



## THE SILVERBROOK FARM 2022 CSA - MEMBER CONTRACT

### THE WAY THE PROGRAM WORKS

Once you have enrolled in the CSA and made payment, you will receive an email from us to confirm your purchase and provide any new details for the upcoming season. Your first pickup is June 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>. We will email you as we get closer to remind you and let you know of upcoming season events such as Yoga!

Below are some frequently asked questions and feel free to reach out with any others!

#### 1) SUBSTITUTIONS, ADDITIONS, MOVING & MISSING PICK UPS

##### SUBSTITUTIONS

One thing that we get asked frequently is “if I don’t like something...can I get something else” and the simple answer to that is “sure...if we have extra.”

The amount you get in your bag each week is the result of taking the total amount picked by how many shares there are in the Farm. If we pick 50 tomatoes, and we have 25 members, then everyone gets two tomatoes.

However, there will be times when we have more of something, than others...so if you want to substitute something, just ask.

The answer from us will be that it is totally fine to substitute, if it doesn’t take from someone else’s share of any given vegetable.

##### ADDITIONS

Many times, CSA Members will indicate that they are having company, or canning tomatoes, or doing an activity that requires a large portion of one item. You can add a large quantity to any weekly share by letting us know in advance. We will work with you to supply the item as part of your share, and let you know if there is an additional cost.

##### MISSING PICK UPS

We realize that your week gets hectic and sometimes the day may get away from you resulting in a missed CSA pick up from time to time. If this occurs, we will hold onto produce for 24hours after scheduled pick-up. We will work with members to coordinate another pickup time. Please realize you will receive the same produce, so you run the risk of lettuces and other wilt prone items to not be at their peak. If a member does not contact us by email [sales@thesilverbrookfarm.com](mailto:sales@thesilverbrookfarm.com) within 24-hours of

the pickup, the produce will be discarded or donated and will not be replaced for the week missed.

## 2) VISITING THE FARM

During the Spring and Summer months, Silverbrook is not open to the public, but it is open exclusively on SATURDAYS to CSA Members who would like to come and walk the Gardens and see the Farm Animals of Silverbrook Farm.

With your Membership Package you can walk the farm day of Saturday pick up from 9:30AM -1PM.

You are allowed 4 people in your party each visit (3 People + Yourself). We do this just as a safety precaution, as our staff is concentrating on field work, and we would not want the number of visitors to be more than can be controlled.

## 3) SILVERBROOK FALL FAMILYEVENTS

As you are probably aware, Silverbrook Farm has Fall Family Events from Mid-September until the end of October. As part of your Summer Veggie CSA you will receive **2 PASSES** that will allow for One- Time Entrance onto the Farm and the Events.

## 4) PRODUCE CLEANING

We make every effort to make sure that our production and food handling practices are of the highest quality. Food is picked the same day it is available. Even with our efforts, however, there will be some risk associated with handling food. You can minimize that risk by following a few important tips:

1. Always wash hands before handling any food.
2. Wash your shopping bag regularly to keep in clean of dirt or anything else that comes from the Farm!
3. Always wash everything just before eating. It may be tempting to try a fresh pea or bean, but better to wash it first.
4. Handle the food as little as possible. Everyone wants to touch items to make sure they are fresh and not bruised, but this may cause spoilage and spreads bacteria.

## CSA ADD-ONS

- 1. 1 FREE RANGE CHICKEN ROASTERS – 4-7 LBS** – These roasters will be distributed to Members in September. NOTE: Chicken Roasters are available for purchase for all members. Please ask for details.
- 2. 25LBS of FARMFRESH/GRASS FED BEEF** – This beef portion will come in the form of various cuts (STEWMEAT, GROUND BEEF, VARIETY of STEAKS, ETC.) This portion will be available for pick up by the end of November.
- 3. 1 FREE RANGE/FARMFRESH TURKEY – 15-17LBS** – This product will be ready for pick up the day before THANKSGIVING. NOTE: Turkeys are available for purchase for all members. Please ask for details.

## 5) THE GROWING SEASON

### PRODUCE

The Silverbrook CSA follows the following New England growing season, and we attempt to follow this to the best of our ability. We also try to incorporate a wide variety of produce into our program, from the somewhat unique (beets, greens, etc.) to the traditional favorites (tomatoes, sweet corn, etc.)

Please keep in mind that farming in New England is unpredictable at best. Poor weather conditions, pests, a low producing crop, as well as many other factors can affect the actual size of the harvest. We make every effort to mitigate risks through crop diversity, multiple field selection, and use only the best quality seeds and plants.

Members need to be aware, however, that some items may be later than predicted and/or quantities may be limited. In the event of a low producing crop we may need to limit selection, so all members can enjoy some of the harvest.

Here is our 2022 GROWING SCHEDULE. Please note, this list does not encompass all we grow and the schedule and produce may vary depending on Mother Nature.

	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct.
Beans		<i>J</i>			
Beets		<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	
Broccoli		<i>J</i>		<i>J</i>	
Brussel Sprouts					<i>J</i>
Cabbage			<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Carrots		<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	
Cauliflower				<i>J</i>	
Collard Green	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Corn			<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	
Cucumbers			<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Eggplant			<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	
Garlic			<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Greens		<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
HERBS – Basil, Parsley, Cilantro, Oregano, Sage, Tarragon, Thyme	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Kale	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Lettuce		<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Melons		<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Onions			<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Peas	<i>J</i>			<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Peppers			<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Potatoes			<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Pumpkins				<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Spinach	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Squash (summer, zucchini, butternut, spaghetti)	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Swiss Chard	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>
Tomatoes		<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>J</i>

**Thank you for your purchase and We look forward to seeing everyone this summer and appreciate your support!**

Sincerely,

The Silverbrook Farm Team

[www.thesilverbrookfarm.com](http://www.thesilverbrookfarm.com)

**By reading this agreement and clicking on-line, I acknowledge that I have read and understand any/all of the aforementioned stipulation and policies of the 2022 SILVERBROOK PRODUCE CSA PROGRAM.**