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2013 Member Agreement Form

Member Contact Information:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State: _____
ZIP: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Sharing? 2nd Household Contact Information:

Name: _____
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, and What's In Your Share

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 20 weeks, from June 5 to October 16. You are responsible for coming to the pick-up site on Wednesday of each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. You will generally receive one (or two) grocery bags of produce every week, including about seven to ten different items in the share depending on the time of the season. At our market style pick-up site, additional vegetables and bulk vegetables for preserving will be available for separate purchase during CSA pick-up. Starting in July, you will be able to pick flowers from the U-pick Flower Garden at the pick-up site for no additional cost. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 3. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2.

B. Our Growing Practices

The farm is USDA Certified Organic through Midwest Organic Services Association (MOSA). Organic certification tells you that our farm grows produce without using synthetic chemical pesticides and fertilizers, sources organic seeds, and utilizes conservation practices that maintain and improve the health of the land we farm, as well as the land around us. We also embrace the idea that investing in healthy soils through increasing organic matter and nutrients, cover cropping, and crop rotation will result in healthy plants, and clean, nutritious food for our community. Feed the soil, and it'll feed your crops! If

you have any questions about what it means to be certified organic or our growing practices in general, please ask.

C. Crops We Expect for 2013

The chart below provides examples of what you might receive in an early season share (mid-June), a mid-season share (mid-August), and a late season share (late September/early October). This chart is based on our best estimate, but of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production.

Sample Early Season Share	Sample Mid-season Share	Sample Late Season Share
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ½ pound bag of spinach- one head of lettuce- one head of kohlrabi- two small heads broccoli- bunch of mustard greens- bunch of radishes- oregano or thyme- bag of garlic scapes- bunch of hakuri turnips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- bunch of fresh onions- three red peppers- two hot peppers- bunch of carrots- bunch of parsley or basil- one globe eggplant- two cucumbers- three small pieces summer squash- 1.5 pounds of tomatoes- head of garlic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- one butternut squash- bunch of leeks- bunch of hakuri turnips- bunch of cilantro or dill- one pound of carrots- one pound of beets- bunch of kale- 1.5 pounds of potatoes- storage onions

Section 2. Our Shared Commitments

A. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells to a few local restaurants. We balance priority of the CSA with our other markets. This allows us to select a consistently full and diverse share to our customers while avoiding over-delivering any one product. Throughout the season during pick-up, there will be opportunities to purchase extra bulk or individual items. Cut-flowers and a U-pick flower garden will also be available during pick up, starting at the beginning of July.

B. 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 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

On our farm, we minimize the risk of crop failure by utilizing an irrigation system to protect us against drought, and we compensate for potential crop loss by planning to grow a wide variety of vegetables in quantities larger than what we anticipate we will need.

Section 3. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week at 2454 Hoard St. in Madison, WI, between 4:30pm – 7pm on Wednesdays. You are also responsible for observing our drop site rules, which are as follows:

1. Bring your own bag(s). You may want to bring a combination of cloth bags and plastic bags with you.
2. Sign in on the sign-in sheet.
3. 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. The earlier you come, the more choices you will have about what goes into your share and the fresher your produce will be.
4. Be respectful of our drop site hosts' property.

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. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be packed into bags and available from 7pm Wednesday evening until 8am Friday morning on the side of the house.

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 your preferred payment method would like from the list below.

Total 2013 Butterbean Community Farm CSA Price: \$585.00

If you chose to pay the membership fee upfront, please enclose a check for your total amount due, made payable to Butterbean Community Farm with this signed agreement form. If you chose to pay the membership fee in installments, please enclose three checks with this signed agreement form: one dated for today's date, one dated June 1, and one dated September 1. We will keep your checks for June and September safe until the date listed. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. All payments are non-refundable after the third pick-up, on Wednesday June 19, 2013. Before then, your refund would be prorated based on how many weekly shares you received.

☐ I will pay the full amount at once, at \$585.00.

☐ I will pay in three installments, each at \$195.00.

Possible Egg Share Option

Jeanne Coleman, the landowner of our farm, has a flock of beautiful free range laying hens. We're very excited about the possibility of being able to provide you with the option of a weekly or bi-weekly delivery of eggs starting in July. Her eggs are \$6/dozen. Because she's in the process of expanding her flock, she isn't sure exactly what date her hens will start producing enough to supply an egg share. As she gathers more information and becomes confident about her ability to supply our interested CSA members with eggs every week during our CSA pick-up, we will communicate that with you! For now, please check the relevant box below if you would be interested in signing up for an egg share, if and when it becomes available. We will follow up with you and collect payment when we know all the details.

☐ I would be interested in signing up for a *weekly* egg share.

☐ I would be interested in signing up for a *bi-weekly* egg share.

Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email, but you can also contact us via phone. Our email address is butterbeanfarm@gmail.com and our phone number is (773) 885-8619. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, problems with picking up your share, dissatisfaction with your share, or if you have anything else you would like us to know. We welcome all of your feedback! You will be able to share thoughts and ideas with us via email and also on our Facebook page.

We will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our email list. Every week, we will email a newsletter giving you information about what's in the share that week, recipe ideas, and 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: _____