

# *The Little Homestead*

## *CSA Program 2012*

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### **Outline -**

The Little Homestead offers 4 CSA programs. Quarter Share (12 weeks), Half Share (24 weeks), Full Share (52 weeks) and Full Share Premium (52 weeks plus products supplied from other farms). CSA shares provide full access to all of the farm's production and services for the term of the share. Active members may upgrade to a longer term or a premium term at any time.

### **12 Week Term - \$240**

Access to all of the farm's production for 12 weeks - Produce (all you can eat + extra in season produce for preserving), nursery production, 6 chickens (or equivalent) raised to your weight specifications. Poultry availability will vary depending on time of year and type of poultry requested.\*

### **24 Week Term - \$480**

Access to all of the farm's production for 24 weeks - Produce (all you can eat + extra in season produce for preserving), nursery production, 12 chickens (or equivalent) raised to your weight specifications. Poultry availability will vary depending on time of year and type of poultry requested.\*

### **52 Week Term - \$960**

Access to all of the farm's production for 52 weeks - Produce (all you can eat + extra in season produce for preserving), nursery production, 48 chickens (or equivalent) raised to your weight specifications. Poultry availability will vary depending on time of year and type of poultry requested.\*

### **Premium Annual Term - \$2,900\*\***

Access to all of the farm's production for 52 weeks - Produce (all you can eat + extra in season produce for preserving), nursery production, 48 chickens (or equivalent) raised to your weight specifications, 1/4 beef, 1/2 pig, 1/2 lamb, and 12 rabbits. Poultry availability will vary depending on time of year and type of poultry requested.\*

\* See poultry chart for specifications and growing methods.

\*\* This is an experimental program. I will be taking reservations for this program until March 2012. Because this is an experimental program, no down payment will be required. Members may be allowed to make payments on the share over the term of the share. Please contact the farm for further details.

### *How the program works -*

New members apply by filling out the new member survey and application. Payment is due in full upon acceptance into the program, or, if reserving a membership, a 50% non refundable deposit is required with the balance due at the start of the member's term. When accepted, the member will receive a plant catalogue for the farm's nursery, as well as their first availability list.

During their term, the member will receive an availability list each week prior to their delivery/pick up date. The member will select what produce they want from the list to be included in their next basket as well as any plants that will be available and return the list to the farm prior to harvest day. The availability list will also include options to order plants and request custom growing of extra produce that will be available during the term of their membership.

Members may elect to skip one or more weeks and those weeks will be added onto the back end of the contract. Example - a member will be out of town for a couple of weeks and will not be able to receive baskets on those weeks. The skipped weeks will be added onto the end of the contract, extending the contract for those two weeks.

If there is a shortage in the harvest for a particular week, then that week will not be counted as a part of the term and will be added onto the back end of the contract just as a skip week would be.

If there is a temporary crop failure or an emergency at the farm that prevents delivery, any missed week(s) will be added onto the back end of the contract as skipped week(s).

When the member fills out the new member survey and application, they may indicate what types of produce they want, and depending on the time of year they join and the length of term they select, they may request that extra seasonal crops be grown for them for preserving. For instance, if the member's contract will extend into tomato or cucumber season and they like to put up sauce or pickles, they may request that extra be grown specifically for them (example - 200 lbs paste tomatoes, 100 lbs pickling cucumbers, etc.) Members need to have purchased a term long enough that they will be actively receiving shares when they make the request as well as when their extra produce is available. For example, if a member wants extra tomatoes, they need to be active and receiving shares during the spring (when the extra crops are requested) as well as the summer (when those crops will be harvested).

The same is true for seasonal meat animals like ducks and geese. Chickens are excepted, and if chickens aren't available during the member's term, the member may pick up their chickens when the birds become available even if the member's term has expired.

Full year premium members will receive their beef, lamb and pork from other farms that The Little Homestead will coordinate with. Those members will contact the producers' farms to arrange slaughter, cut/wrap and pickup of their animals.

Produce, plants and animals are for personal use only. Ordering extra for resale is strictly prohibited. Custom growing and nursery production for resale are available under separate contracts. Any members found to be reselling produce or plants will be dropped from the program and will not be eligible for a refund.

However, if a member has a family member who would like some plants or a little extra produce, the farm will work with that member as long as the request is deemed reasonable. This is completely up to the discretion of the farm manager.

A member may request that any nursery production that they are entitled to for personal use be donated to a charity or public service agency/program such as low income individuals participating in a community garden, food bank, etc. The member will need to contact the farm manager to discuss terms of the donation and the member may make the donation in their name if they like.

#### **Poultry Chart and growing methods -**

The base unit for poultry is the Cornish X meat chicken raised to a dressed weight range of 3 lb to 10 lb. and counts as 1 chicken.

Poultry and fowl are raised in large outdoor pens and are fed a combination of produce trimmings, conventional non medicated poultry feed, whole and cracked grains, and spent brewers grains (the brewers grains are from my own home brewing and are fed as a treat to the birds). The birds are kept in an area large enough that they can scratch, forage and engage in behaviors appropriate for their species, they are also provided with dusting areas, and fresh, clean water.

Equivalency chart - All weights are dressed weight not live weight.

Cornish X raised to 3-10 lbs = 1 chicken

Cornish X raised to Cornish Game Hen size (22. oz approximate weight) = 1/2 chicken

Stewing hen = 1 chicken

Duck raised to 3-5 lbs = 3 chickens

Goose raised to 5-8 lbs = 6 chickens

Turkey raised to 8-15 lbs = 6 chickens

Live bird substitution -

It is possible for a member to substitute live chicks or aged layers for dressed birds. The exchange rate will depend on the type of chicks, and age that the member requests.