

# Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey 2012 CSA Application Form

## Mission of Our CSA

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. It connects the consumer directly with farm and the people who grow your food. For a flat rate, our farm provides you with a weekly box of fresh produce. You are granted the peace of mind that comes with knowing exactly where your food comes from and who grows it. You get to know the farmer and best of all, you get to see your food being grown.

## Risks and Benefits of a CSA

Risk is a factor in any business, but in farming financial risk seems greater than in most businesses due to weather conditions. When one joins a CSA it is an arrangement of the importance of knowing the origin of one's food while accepting some of that risk. By paying up front, the CSA member shares with the farmer the risk that a certain percentage of the crops planned in advance might be failures. The benefit to the farmer is that a certain income is assured even if he doesn't have 100% crop success. The benefits to the CSA member is that they are assured of a steady, weekly supply of produce presented with the knowledge that the produce is grown free of pesticides and chemical fertilizers. The CSA member can visit the farm where the produce was grown and know that their money is supporting the local economy.

## Pick Up Location and Time

Pick ups will be on Wednesday's from 4:30-6:30pm, Thursday's from 2:30 to 4:30pm, or Saturday's from 8:00-10:00am at our farm at 8927 River Styx Rd, Wadsworth, OH. (Please state your first, second or third choice and we will try to accommodate your request as soon as we find out if there is enough interest in each of the times.) Scheduled pick up times must be adhered to. It is the member's responsibility to make arrangements to have their share picked up at the set time. If a share is not picked up it will be donated to a needy family.

## On Site Pickup's and Visits

We welcome our members to walk around and enjoy the gardens. In doing so, we ask that you carefully monitor your children. It is important that your children not be left unattended or climbs on any of our equipment for their own safety. We also ask that all pets remain on a leash and do not let your pets enter into our gardens. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration.

## How to Contact Us

The easiest way to get a hold of us is to call our home phone and leave a message on our answering machine. We will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible. Our home phone number is 330-336-7932. Another way to converse would be to E-mail us at [info@bakersproduce.com](mailto:info@bakersproduce.com).

## Cost of a CSA Vegetable Share

The cost of a CSA share for the entire 2012 season is five hundred dollars. (May 30 thru September 29). We have forty-five shares available. Shares are sold strictly on a first come first serve basis. We are requiring three hours of work for a standard share. (One-time only during the 2012 season) A deposit of \$100.00 (with current date if writing a check) holds your place. A November 1, 2012 postdated check for \$25.00—deposit for your three-hour work time will be collected at the first pickup. (Uncashed checks will be returned on your workday or cashed after November 1, 2012 if the work time is never completed). The remaining balance is due on or before the first day of pickup. A share feeds approximately a family of four as sides with meat or other food, or two vegetarians that cook and eat at home regularly for one meal a day. This would be approximately a ½ bushel containing six to ten items. Extra produce is available for an additional cost if you would like a larger quantity of an item or if you desire to can or store for the winter. For example, if you would like to can a bushel of tomatoes just let us know ahead of time and we will have it ready at pickup.

## Cost of a CSA Egg Share

Our chickens are not confined to a box inside the chicken coop. They are able to go outside and peck at the soil and eat fresh greens as they choose. We do have a fence to limit them from going into our gardens, but they are still considered free range, as they are able to move about as they like. An egg share consists of a guaranteed dozen of brown eggs at the time you pick up your vegetable share. The cost of an egg share is sixty dollars. We are currently only offering ten shares and this can only be added on to the vegetable share, it cannot be purchased by itself.

## Cost of a CSA Honey Share

We only offer honey that is raw. Honey that is raw contains beneficial qualities. What this mean is that we will never heat our honey as that kills the enzymes that can be beneficial to our bodies. We do not believe in using chemicals in our hives. We generally have three honey flows a year. We start out with the light honey (mild honey taste), and then it goes to a medium color, and ends up with a darker color, which is a stronger honey flavor. We will offer a bottle (1½# three times in the season) from each flow for thirty dollars. We will be currently only offering ten shares and this can only be added on to the vegetable share, it cannot be purchased by itself.

**Thank you for your support. Our family looks forward to meeting you and providing some great vegetables for you!**

**Deposit is due with application made payable to:**

**Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey** and mail to **8927 River Styx Rd, Wadsworth, OH 44281**. A confirmation will be sent upon receipt. If CSA membership is full, your deposit will be returned.

**Member's Commitment & CSA Application Agreement For 2012**

In becoming a member of Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey CSA, I understand that I am making a financial commitment for the 2012 season by sharing the cost of farming with the farmer.

I understand that there are no refunds.

I understand that if I have any questions about membership that I must contact the farm for answers before joining.

I understand that due to weather, pests, predators and other hazards of farming that the actual harvest amounts will vary and that Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey will make every effort to ensure a successful season, but makes no guarantees as to the total value or amount of produce provided over the course of the 2012 season.

I understand that shares cannot be personalized.

I understand that Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey Farm is private property, not a retail establishment, park, petting farm or recreational area. No one is permitted to touch equipment and animals without our permission.

I agree to respect the Baker's property and to leave no children or pets unattended.

I agree not to hold Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey Farm responsible for any injuries, accident, damages or liabilities while on the premises.

I would like to participate in the Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey CSA for the 2012 growing season. I have read over the enclosed information. I understand that the weather and other factors beyond the control of Baker's Fresh Produce & Honey may result in more or less of crop production. I understand that shares are non-refundable and limited on a first come first serve basis.

I have read, understand and agree to these terms.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home or cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check which of the following you would like to apply for:

- Vegetable Share    \$500.00    \_\_\_\_\_
- Egg Share            \$ 60.00    \_\_\_\_\_
- Honey Share         \$ 30.00    \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Refundable Deposit 100.00 *Due now* # \_\_\_\_\_  
Separate check dated Nov 1, 2012 \$25.00 # \_\_\_\_\_

**(Due at the first pickup)**

TOTAL ENCLOSED            \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE AT 1ST PICKUP \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Mark:**                      Wednesdays 4:30 to 6:30pm    \_\_\_\_\_  
**1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**              Thursdays 2:30 to 4:30pm    \_\_\_\_\_  
**choice**                      Saturday 8:00 to 10:00am    \_\_\_\_\_

Which day of the week works best for your three-hour workday? (We won't schedule on a Sunday)

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Office Use Only:			
Application # _____	Date Received _____	Check # _____	Balance Due \$ _____
Work Deposit Check # _____	Work Completed _____	Check Returned _____	