

# Little Roman Farm CSA Member Agreement for 2018

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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 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 vegetable CSA ideally runs for 18 weeks, from May to October with two weeks off during that time. Members are responsible for showing up at the pick-up site or being available for your delivery each week to receive your share of freshly harvested produce. You will receive one share of fresh produce, with a market value averaging over \$30 for full share, \$15 for half share. Certain weeks may be lower due to seasonal constraints but will be balanced by larger weekly shares at other points in the season. Detailed information regarding pick-up & delivery is discussed below in Section 3. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2.

Our egg CSAs run for 18 weeks from May to October with two weeks off during that time. You will still be allocated a full/half dozen eggs during the week off, to be provided the week prior or following, for a total of 20 full/half dozen eggs over the season. Members are responsible for showing up at the pick-up site or being available for your delivery each week to receive your eggs. You will receive one dozen farm fresh eggs per week, per share, except as described above. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 3. Quantity may vary as described below in Section 2.

### B. Our Growing Practices

The farm is not certified but adheres to and exceeds Organic standards. Fruits and Vegetables are produced using only natural fertilizers such as compost, manure, and cover crops with no pesticides of any kind ever used. Poultry products come from birds that are never given preventive antibiotics or growth hormones. Our chickens and ducks are free range, which means that they are allowed continuous access to the outdoors and they are fed a diet that is 100% certified organic. Our quail are also fed a 100% organic diet but due to predator susceptibility they cannot free range. For more information about our production methods please ask. We’d be happy to tell you more!

### C. The Products We Expect for 2018

Please visit our webpage for a listing of the crops and cultivars we are growing this year which you may receive in your weekly shares. The list is based on our best estimate, but of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production.

## 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. 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. If possible, we will attempt to compensate later in the season with larger weekly shares.

We do our utmost to ensure that our chickens are happy and productive, but if for whatever reason they don't produce sufficient eggs to fill our shares for a week we will compensate with more eggs at a later date such that every add-on egg share holder will receive 20 full/half dozen eggs total.

## B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells at farmers markets and at our farm stand. Although production is not segregated, our CSA receives priority. After filling our CSA shares with the week's harvest first, the remainder is sold to our other markets.

## Section 3. Receiving Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from your drop site unless you choose delivery.

	City or Neighborhood	Location	Address	Day	Time <sup>1</sup>	Cost
	Fountain	Little Roman Farm	8170 Valli-Farm Rd Fountain, CO 80817	Saturdays <sup>2</sup>	9am-2pm	Included
	Manitou Springs	Manitou Springs Farmers Market	Soda Springs Park 1000 Manitou Ave	Thursdays	3pm-6pm	+\$20
	Yours!	Delivery	Colorado Springs vicinity	TBD	8am-12pm	+\$100

<sup>1</sup>Times are subject to change

<sup>2</sup>Shares may be able to be held at the farm only with prior coordination.

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

1. Bring your own bag(s) and leave our box at the site.
2. 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.
3. Be respectful of our drop site hosts' property.

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. If you wish to change your drop site, you must contact us directly. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time may be sold at the farmers market.

Delivery is available to your door for an additional \$100 per share. Members delivering to the same place and time can split their delivery fee; the more shares in one place the cheaper per person. Members should be ready to transfer produce into bags or if unattended, provide a cooler with an ice block for us to put your share into. An additional box next to it would be ideal for things that shouldn't be refrigerated. We will not leave a bin at your location. Delivery is available for much of Colorado Springs and its immediate environs, please contact us with your address to see if delivery is available for your location.

We take the safety of your food seriously. We ensure constant cleanliness of our processing facility where the share boxes are prepared, and all eggs are cleaned in accordance with Colorado state regulations. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating and place perishable products in the refrigerator or freezer as soon as possible.

## Section 4. Communicating with Us

You can communicate with us via email, phone (text ok), and Facebook. Our email is little.roman.farm@gmail.com. Our phone is 541.829.1483 and the best times to reach us are normal business hours through the early evening. Our Facebook page can be found by searching "Little Roman Farm." 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. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, changes to your drop-site location, 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 email an update giving you information about the crops available that week, recipe ideas, or other farm related news.

## Section 5. 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. Please circle the share type and options you would like from the list below.

Share Type	Share Size	Deposit to reserve per share	Balance due per share NLT 01 May	Total
Vegetable	Full Share	\$100	\$400	\$500
Vegetable	Half Share	\$75	\$200	\$275
Chicken Eggs	Add-On 1/2 Share (20 wks)*	\$25	\$30	\$55
Chicken Eggs	Add-On Full Share (20 wks)*	\$55	\$55	\$110
Quail Eggs	Add- On Share (20 wks)*	\$25	\$25	\$50
Market Pickup	N/A		\$20	\$20
Delivery	N/A		\$100	\$100
Total Amount Due: (add up your selections)				
Amount Enclosed:				

\*Only available with purchase of a vegetable CSA share.

Please enclose a check for your total amount due, made payable to Little Roman Farm with the last page of the signed agreement form. We would prefer that our customers see the farm before purchasing, so if possible please submit your application and payment in person at the farm at a date and time you arrange with us. If you would prefer to pay by PayPal, please contact us for account information. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. Deposits are non-refundable, and all payments are non-refundable after the first share has been delivered.

Member Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Drop off/Delivery Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Delivery preferred days: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ (Delivery schedule will be set prior to season start)

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

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

By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in Section 5. 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 in advance of any changes to this agreement.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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