

Talkeetna Grown CSA ~ DENALI PRODUCE SHARE AGREEMENT 2019

Names of Household Members authorized to pick up shares. *A "Household" Is Anyone Planning to Receive a Portion of this CSA Share:*

Primary E-mail Address _____ Primary Phone Number _____

Secondary E-mail Address _____ Secondary Phone Number _____

Mailing Address _____

I would like to receive text updates: No Yes: my carrier is..... AT&T GCI Other _____

I/we have **read the information provided about CSAs (see reverse)** and understand our commitment to the CSA process. I/we understand that farming is weather dependent and that by registering we are agreeing to share in the risks of this adventure with you, Talkeetna Grown. I/we realize that you cannot refund any subscription and trust that you will use your skills and knowledge to provide us with a steady supply of fresh produce for the 2019 season. We also understand that it is our commitment to **come to the pick-up location within 24 hours of the designated pickup time**. If we are unable to make it, we must arrange for someone else to pick-up our produce for us at the designated location and time. Missed share pick-ups may be donated to the food bank or shared with the volunteers and staff of the designated pick up location.

Signature of Household Member _____ Date _____

PLEASE CHECK your preferred share size (full, standard or solo), plus any discount that applies

\$ _____ **Denali SOLO** For singles that want to consume it all in one week, about 2/3 of the standard share - \$250

\$ _____ **Denali STANDARD** for a couple or small family that eat their veggies! - \$350

\$ _____ **Add Flying Squirrel Bakery BREAD** - \$75. Receive one fresh bread per week, whatever we decide to bake and send! Usually one large/hearty bread. Only available along with purchase of SOLO or STANDARD share.

\$ _____ **Add 'Keetna Farm Microgreens** - \$70. We're partnering with Jesika at nearby Keetna Farm to bring you fresh microgreens! More veggies with your veggies! Four ounces of farmer's choice microgreens or pea shoots per week goes a long way (imagine a packed full pint jar). Only available along with purchase of SOLO or STANDARD share.

\$ _____ **Total Enclosed** Method of Payment _____

** Payment in full by credit card can be accepted online at talkeetnafarm.com. If you pay online, PLEASE MAKE SURE WE STILL GET THIS FORM! You may download, fill out, and save the form, then email it to: brian@talkeetnafarm.com*

Payment in full must be received by 6/15/2019

CHECK YOUR PREFERRED PICK UP LOCATION: Denali Education Center Shaffer Building, DNP

Denali Share pick-ups will begin Tuesday, July 2 and continue weekly through September 3.

E-mail notification will be sent as a reminder before the first pick up day and for other farm updates.

*Please mail this form with payment to: **BIRCH CREEK RANCH - P.O. BOX 685, Talkeetna, AK 99676 - 733-7885**

Receipt for Talkeetna Grown CSA DENALI PRODUCE SHARE 2019

Place this receipt on your refrigerator to help you remember to pick up your veggies!

Total Paid _____ Date _____ Size of Share (circle): Solo + Bread + Microgreens
Standard + Bread + Microgreens

Names on Share _____ Pick Up Location (circle one): DEC DNP Shaffer Bldg

SHARE PICK UP LOCATIONS:

Denali Education Center, MP 231 Parks Hwy, behind Denali Park Village, boxes will be on the porch behind the Charles Sheldon Ctr.
Shaffer Building, Denali National Park, boxes will be in the entry; contact Katherine Belcher for info regarding DNP pick up location.

SHARE PICK UP TIME: Tuesdays, July 2 - September 3, 3-6pm ~ *Please pick up shares within 24 hours of scheduled pick up time during regular business hours of the pick up location — the sooner you pick up, the fresher the veggies!*

CONTACT INFO: Brian Kingsbury – BIRCH CREEK RANCH – 733-7885 – cell 841-7885 – brian@talkeetnafarm.com



Now offering two Denali area pick up locations! To receive Talkeetna Grown veggies up north, this form and payment in full must be received by June 15, 2019!

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. CSA's are a means of creating a mutually beneficial connection between consumers and farmers. Community members who want to support a local CSA farm can buy a subscription early in the season. In turn, members receive weekly bounty from the farm throughout the season.

Following is a list of what you may see this summer in a CSA share plus all kinds of info about how CSAs work and what to expect.

