



## **2018 Market-Share CSA Membership Agreement**

This is an agreement between the owners of Valley Pasture Farm, Scott & Katie Baier, and you, the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Member, wherein Katie & Scott agree to provide you with seasonal produce, meats and other farm goods in return for your up-front purchase.

Your share, purchased in advance, helps to finance the seed, plantings, and equipment and cover labor costs to enable us to provide you with sustainably grown, fresh local produce and a wide variety of other farm goods from June-Sept.

The following outlines the terms of this agreement:

### **Farm Location & Contact Information**

Valley Pasture Farm  
E7631 N County Road E  
Elk Mound, WI 54739

General Farm Number: 715-256-7676  
Website: [www.valleypasturefarm.com](http://www.valleypasturefarm.com)  
Email: [csa@valleypasturefarm.com](mailto:csa@valleypasturefarm.com)

Katie's Personal Cell: 715-577-2579

### **What Members Receive**

- A credit to your personal market account equal to your payment to be used at the Menomonie Farmers Market on Wednesdays & Saturdays and/or the on-farm stand on Tuesdays & Fridays for the session you selected when signing-up. Note: the on-farm stand will not open until mid-June.
- 10% discount off of all products purchased from Valley Pasture Farm at the on-farm stand or Menomonie Farmers Market including produce meat, eggs, soap, canned items and admission to the Fall Fun in September & October. (Live animal sales are not eligible for discount.)

### **Procedure for Joining & Payment**

- Please visit <http://www.valleypasturefarm.com/market-csa-sign-up> to print the sign-up form and mail with your payment or fill out the online form and pay with credit card. The sign-up for & payment in full needs to be received by May 1st for your share to be guaranteed.
- **Payment By Check** - Please make payable to Valley Pasture Farm and mail to the farm along with the completed sign-up form. If your check is returned by the bank, a fee of \$20 will be charged by the farm and outcomes on continued non-payment may include legal proceedings.
- **Payment By Credit Card/Paypal** - Use the "Pay Now" button on the Market CSA Signup page on our website

## **Our Growing Practices**

At Valley Pasture Farm, we strive to live our lives and manage our farm as naturally as possible. We use farming practices that are ethically and ecologically sound and economically sustainable. We produce crops and raise our animals using practices that do not degrade soil, water, or other natural resources. By growing a variety of plants and using techniques such as crop rotation, conservation tillage, and pasture-based livestock husbandry, our goal is to protect biodiversity and foster the development and maintenance of healthy ecosystems. We are not certified-organic, but are moving forward in 2018 with becoming Certified Naturally Grown, which incorporate the USDA organic standards. If you have specific questions, please ask!

## **Shared Risk - Shared Reward**

While we promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful season, the quantity of produce may vary from week to week, month to month, and year to year due to weather, insects/pests, or other factors beyond our control. By becoming a CSA member you are agreeing to share the risk of crop failure with us and the other members.

- **Risk of Crop Failure** - In the event of crop shortages or losses, we will fill the Produce member CSA boxes as completely as possible and what is left will be available to Market Share members. If only a small portion of crops fail, we may compensate for our lack of items by offering items from other local farmers that share our passion for sustainable agriculture. If a large portion of crops fail due to unforeseen natural conditions (tornado, flood, etc.), we may be unable to provide any product during certain weeks.
- **Handling of Crop Surpluses** - In the event of a crop surplus, we will prioritize all of our CSA members, thus providing a full and diverse offering. We may sell it in the on-farm stand or at the Menomonie Farmers Market to non-CSA members, or donate it to local food pantries. Our CSA members are our top priority and will always get the best produce from each harvest and first chance to purchase meats, eggs, and other farm goods.

## **Communication**

- For information not found on this agreement or the website, please email [csa@valleypasturefarm.com](mailto:csa@valleypasturefarm.com) or call the farm at 715-256-7676
- If you have an urgent concern regarding a pick-up, please call Katie's cell at 715-577-2579
- Each week, members will receive an e-mail with information about the items that will be offered in the stand & at market, some recipe ideas, and other news. Please be sure to read it each week.

**Thank you for supporting our farm. We look forward to getting to know you better and providing nourishing, local food for your family in 2018.**