starts, and we appreciate your commitment. Place a check mark next to the share type you would like from the list below.

### CHECK YOUR SELECTION

#### Share Size:

**(All shares for the first session must be paid for my June 1)**

Full Share (\$200)       Half-Share (\$100)

(You may purchase more than one share.)

Total Amount Due: (add up your selections)

**(All shares for the second session must be paid by August 1)**

Full Share (\$100)       Half-Share (\$50)

### CHECK YOUR SELECTION

#### Payment Preference:

Cash

Check

PayPal

If paying by check, please drop off at the farm or mail to 1772 Western Ridge Road, Palermo, ME 04354. Make checks payable to Gantumur Gombojav. If paying by cash please do so in person. You may also pay by PayPal: [paypal.me/kylofarm](https://www.paypal.com/kylofarm). Please submit this signed agreement with your membership fee. A copy of this agreement will be emailed to you. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. All payments are non-refundable.

## Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email ([kylofarm@gmail.com](mailto:kylofarm@gmail.com)) or phone (626-320-9121). Please no calls after 7pm. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we are a busy little farm and busy big family. We will communicate with you by email in most cases. We will also post updates on our website and social media sites. 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. On our website you can also find helpful and healthful recipes, articles of interest and pictures.

*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: \_\_\_\_\_