



## Thornapple Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) 2016 Member Agreement

To become a shareholder in the Thornapple CSA for the 2016 season, please fill out and return this agreement with your first payment. Make checks payable to Thornapple CSA. Membership is on a first come basis and submission of this application does not guarantee membership.

As a member,

- I commit to supporting the farm through my share payment and applicable work hours (“sweat equity”) as detailed below from May through mid-October.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to pick up my share each week or make other arrangements. I understand that my share will not be available to me beyond the arranged pick up time. I do not expect to have my share held for me.
- As a member of Thornapple CSA, I will receive a weekly share for 20 weeks beginning the first week of June.
- The target weekly share should be about enough produce for a family of four or two adults who usually cook at home and eat a lot of vegetables. I understand shares will vary in size and will contain the vegetables currently being harvested. I also understand that I am sharing the risks as well as the benefits of the farm and that the harvest is subject to growing conditions and other environmental variables and that there is a risk of crop failure. I understand that I am making a financial commitment, that there is no guarantee of the amount of produce that I will receive, and that there will be no refunds.

**Sweat Equity** is work on the farm and can consist of weeding, planting, harvesting, organizing, transporting produce, or other efforts as overseen or approved by the farmer. Members will be notified of Community Work Days and regular times when work may be conducted as available. Special arrangements may also be made with the CSA to accommodate individual schedules or needs. These work hours are valued at \$10/hour and are expected to be completed as the season progresses. This amounts to 3 hours/month, May through September, or 2.5 hours/month May through October. Members will be expected to sign in and sign out at the farm, documenting their hours. Members not able to complete their hours as the season progresses will be expected to reimburse the CSA at the \$10/hour rate. Monthly updates and/or invoices concerning sweat equity will be sent via email. This monthly tracking and reimbursement is designed to allow for the farmer to be paid for making up any missing hours, ensuring that the ongoing planting and harvesting on behalf of all members does not suffer due to any individual members’ inadvertent absences.

*The planning, preparation, and expenses of the CSA begin long before the harvest begins. Therefore, we encourage members to support the farm by including full payment for their share with the Shareholder Commitment Agreement if they are in a position to do so.*

Check one	Share Options	Cost	Sweat Equity – (\$10/hour equivalent)	Average Cost per week
	Basic Share with Sweat Equity	\$400	3 hours/month (15 total hours)	\$20.00
	Basic Share without Sweat Equity	\$550	None	\$27.50
	Double Share with Sweat Equity	\$744	5 hours/month (25 total hours)	\$37.20
	Double Share without Sweat Equity	\$990	None	\$49.50

- Thornapple CSA farm location: 1300 Mt Hope Highway, Charlotte, MI 48813
- Business address: Thornapple CSA, c/o Diane Thompson, 1611 Osborn Rd., Lansing, MI 48915
- Business phone: (517) 230-5821

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**Payment Options**

Check one		Lump payment due on signing	Three payments: 1 <sup>st</sup> due on signing, 2 <sup>nd</sup> due on 6/1/16, 3 <sup>rd</sup> due on 7/1/16
	Basic Share with Sweat Equity	\$400	\$133.33
	Basic Share without Sweat Equity	\$550	\$183.33
	Double Share with Sweat Equity	\$744	\$248.00
	Double Share without Sweat Equity	\$990	\$330.00

*Make checks payable to **Thornapple CSA** and mail with this agreement to:  
**Diane Thompson, 1611 Osborn Rd., Lansing, MI 48915***

As a Thornapple CSA member, I understand that I am responsible for making payments according to the plan I select. This completed Member Agreement serves as the sole notification of amounts due and I will not be sent an invoice. There are no refunds, however members may recruit someone to take over their share and arrange to receive payment from this new member.

Shareholder name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Members may choose to divide the cost, work, and produce between 2 or more households by members themselves. Members who are dividing their shares are all responsible for the entire share price and any applicable sweat equity. If you will be sharing your share, please provide the following information and have all partners sign the agreement.

1. Share partner name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

2. Share partner name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Thornapple Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Liability Waiver for Members and Guests

*Note: All participating adults, spouses of members, and both parents of minor children must sign this waiver.*

The undersigned on her/his behalf AND on behalf of any minor who the undersigned is a parent or guardian, agrees to release the owners of real and personal property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by Thornapple CSA, its owners, employees, and contracted laborers for the loss, expense, claim or cause of action, however caused, arising directly or indirectly from participating in any Thornapple CSA activities whether on or off property owned by Thornapple CSA or its owners.

I do hereby agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have against Thornapple CSA and its owners, officers, agents, employees, and contracted laborers from any and all claims for injuries, damage, or loss that I may have or which may accrue to me as a result of my participation in Thornapple CSA.

The items and issues agreed upon in this paragraph shall survive beyond the expiration, or otherwise termination, of the membership share agreement. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend Thornapple CSA and its owners, officers, agents, workers, assistants, interns, employees, and contracted laborers from any and all claims for injuries, damage or loss sustained by me and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of Thornapple CSA.

Thornapple CSA may use other properties not owned by Jane Bush to grow produce of which I do hereby agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have against those owners, officers, agents, workers, assistants, interns, employees, and contracted laborers from any and all claims for injuries, damage, or loss that I may have or which may accrue to me as a result of my participation in activities at said properties.

Owners of "Split Shares" – please make a copy for all adult parties to sign as necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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