

# Buppert's

Doran's Chance Farm, Inc.

Established Family Farm since 195

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410-795-6815

## **2020 Community Supported Agriculture Contract**

### Community Supported Agriculture (CSA):

The CSA is a wonderful arrangement between member and farmer in which the member receives a share of the farmer's harvest each week in exchange for one payment at the beginning of the season. Farming is a unique profession in that it requires significant overhead costs at the beginning of each growing season, which must be recovered later and is highly dependent upon the weather. By entering into this relationship, members agree to ride the tide with the farmer and contribute to the initial overhead cost the farmer typically endures on his or her own. As farmers, we understand that the risk can be great but know that it is well worth the benefit of providing local produce to our community's table; maintaining the green, open space of the farm; and continuing the farming traditions that we love. We are grateful for your willingness to enter into this relationship with us and appreciate your patience as we learn and grow!

### **Policies**

#### Shares:

Buppert's Farm CSA will provide home grown and local goods to our members each week. Primarily, you will receive fruits, vegetables, herbs, bread, and eggs.

A full share (8 units) investment is \$766 for 25 weeks.

A 3/4 share (6 units) investment is \$599 for 25 weeks.

A half share (4 units) investment is \$425 for 25 weeks.

**This year, we are offering a "Peak Season Advantage (PSA) Share" which is detailed below:**

- First five weeks – you receive 4 units
- Next 15 weeks (peak season weeks) – you receive 8 units
- Final five weeks – you receive 4 units
- Cost - \$680 for 25 weeks

For specific details about what is in a share and the unit breakdown, please visit the CSA website, click on the "What's in a share" tab, and scroll to the bottom of the page; or use this link:

<http://www.buppertsfarmcsa.com/whats-in-a-share.html>

**With your purchase of a vegetable share, we are offer a meat share with a chicken add-on option.**

**Payment:**

Cash or check accepted made payable to Doran's Chance Farm, Inc.

If you are interested in paying with a credit card, there is a 5% processing fee that will be added to the cost of your share.

**Pick-up:**

At time of registration, you will choose the day of your pick-up - either Tuesday or Thursday. After choosing your pick-up day, this is not flexible. Tuesday pick-ups are between 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm at the farm. If you prefer Tuesday but are not able to make it by 4:30, we are happy to make a box for you to pick up by 7:00 pm Tuesday evenings.

Thursday pick-ups are between 3:00 pm and 6:45 pm at the farm.

If your share is not picked-up during the designated pick-up time, it will be donated to Carroll County Food Sunday. If you are not able to pick up your share, you may arrange to have someone else pick it up for you.

Sharing a Share: One person may pick up. Share splitting must be done on **your turf and on your time.**

Our CSA will be primarily "buffet" style, however we reserve the right to prepare boxes if we have a situation in which it is warranted.

**Duration of 2020 CSA:**

The first CSA pick-up will be Tuesday, May 26 and Thursday, 28. Our last pick-up days will be Tuesday, November 10 and Thursday, November 12.

**Cancelling Membership:**

As you commit yourselves to participate in our CSA, we commit ourselves to being your farmers and bringing you the best possible product we are able. When you make the initial commitment, we depend on your support through the season to help us carry on. Therefore, memberships cannot

be cancelled or refunded. Memberships can however, be transferred to someone else if you feel you are unable to continue picking up or using your share.

If you transfer your share, please inform us of the change.

#### Crop Failure:

Crop failure is a part of farming. In 2011, the stinkbugs ruined almost our entire crop of peppers, and in 2014, the deer ate every head of lettuce we planted. In 2016 we experienced a bumper crop of peppers, and this was demonstrated in the shares. In 2018, the wet weather killed many plantings of crops; during this very difficult year, the CSA membership helped to keep us afloat. In the event of a natural disaster or any other phenomenon that could wipe out all of our crops, there are no refunds. Your agreement to participate in our CSA means that you are willing to experience those failures and successes with us. Welcome to farming!

#### Information Regarding Produce from Our Farm:

In order to maintain the integrity of our crops, we strive for a natural and sustainable approach in our farming methods. Please read on to obtain a sense of our efforts for a strong, dynamic ecosystem and a tasty, healthful product.

- In order to reduce the need for chemical fertilizers, we
  - Plant cover crops to naturally fix nitrogen and other nutrients in the soil
  - Regularly test soil and apply lime to maintain a healthy soil pH
  - Rotate crops to maintain healthy soil nutrient levels and break weed, pest, and disease lifecycles
- In order to reduce erosion and prevent it from entering our waterways, we...
  - Mulch rows of crops which also provides natural weed management
  - Contour our fields
  - Maintain buffer zones of trees, shrubbery, and other vegetation which line our waterways and act as wind barriers
- In order to manage fungus, weeds, and pests as responsibly and naturally as we are able...

