

Thornapple Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) 2010 Member Agreement

To become a shareholder in the Thornapple CSA for the 2010 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 4 hours of work each month from May 19 through October 27.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to pick up my share each Wednesday at the Allen St. market between 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm or make arrangements to pick up the share at the farm. 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 **24** weeks.
- 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.

* Members may elect to begin helping out at the farm before the harvest begins. In this case, volunteer hours may be spread over the additional months.

The basic share price for the 2010 growing season is \$650, with a time commitment of 4 hours per share each month (24H total).

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. At the request of several members, we are offering additional options.

Share options

	Cost	Sweat Equity	Average Cost per week
Full Share with Sweat Equity	\$650	4 hours per month from May through October	\$27.25
Half Share with Sweat Equity	\$350	2 hours May through October	\$14.58
Full Share without Sweat Equity	\$650 + \$240= \$890	None	\$37.08
Half Share without Sweat Equity	\$350+ \$120= \$470	None	\$19.59

Notes.

*The CSA Core group decided to value the sweat equity at \$10/ hour. If we have to hire someone, we can pay them a reasonable wage. So 6 months * 4 hours * \$10/ hr = \$240.

**The share price includes a \$25 fee, so that the CSA can donate one share to the Women's Center, which distributes the food to low income women.

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Payment Options

	Lump payment Due on Signing	Three payments; First one due on signing, 2 more payments due: 4-1-10, 6-1-10
Full Share with Sweat Equity	\$650	\$216.67
Half Share with Sweat Equity	\$350	\$116.67
Full Share without Sweat Equity	\$890	\$296.67
Half Share without Sweat Equity	\$470	\$156.67

*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 Shareholder Commitment 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.

By participating in a mixed income CSA, I am supporting my local farmer as well as a more equitable local food system and, in doing so, I am helping to create a more environmentally just, economically fair and healthy society.

Shareholder name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ E-mail _____

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 the 4 hours per month 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 _____

2. Share partner name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ E-mail _____

I/we _____ wish to support the Thornapple CSA for the 2010 harvest season.

Member Signature _____ Date _____

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Thornapple CSA land is located at 1300 Mt Hope Highway, Charlotte, MI 48813.