



**The Sisters of the Humility of Mary and Villa Maria Farm
Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)
2024 Contract**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Phone () _____ - _____ Cell () _____ - _____

CSA Share Selection	Price per Share	Qty.	Subtotal
Working Full Vegetable Share (Requires 20 hours of work)	\$425		\$
Non-Working Full Vegetable Share (No required work hours)	\$525		\$
Half Share	\$300		\$
Flower Share	(\$75+\$4.50tx) = \$79.50		\$
Total Due			\$

Pick Up Day <i>(Please select one.)</i>		
	Wednesdays	Pick up anytime between 12pm – 5pm
	Saturdays	Pick up anytime between 10am – 2pm

Payment Plan <i>(Please select one.)</i>		
	ONE PAYMENT	Please enclose full payment with your application. This payment is due with the contract.
	TWO PAYMENTS	Please enclose ½ of your total with your application. First payment is due with your application; Second Payment is due by June 1, 2024.

Please make checks payable to: Sisters of the Humility of Mary

Be sure to sign the membership agreement on Page 2 of this contract and return both pages to us with your payment.

Mail to: Department of Land Management
288 Villa Drive, P.O. Box 732
Villa Maria, PA 16155

Note: Payment is needed to hold your place in the CSA. In the past, potential members have emailed or verbally told us that they wanted to participate but never paid. That precluded other potential members being able to join. Unless payment is received, you are not officially a member; in essence this means first come-first served.

VILLA MARIA FARM CSA MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Please register me, _____, as a member of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, Villa Maria Farm Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program for the 2024 growing season. The start of the program is **Seasonally dependent-For example**, based on past years, our CSA season may start June 12 and run through September 25 for Wednesday pick-up. Saturday pick-up may start June 15 and run through September 28. That said, like last year, we may be able to start in early May using produce grown in our high tunnels but may have to take a break in early June after our initial high tunnel production ends and until our outside crops start producing. Either way, you will receive 16 weeks of produce.

Flower shares, based on past years, may start shortly after the 4th of July holiday week, and run for 10 weeks thereafter.

Seasonally dependent means that the start date may be delayed if weather prevents us from planting our crops on time or if we have a drought in the middle of the season that forces us to postpone a week's share to the end of the season. Either way, 16 shares will come to you but may not be scheduled as described above in this contract. You will be contacted via phone and email as to the exact start date.

The Shares

As a member of the CSA, I will receive a weekly share of produce and fruit for 16 weeks. I am aware and accept that the shares will vary by size, weight and variety depending on the time of the season. However, no matter how the season progresses, shareholders will be given the full value of their shares prior to the end of the CSA season.

Shared Risk and Reward

One aspect of CSA is that members support their farmers by sharing the inherent risks of agriculture (poor weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure and so on) and rewards (the bounty from a good season). CSA farmers purposely plan for such contingencies and use growing techniques that protect the harvest, minimize risk to members, and optimize the rewards. To this end we grow a wide variety of crops that thrive in different types of conditions, use cover cropping techniques and crop rotation, as well as utilizing our protected high tunnels, etc. Moreover, the CSA builds relationships of trust between the farmers and CSA Members. Overall, members will get a wide variety of vegetables in plentiful amounts. **Therefore, I agree that while the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, Villa Maria Farm will act in good faith to provide fresh, certified organic produce for the duration of the season, there is no guarantee of quantities or contents of weekly shares.**

In the extremely unlikely event that severe weather, disease/insect damage, or other natural disaster results in a level of crop destruction that prevents the farm from continuing its weekly distributions, I will be notified immediately via phone call and email. My remaining share allowance will be rolled into a credit toward next season's share, if I choose to renew my CSA membership or a pro-rated refund can be given to you, depending on your choice. *NOTE-this has never happened.*

Member Responsibilities

As a CSA member, I agree to pick up my share at Villa Maria Farm **during the designated pick-up dates and times**. If I am away or otherwise unable to pick up my share, I will make arrangements for someone else to pick it up for me. Any shares not claimed within 24 hours of the designated pick-up time will be donated to the less fortunate through organizations as St. Vincent DePaul, Prince of Peace, Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, etc. **Member shares that are not picked up will not be refunded or made up.** That said, the Villa Maria farmers will make every effort to accommodate reasonable alternative requests at our discretion.

I agree to be an active participant in the CSA program, and to contact my farmers if I have any questions or concerns. I will act in an appropriate manner when communicating with farmers and other members of the CSA Community. The farm reserves the right to cancel the membership of any member whose conduct is deemed inappropriate by the farmers. In such cases, the member will receive a pro-rated refund for the remaining weeks of unclaimed produce.

Refunds & Cancellations

A member requesting a refund prior to the first day of the CSA harvest season will be issued a full refund less a \$15.00 administrative processing fee. Cancellation by the farm during this period will dictate a full refund to the member for the share price paid.

From the first day of the CSA harvest season through 7/15/2024, a member requesting a refund will be issued a pro-rated refund for the remaining weeks of unclaimed produce less a \$15.00 administrative processing fee. Cancellation by the farm during this period will dictate a pro-rated refund to the member for the remaining weeks of unclaimed produce.

No refunds of cancellations will be processed after 7/15/2024.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please keep a copy for your records.