- We use biodegradable and natural management applications. Many of the products we use would fall under organic certification.
- Use the MDA Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program to minimize spray applications. Only spraying when IPM warrants means using much less, only on an as needed basis.
- In order to reduce our water usage, we use...
  - Low flow watering heads in our greenhouses
  - Drip irrigation on selected crops, only when it is absolutely necessary

Information About **Meat Products from Evermore Farm:**

- The Myers Family in Westminster, Maryland raises Irish Dexter and Galloway beef cattle, Berkshire pork, Freedom Ranger broiler chicken, and Katahdin hair sheep (lamb is no longer for sale).
- Evermore Farm's beef, pork, and chicken is **"organic in all but certification"**. Their **beef is fully free-range and primarily grass-fed**; they only feed grain in the very worst weather in the winter to give the cattle extra calories for warmth.
- Their **chicken is grown using Label Rouge free range standards**, which is the highest standard in chicken production. For more information regarding Label Rouge practices, please visit the following site: <http://www.thepoultrysite.com/articles/1888/label-rouge-pasturebased-poultry-production-in-france/>
- **With your purchase of a vegetable share**, Buppert's is currently offering a CSA share with eight pounds of Evermore beef and pork to be picked up once a month (6 months - \$569) on the same day of the week as your vegetable share. You may add one or two chickens to your beef/pork share for \$21.25/chicken, but Evermore does not offer a strictly chicken share.
- Pick-up will be the Tuesday or Thursday after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.
- Your meat will be frozen when you pick it up.
- You will receive an insulated Evermore Farm bag with your meat to be brought back the following month when you pick up your next meat share. If you forget to return your bag, your next meat order will arrive in plastic bags.

### Information Regarding Goods from Other Local Sources:

We will stock your boxes and supply you with produce in the same manner that we stock our Farm Market. We sell products from local farms, apiaries, and family businesses. For example, bi-weekly you will find a dozen cage, hormone, and antibiotic free eggs in your share; on alternating weeks with eggs, you will have local bread in your share. You may also find a jar of local, unprocessed honey from Glyndon, MD in your box or a jar of jelly from McCutcheon's in Frederick. However, the majority of goods in your vegetable shares will be grown here on our land and by our hands. We do everything we can to collaborate with other local, small sustainable farms and businesses to promote the consumption of whole, locally grown food.

### Calendar for 2020 CSA Members:

First Pick-up: Tuesday, May 26th

Last Pick-up: Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

CSA Family Potluck: Saturday, September 12th

Members hayride discount days: Saturdays and Sundays during October\*

\* Details to follow as we grow nearer to the date

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## 2020 Community Supported Agriculture Application

We communicate with our members via e-mail. To take full advantage of your membership it is imperative that you provide a frequently used e-mail address on this application. Please PRINT clearly!

### Personal Membership Information:

Name (if you are splitting a share, please add all names):

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Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address - please add all pertinent e-mail addresses.

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

Share Type: There are a limited number of spaces on each pick-up day. If the day you select is full, we will contact you to see if the other day is acceptable.

\* There will be a 5% processing fee to all credit card transactions. If you wish to use a credit card to purchase your share, and it is prior to our season opening in mid-April, please email us at [BuppertsCSA@gmail.com](mailto:BuppertsCSA@gmail.com). If we have opened for the season, you may email or call 410-795-6815.

Tuesday pick-ups are from 12:30 pm until 4:30 pm at the Farm Stand

### **Produce**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday Pick-up: Full (8 units) Produce Share - \$766

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday Pick-up: Peak Season Advantage produce share - \$680

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday Pick-up: ¾ (6 units) Produce share - \$599

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday Pick-up: ½ (4 units) Produce Share - \$425

**Meat (Can only be purchased as an ADD-ON to the vegetable share)**

**\*\*TO BE PICKED UP THE TUESDAY AFTER THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday Pick-up: Meat (Pork & Beef) Share - \$569

\_\_\_\_\_ Add 1 Free-Range Chicken/month to Meat Share (cannot be purchased alone) - \$127.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Add 2 Free-Range Chickens/month to my Meat Share (cannot be purchased alone) - \$255

My Total Cost for My Tuesday Share - \_\_\_\_\_

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My Total Cost for My Thursday Share - \_\_\_\_\_

Checks may be made payable to: Doran's Chance Farm, Inc.

Application and check may be mailed to: 7102 Brangles Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104

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2020 CSA Membership Agreement

\_\_\_ I have carefully read and understand the pages above.

\_\_\_ I understand that by signing this form, I am committing myself to be a member of the Buppert's Farm 2020 CSA and that there are no refunds for this membership. I understand that at the end of the season, November 12, 2020, my membership ceases.

\_\_\_ I understand that my membership does not allow me any control over the operations of the farm, market, greenhouses, or CSA program, nor does it grant me any additional privileges to access the farm property.

\_\_\_ I understand that I am responsible for picking up my share or arranging for someone else to pick it up on my designated day. I understand that if I fail to do so, my share will be donated to someone in need. There are no refunds or credits for my share; if I do not pick it up on time, on my designated day, I will lose it.

\_\_\_ I understand that due to farming's high dependency upon weather, the contents and quantities of my share may vary throughout the season.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must be accompanied by a check indicating full payment to be placed in queue. **Please mail the application and check to: Doran's Chance Farm, 7102 Brangles Road, Marriottsville, Maryland 21104.** If you have any questions,



please don't hesitate to ask. We look forward to the adventure this year promises to bring.