



2012 EarthDance CSA Contract

EarthDance is a non-profit organization, working in partnership with The Open Space Council for the St. Louis Region, that grows food, farmers, and community. Since 2009, EarthDance has operated an organic farming apprenticeship in order provide St. Louis area residents with the opportunity to learn the skills of organic agriculture on a part-time basis. EarthDance is committed to providing an excellent product and experience for our CSA members, while also meeting the needs of our apprenticeship class. One important aspect of the EarthDance Organic Farming Apprenticeship is selling at farmers markets: therefore, produce may be allocated toward farmers market sales, even in the event of smaller harvests. We appreciate your commitment to EarthDance's educational mission.

I _____, understand that I am making a commitment to EarthDance's Community Supported Agriculture and recognize that there is no guarantee on the exact amount of produce I will receive for my share. I understand that the farmers and apprentices at EarthDance will do everything in their power to grow healthy food using sustainable methods, but there could be crop failures, unfavorable weather conditions, disease, or early frost, resulting in not receiving a certain crop, or receiving just a small amount. As a CSA member, I will share both the risks and the rewards of the growing season along with the other members and the growers. The CSA harvest is protected by sustainable and organic practices such as crop diversity, organic soil improvements, crop rotation, and irrigation. I will receive a weekly share of high quality fresh vegetables, picked at the peak of their ripeness, for 24 weeks.

I _____, agree that as an EarthDance CSA member, I will volunteer 4 hours per membership (per season) as a means of deepening my connection to the source of my food, while gaining understanding of the pleasures and challenges of organic production.

I _____, understand that it is my responsibility to pick up (or arrange for pick up of) my share within the scheduled pickup time: between 8am and 11am on Saturdays at the Ferguson Farmers Market, OR between 4pm and 6pm on Wednesdays at the Maplewood Farmers Market. If it is not picked up within these set pick-up times, I understand that it may be sold or donated, in which case no refund will be provided.

Refund and Cancellation Policy

We at EarthDance are committed to providing our CSA members with a season of delicious, nutritious vegetables from our farm using sustainable practices, while educating a new generation of farmers. In our CSA model, members are seen as active farm partners, sharing in the risks and rewards of the harvest. Should you choose to cancel your participation, we cannot offer a refund. The CSA partnership sustains our farm, our educational programs, and individual members. Given this no-refund policy, we advise that new members unsure of their willingness to take on this level of risk get to know EarthDance, our farm, and our produce better first before making this level of commitment. You can do this by frequenting our farmers market booths at the Maplewood and Ferguson Farmers Markets, volunteering on the farm, and/or taking a tour of our farming operation this season. We welcome your participation in our unique community farm!

Please print, sign, and return this document to:

EarthDance
302 Thoroughman
Ferguson, MO
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(Signature)

(date)