**Back To Natural CSA Member Agreement**

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# Member Agreement for 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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 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 CSA runs for 22 of weeks, from June to October. Members are responsible for showing up at the farm or a pick-up site each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. How much produce you will receive will depend on what size of share you purchase. A **Half Share** ($15.00/week x 22 weeks) is enough for two adults for one week, a **Full Share** (25.00/week x 22 weeks) is enough for a family of two adults and 2-3 children for one week. **Every Other Week Half Shares** and **Every Other Week Full Shares** are also available, the pricing is $15.00/week x 11 weeks and $25.00/week x 11 weeks. The amount you receive can fluctuate during the season depending on what specific vegetables are ready in any given week. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 3. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2.

**Farm Fresh Eggs** are also available at a cost of $2.50/Dozen.

## B. Our Growing Practices

The farm is not currently certified, but we are in the process of becoming Certified Naturally Grown. We use the most natural farming methods available. We use NO harmful chemical fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides or fungicides. We use beneficial insects and other natural pest controls and we use only natural fertilizers.

## C. The Products We Expect for 2015

The chart below outlines some of the vegetables we hope to deliver and when you may see them in your share. This chart is based on our best estimate, but of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production.

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| **Month Harvested** | **Expected Crops** |
| June | Cabbage, Cucumbers, Lettuce, Scallions, Some Herbs, etc.  |
| July to August | Beets, Broccoli, Carrots, Peppers, Tomatoes, etc. |
| September to October | Beans, Broccoli, Cabbage, Eggplant, Herbs, Onions, Squash, etc. |
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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.

OR

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. We may cover for a crop loss by buying in from other local farmers that use the same growing practices that we use. This may not be a feasible option for all crops because of cost or widespread failure.

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## B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

Our farm does not segregate CSA production but does give it top priority:

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

# Section 3. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from your drop site. Place a check mark next to the drop site you would like to use from the list below.

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| **CHECK YOUR SELECTION** | **City or Neighborhood** | **Name of Location, business, homeowner, or organization** | **Address** | **Day** | **Time** |
|  | Farm Pick Up | Back To Natural | 126 Cherry St Etna Green, IN | Thursdays | 3pm – 7pm |
|  | Warsaw | Glass Doctor Parking Lot | 1111 E Winona Ave. Warsaw, IN | Saturdays | 9am - Noon |
|  | TBD |  |  |  |  |
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You are responsible for observing our drop site rules, which are as follows:

1. Return last week’s basket every week.
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.
4. Follow additional rules posted at your drop site regarding parking/use of certain entrances/baskets.

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 call or email us with you new drop site 7 days prior to the change. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated to a food pantry or sold at the farmers market.

We take the safety of your food seriously. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating and put frozen products in the freezer as soon as possible.

# 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.

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| **CHECK YOUR SELECTION** | **Share Type** | **Share Size** | **Price if postmarked before 3/15/2015****10% Discount** | **Price if postmarked before 4/15/2015** **5% Discount** | **Price if postmarked after 4/15/2015****Full Price** |
|  | Vegetable | Half Share | $297.00 | $313.50 |  $15 x 22 weeks $330.00 |
|   | Vegetable | Every Other Week Half Share | $148.50 | $156.75 | $15 x 11 weeks $165.00 |
|  | Vegetable | Full Share | $495.00 | $522.50 | $25 x 22 weeks $550.00 |
|  | Vegetable | Every Other Week Full Share | $247.50 | $261.25 | $25.00 x 11 weeks $275.00 |
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|  | Add Your Selections Together For Your Total |  |  |

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| **CHECK YOUR SELECTION** | **Payment Preference** |
|  | I wish to pay my membership fee up front. |
|  | I wish to pay my membership fee in installments. |

**Share-A-Share!!**

You can help us help others by donating to our Share-A-Share Program. If you are interested in donating towards a membership, please indicate the amount below.

**Total Amount Donated $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Thank You!!**

If you chose to pay the membership fee upfront, please enclose a check for your total amount due, made payable to Back To Natural with this signed agreement form **by April 15, 2015**.

\*If your *full payment and signed agreement* is received by **April 15, 2015**, you qualify for a 5% discount!

\*\*If your *full payment and signed agreement* is received by **March 15, 2015**, you qualify for a 10% discount!

**If you chose to pay the membership fee in installments, please note, your full membership fee must be received no later than May 31, 2015. Please return this signed agreement form with your first payment no later than April 15, 2015.** By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. *All payments are non-refundable beyond the fourth week of the season.*

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# Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email. Our email is csainfo@grow-my-garden.com. 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, 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 month, we will email a newsletter giving you information about the crops available that month, 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.

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

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