

Sheila Bird Farms CSA Member Agreement 2024

This CSA Member Agreement for 2024 establishes the expectations and risks associated with Community Supported Agriculture specific to Sheila Bird Farms, Laramie, WY, for the 2024 farm season, with the goal of creating and maintaining good relations between Sheila Bird Farms (SBF) and the CSA share purchaser (member).

1. I, the member, will receive the purchased share once weekly at the Big Hollow Food Coop parking lot, 119 S. 1st Street. Spring Greens Shares are not being offered this year only. Summer Season Shares are delivered once per week on EITHER Tuesdays or Thursdays for 15 weeks from June 11- September 19. There may be exceptions to Tuesday delivery to accommodate Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. Members will be notified by email about any delivery changes.

2. Produce will be available for pick up from SBF at the Big Hollow Food Coop in the parking lot, 119 S 1st St., Laramie, every Tuesday or Thursday, between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen conditions, I will receive an email notifying me of changes, or I can check the Sheila Bird Farms Facebook page for this information. If not already on the SBF email list, I will sign up in order to maintain good communication. I understand that a conflict arising in times with the Coop may require SBF to make shares available on another day or time. It is the responsibility of SBF to coordinate that day and time to ensure freshness of product.

3. I understand if I am unable to pick up shares in a given week, I may send a friend or family member to pick up purchased shares, or may donate the shares for that week. Any shares not retrieved by 7 p.m. will be donated. SBF will donate the unclaimed shares to various local food -sharing organizations including Feeding Laramie Valley (FLV), Laramie Interfaith, The Eppson Center for Seniors (Eppson Center) or the Laramie Soup Kitchen. I understand that SBF is a working farm and cannot accommodate pick up outside of specified day and times.

4. Sheila Bird Farms is committed to employing organic practices such as crop rotation, cover crops, and use of beneficial insects to control pests. SBF tests both soil and water on the farm through area labs. SBF purchases almost exclusively organic seeds and plants, except when unavailable. Sheila Bird Farms received USDA 100% Organic certification via Global Organic Alliance in November 2015, was recertified in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. While SBF opted out of certification in 2023, the farm still follows the organic practices under which certification was gained. I understand I can read more information on the website Home page about SBF organic standards.

5. Share produce will vary from week to week, in accordance with the growing season. I can anticipate receiving, over the course of the early season, a wide variety of salad and cooking greens, such as lettuce mix, spinach, baby kale, arugula, braising, mustard and other Asian greens, radishes, turnips, and cool season herbs; and during regular season produce such as greens including lettuce mixes and spinach, chard, zucchini and summer squash, pickling and slicing cucumbers, broccoli, cauliflower, beets, turnips, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, cabbage, scallions, leeks, onions, garlic, potatoes, cabbage, kohlrabi, carrots, and herbs such as cilantro, basil and dill, among other possibilities. Because SBF grows several varieties of different vegetables, I can expect to see variety in my shares. SBF cannot currently offer choice in vegetable selection. However, members may trade with each other on pick up day, supplement shares by shopping at the Coop or farmers markets, or donate any unwanted items by leaving the items in their box.

6. I understand that while precautions are taken to avoid pests, diseases, and weather hindrances during the growing season, there is no guarantee that any of these can be completely avoided. Therefore, shares may be affected. SBF will make every possible effort to provide a complete and varied share of produce to every member every week. In the event that produce is affected negatively by natural elements, SBF will attempt to compensate members in a future week with additional shares. However, I understand that the member shares risk with the farm, and that there is no guarantee that shares will be consistent weekly.

7. In return for the good faith displayed by members in purchasing shares before the harvest, SBF will reciprocate with extra produce whenever available. It is the goal of SBF to provide a comprehensive CSA share that is useful and pleasing to members and encourages them to continue to support community agriculture.

8. I understand that in paying for a share at the beginning of the season, this purchase is final, and that I support community agriculture, not only assuming the risk that my share may be less than expected some weeks, but that it may be greater in others, and that the end of the season may reap additional benefits as available. SBF understands that share purchases accepted in advance will be used for farming purposes only, with the goal to provide exceptional and bountiful produce to the member community and will provide members with additional rewards as available. I can purchase shares by sending a check or cash to: Sheila Bird Farms c/o Rick Kent, 915 S. 10th St., Laramie, WY 82070, or by using PayPal secure online payment, accessible on the SBF website CSA page at www.sheilabirdfarms.com.