

Community Supported Agriculture Shareholder Agreement



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For questions or concerns regarding this agreement, please email freshtoyou@udel.edu.

This agreement was modeled after A. Bryan Endress, *Model CSA Member Agreement and Guide* and University of Kentucky's community supported agriculture terms and conditions.

I. Introduction

A. Welcome to our community supported agriculture program

With the support of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) and the Center for Food Systems and Sustainability (CENFOODS), UD Fresh to You is piloting a community supported agriculture (CSA) program for UD employees and students. UD Fresh to You is a student run farm that provides students with hands on learning opportunities to prepare them for careers in sustainable food systems, plant and soil science, and agricultural marketing. The farm aims to train students in all facets of farming ranging from designing plot plans to rethinking produce distribution strategies. This year, UD Fresh to You will be operating their first CSA with hopes to link faculty, staff, and students to their food while enjoying the fruits of our students' labor.

The CSA is an outreach opportunity to facilitate conversation about food production. Additionally, we hope to foster a more accessible system of distribution where employees can take advantage of the fresh produce our students are growing. We aim to promote the wellbeing of UD employees, elevating their experience through our programming.

In our first year operating this CSA, we will run for seventeen weeks and will limit participation to 50 members. Our CSA will run from Thursday, June 18, 2020 to Thursday, October 15, 2020.

B. Our growing practices

All produce for the CSA boxes will be sourced from the Newark Farm on campus. There will be organic produce from the UD Fresh to You main field and high tunnels, which has been certified organic since 2018, as well as IPM – grown produce from other areas of the farm. All production on our vegetable operations employs an agroecological approach to maintain the balance between growing food and the surrounding environment. To learn more about the procedures and guidelines of the certification process explore the USDA's website (<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification>).

C. Where your money goes

UD Fresh to You is not a commercial farm and is not managed for profit. Financial proceeds collected from the CSA support the production of food including the financing of seeds, supplies, staff salaries, and student internships which are all integral components of production.

II. Shared Risk

By registering for the UD Fresh to You CSA, you opt into a portion of our harvest. In doing so, you are sharing the risk of farming with the farmers in a community supported agriculture (CSA) program. Farm leadership seeks to grow flavorful and fresh produce under the constraints of weather conditions, pest invasions, and disease pressure. While we may outline what the season may look like, this is subject to change due to the irregularity and risk of farming.

III. Fees

Shareholders will pay an upfront fee depending on the size of the share before the start of the season. UD Fresh to You will offer a small and large share. Descriptions of the share size are listed below.

Size	Description	Price Per Week	Total (15 weeks)
Small (1/2 bushel)	Perfect for two people who are veggie lovers or a family trying to incorporate more veggies into their diet.	\$20	\$300
Large (1 bushel)	Great for veggies lovers and for families! If you are interested in preserving food for the winter also a great option	\$30	\$450

Our season will run for a total of 17 weeks (June 18 to October 15, 2020). Shareholders will only pay for 15 of those 17 weeks, as we anticipate a week or two when participants are unable to pick up. Shareholders are encouraged to attend all 17 weeks if so convenient.

IV. Pick Up Policy

There will be a designated “pick up” location where members will pick up their share and interact with the farmers. Beginning on June 18, 2020, members will pick up their share of our harvest from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the designated location (to be determined). Each week, UD Fresh to You will have your share pre-packed in your designated reusable CSA box. Members are responsible for returning their box the following week in exchange for their share. If you are unable to pick up your share, a friend may pick it up or you may opt to donate it to the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center. Please email freshtoyou@udel.edu in advance to notify leadership of a change. FYI: Our Helen F. Graham delivery day is Thursday morning.

V. Food Safety

Providing safe and healthy food is priority of the farm staff. All staff, interns, and volunteers who come in contact with produce during harvesting and packing will complete training to become certified in handling food and to review best practices. UD Fresh to You aims to serve the community the best quality produce.

VI. Contact Information

If you have further questions, comments, or concerns you can email farm leadership at freshtoyou@udel.edu.