**Lewellen Farms CSA Member Agreement**

**Member Agreement for 2019**

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**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 Spring/Summer CSA runs for 24 +/- weeks, from April to October.  You, the Member, are responsible for showing up at the designated pickup site each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce.  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**

We grow all our produce in a no-till system that focuses on soil health. We like to say, “the only thing we spray is water”. Growing this way allows the fungi and microbial life to team up with our earthworms to give the plants what they need. The result is a healthier plant that is higher in nutrients, taste better and stays fresh longer. For more information about production practices please ask. We’d be happy to tell you more.

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**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 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 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.  We may cover for a crop loss by buying in from other local farmers with the same growing practices as ours.  If this should occur, the CSA members will be notified that the produce was not grown by Lewellen Farms.

Lewellen Farms does everything in its power to ensure that we do not have a crop failure.  Our regenerative growing practices will help insure harvest success.

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

Our farm production is planned for the CSA.  In addition to our CSA, our farm sells to farmers markets and restaurants. Although production is not segregated, our CSA receives priority.  This allows us to select a consistently full and diverse share to our customers while avoiding over-delivering any one product.  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. We may experiment with new varieties of vegetables, herbs, or flowers so that we can increase diversity. These crops will be distributed as equitably as possible but all members of the CSA may not receive all items.

**C. Here is what a one size share looks like:**

Share size generally includes 8 to 14 vegetable items.  If you are a large family eating a primarily vegetarian or especially a vegan diet, you might consider ordering more than one full share, and if you are a small family, you may want to consider splitting the share with a friend or neighbor or purchasing a half share/biweekly.

**D.  Benefits to a CSA Membership include:**

* Home grown produce without the work.
* Regular pick ups of high quality, locally grown produce.
* Produce picked & delivered fresh at the peak of flavor & nutrient value, the healthiest option.
* An opportunity to try a variety of produce with instructions on storage and ideas on preparation.
* Pre-purchase of produce locks in food costs, early purchase can qualify for a discount.
* An opportunity to connect with the farm.
* An opportunity to participate in an ecologically conscience agricultural program.
* Helping our local economy by supporting a small, family owned farm business

**Section 3.  Picking Up Shares**

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from our drop site.

Drop sites are the McKinney farmer’s market, an Allen location (TBD), and a Frisco location (TBD).

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 produce high-quality produce, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.

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.

We take the safety of your food seriously. Produce is not washed before you receive it.  For your added protection, wash all produce before eating.

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**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.

By paying for your entire share up front you ensure your spot in Lewellen Farms CSA and you will receive discounts, and we can plan more accurately for our needs and your wants. You may pay through our website or send us a check made payable to Lewellen Farms. If you chose to pay the membership fee in installments, please contact me to set up the appropriate schedule to ensure your weekly supply of produce. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above.

All payments are non-refundable after March 1, 2019.

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**Section 5.  Communicating with Us**

The best way to communicate with us is via email.  Our email is lewellenfarms@gmail.com and the best times to reach us by phone is after 10am and before 4pm. Our phone number is 469-675-0079.  We will do our best to respond as soon as possible. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, problems with pick up, or dissatisfaction with your share.

We will do all communication through our private Facebook group Lewellen Farms Community (you will be added upon receipt of payment). When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. Please engage us on our community page. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to our farm events. Throughout the week, we will post updates giving you information about the crops available that week, 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.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Member Contact Information:

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

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