- Beet Greens
- Fresh Herbs
- Red Cabbage
- Beets
- Green Beans
- Rhubarb
- Bok Choy
- Green Cabbage
- Snap Peas
- Broccoli
- Green Onions
- Swiss Chard
- Brussel Sprouts
- Kale
- Tomatoes
- Carrots
- Kohlrabi
- Turnips
- Cauliflower
- Lettuce
- Yellow Squash
- Celery greens
- Mustard Greens
- Zucchini
- Collard Greens
- Parsley
- Winter Squash
- Cucumber
- Potatoes

HOW FARMERS BENEFIT

By supporting local farmers directly, you eliminate the middle person, ideally moving agriculture towards a livable wage. Share money early in the season means growers can pay wages and purchase supplies when bills start coming in January as many expenses occur before June. Knowing how many families to grow for, growers can concentrate on pre-sold crops and not waste time, energy and resources speculating. Direct contact with members is a big benefit. Farming is hard, financially challenging work. Interacting with members creates a connection to the community.

HOW MEMBERS BENEFIT

Interacting with the people who grow the food you eat enables children and adults to connect to their food source and to the cycles of the growing season. Your CSA produce is harvested, bunched and displayed at the pick-up site, more convenient than driving to town. Veggies are picked fewer than 36 hours before you collect them. This short period from the farmer's hands to your hands, guarantees vine-ripened taste and crispness, unmatched by stores. Also, do the math and you'll see that CSA dollars purchase as much, if not more than other subscription vegetable boxes, and more produce than you could get for the same money at a store.

HOW THE ENVIRONMENT BENEFITS

Locally grown produce is distributed with minimal waste of fossil fuels. It is our goal to use sustainable growing methods, working toward being completely organic in the long term. Organic growing methods improve soil fertility, assuring sustainable crops for years to come. By not using synthetic pesticides or herbicides, the soil remains 'alive' with vital microbes that promote plant growth, eliminating the need for synthetic fertilizers. Finally, by being a Talkeetna Grown CSA member, you reduce the use of fossil fuels needed to get produce from the lower 48 to a store in Alaska and to get you to town to buy it.

WHAT'S THE CATCH?

Joining a CSA means making a commitment to the process. You will receive super fresh food at a discounted price. In return, you agree to endure a few limitations:

Limited hours of pick-up: CSA's cannot offer the convenience of grocery-store hours. We depend upon the generosity of the pick up locations. **Members need to pick-up their share within 24 hours of the scheduled pick up time, and during regular operating hours of the pick up location – the sooner you pick up, the fresher the veggies!** Any member can arrange to have a friend or family member pick up for them. If you can't arrange pick up, you forfeit your share which will be given to charity or donated to staff and volunteers of the designated pick up location.

Only what's "in season": Members agree to receive food that can be grown locally at that time of year.

Exact specifications: Along with limits on what is available when, you may also not be able to get the exact portions you desire of a certain item. Portions, based on the day's harvest, are an approximation of what the 'average' shareholder will want. Some members enjoy the challenge of learning to utilize that week's bounty. The "trade bin" is an opportunity to swap veggies you don't need with other extras we provide, or to trade with other share members.

Risk: Members agree to assume all the risks that farmers do. The farmer is growing for you. If the weather doesn't cooperate and a crop fails, or is greatly reduced in yield, if our seed supplier sends us non-viable seeds and nothing grows, if it's so hot that all the broccoli bolts, members will feel it. The farmer's goal is to grow diverse crops some of which will do well in conditions that other crops hate. Even though the idea of a CSA is that you agree to take the risk with us, it is the goal of Talkeetna Grown for you to feel that "you got your share!"

HOW THIS WORKS

Ready to sign up? Need more details? Here is some info that might help you, then fill out the registration form (see reverse).

Which size should I choose? A couple or small family who don't eat veggies at every meal would probably want to choose a **standard share** and expect to have just a little extra at the height of summer to freeze a few small batches. The **solo share** is meant for single folks or a couple that doesn't eat a lot of veggies and wants to consume everything in less than a week.

Sharing shares: If you choose to share a share with a friend, find a way that works for you and make it happen on your own.

How long will my veggies last? When you buy produce from a supermarket, it may be already be several days old. With ordering, shipping, stocking, restocking and display time, even local food is not always fresh when you buy it in the store. Produce from a farm will often stay fresh for a week, sometimes two or more for items like potatoes and cabbages. Most veggies prefer to be stored in a cool, dark place like a refrigerator or root cellar.

Payment: Send in the form with a check made out to Birch Creek Ranch or pay with a credit card on our website. Payment must be received by June 15!

Receiving Shares: You will receive reminder email in late June, informing you of the arrival of the first harvest. Pick-ups will begin in July and continue through the first week of September.

For more information please contact:

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