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2014 Member Agreement

We, Butterbean Community 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 Butterbean Community 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 4 to October 15. You are responsible for coming to the pick-up site on Wednesday of each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. Standard shares will generally yield one (or two) grocery bags of produce every week, including about seven to 12 different items in the share depending on the time of the season. Personal shares are about half the size of standard shares. During peak season, additional vegetables and bulk vegetables for preserving will be available for separate purchase. 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. Personal shares will include about half of the vegetables featured in the standard share.

Sample Early Season Standard Share	Sample Mid-season Standard Share	Sample Late Season Standard 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 hakurei turnips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- bunch of fresh onions- three red peppers- two hot peppers- bunch of carrots- bunch of parsley- bag of basil- two globe eggplants- two cucumbers- two to six pieces summer squash- 1.5 pounds of tomatoes- head of garlic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- one butternut squash- 3 large leeks- bunch of hakurei turnips- bunch of cilantro or dill- two pounds of carrots- one pound of beets- bunch of kale- 2 pounds of potatoes- storage onions- 2 heads of garlic- bag of spinach

Section 2. Our Shared Commitments

A. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells to a couple local restaurants. However, our CSA is our priority. After we have filled out each week's CSA share, we sell extra produce to our other markets. This allows us to select a consistently full and diverse share for our customers while avoiding over-delivering any one product. Our goal is to share the bounty of the farm with you without overwhelming you with more produce than you want/need. Throughout the season, there will be opportunities to order and purchase extra bulk or individual items.

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. In the case of partial crop failure, we will harvest and deliver other crops on our farm that are ready at that time. In the case of more widespread crop failure, we may also buy in produce from another organic farm. This may not be possible depending on the severity of the situation.

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 doing careful crop planning and growing 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. between 4:30pm – 6:30pm or at 416 S. Park street on Wednesdays from 4:45pm-6:45pm. 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 time frame stated. Although we bring high-quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
4. Be respectful of the drop site hosts' property.

If you cannot pick-up your share, you must arrange for someone else to pick it up for you or let us know in advance not to harvest and pack your share. You are responsible for explaining the pick-up location and procedures to your substitute. Shares that are not retrieved at 2454 Hoard Street within the pick-up time will be packed into bags and put in our backyard walk-in cooler for a couple days if there is room. If there isn't room in the cooler, they'll be left outside through the morning after pick up. Shares that are not picked up at the Mason will be used at the discretion of the site host or donated to a food pantry.

Section 4. 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 (262) 753-1175. 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.

In the unlikely case that any changes would be made to this agreement, we will notify you via email in advance.