

*Heritage Harvest Farm*

*Community-Supported Agriculture Packet*

*2014*

## **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: EARLY PAY PROMOTION!**

### **Pay by Jan. 31, 2014 and Receive an Extra Week – Free!**

Simply become a paid shareholder by January 31, 2014, and Heritage Harvest Farm will add an extra week to your produce/egg CSA share for the 2014 season.

With your early payment, your CSA share for 2014 will begin the first week of May. That means shareholders will receive one extra week for no additional charge.

Heritage Harvest Farm begins accepting payments for 2014 CSA shares January 1, 2014. Early payments fund seed and plant purchases, which occur in January. We'll start seeding for the 2014 season in February.

This is a \$25 value for our shareholders who are just as enthusiastic for our CSA as we are! Early payment and promo week will be noted on your receipt. \*

**\*This offer expires January 31, 2014. Shareholders who pay February 1 – March 15, 2014 will begin receiving their shares as scheduled. Promotion week is for the produce/egg CSA only; does not apply to the chicken CSA.**

## Heritage Harvest Farm Community-Supported Agriculture Program FAQs

*What is the Heritage Harvest Farm's Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program?*

Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a direct-buy program that allows Central Ohio consumers to purchase local, seasonal fruits, vegetables, eggs and whole chicken (where available) from Heritage Harvest Farm. There is no middle man, nor big grocery chains. Your share was grown, tended, harvested and sold by Matt and Corinne Gompf, owners of Heritage Harvest Farm.

Heritage Harvest Farm is located in Morrow County, on County Road 46 in Galion, Ohio. The two-acre farm was purchased in August 2010 with large-scale fruit and vegetable production, as well as the CSA, in mind. Along with the land, the two outbuildings were attained with the purchase to serve as a makeshift chicken coop and garden-supplies storage building. The greenhouses were built by Heritage Harvest Farm owner/operator Matt Gompf. In 2013, an additional one-and-a-half acres were rented to increase production to meet CSA demand.

*What is a share?*

As a member of the Heritage Harvest Farm's CSA, you are entitled to a share of the harvest for the 2014 growing season. Depending on your membership, you may receive a weekly or biweekly share.

CSA members must realize that the size of weekly shares will depend on the season, weather and produce cooperation. Early- and late-season shares will be smaller, while summer shares will have more fresh, tasty produce!

Each share will consist of a variety of fruits and vegetables, along with a dozen eggs. The amount of each variety can not be predetermined, as the production of such items depends largely on Mother Nature. There is no guarantee of quantity.

Each share amounts to a minimum of \$25 each week in produce, eggs and specialty items. As the season progresses, shares will increase in value because more produce will be available, but you will not be charged more! We feel it is important for shareholders to have some produce to preserve for winter in order to enjoy our bounty throughout the year. If you do not wish to preserve, then it is our gift to you to share with friends, family or neighbors, or use as you please. Shares will never amount to less than \$25 each week, making each week an opportunity to receive fresh produce, eggs and baked goods, jams, spice mixes, etc.

New for 2014 is our chicken share, which will be available for our Powell and Mt. Vernon CSA customers only. Like our regular CSA, you may choose a weekly or biweekly option. Each pick-up will include a whole frozen chicken that was pastured-raised in small flocks at Heritage Harvest Farm. Chickens will be around four pounds, and are processed at a licensed, state-inspected facility.

*Where are the pick-ups?*

You can pick up your share at designated locations, usually during farmers' market hours. We will have CSA pick-ups for Galion, Powell and Mount Vernon area customers. You will be notified of final pick-up details prior to the start of the season.

*What if I miss a pick-up?*

Picking up your share is your responsibility. We commit to being at scheduled markets for you to pick up your share. If you are going on vacation or need to miss a week, please contact Matt or Corinne to make arrangements for a make-up pick-up. Remembering to pick up your share is your responsibility. If you fail to pick up your share, we will not repick. We are also unable to refrigerate a missed share, so the quality of your share will diminish the longer it takes for you to pick it up. A forgotten share will be used at our discretion. You will not get a refund for the missed week.

*What are the advantages of joining a CSA?*

By purchasing a membership from Heritage Harvest Farm's CSA, you are making a commitment to eating fresh fruits, vegetables and eggs that are harvested at their highest peak of flavor and nutrients. You will be exposed to unique varieties of foods that are either not found in conventional grocery stores or are too expensive for the family's food budget.

*How long has the farm and CSA been in operation?*

Egg production at Heritage Harvest Farm has been in operation since 2010, and large-scale fruit and vegetable gardening was established in 2011. Heritage Harvest Farm began selling at farmers' markets in 2011.

*What experience do the operators have in agriculture?*

Matt Gompf has a degree in agriculture education from The Ohio State University and is the agriculture-education teacher and FFA advisor at Mount Gilead High School in Mount Gilead, Ohio. Corinne Gompf has a degree in English from the University of Toledo and is an experienced home gardener and food preserver. For a time, she was a gardening columnist for community newspapers throughout the country.

*What types of fruits and vegetables are grown on the CSA?*

Heritage Harvest Farm grows edible fruits and vegetables, such as varieties of: arugula, beets, berries, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, lettuces, spinach, scallions, garlic, onions, peas, peppers, radishes, turnips, parsnips, beans, corn, squash, potatoes, cucumbers, melons, pumpkins, cauliflower, eggplant, herbs, tomatoes, etc. From seed to share, everything is grown on the farm's acreage.

**The farm and CSA does NOT purchase anything from a produce auction and repackage it. Not every CSA or farmers' market vendor does, so be sure to ask before you buy!**

*How are your fruits and vegetables grown?*

Heritage Harvest Farm practices natural and traditional growing and maintenance methods, which are primarily done by hand. Many varieties of fruits and vegetables are delicate and must be handled with care to minimize bruising.

Because the CSA serves as a source of the family's fruits, vegetables, chicken and eggs, the utmost in care, safety and quality is taken into concern. Both heirloom and hybrid seeds are used on Heritage Harvest Farm. Because of this, CSA members will be able to taste an array of fruits and vegetables that are uncommon in chain grocery stores. Hybrid seeds are NOT the same as GMO. If you have questions, please contact us to discuss.

*What kind of chickens do you have?*

Heritage Harvest Farm has had several breeds of chickens, including Rhode Island Reds, Golden Buffs, Ameraucana, Speckled Sussex and Welsummer. For 2014, the layer flock will consist of Barred Rocks, Golden Buffs and Ameraucanas.

The chickens are not certified organic and are not fed organic feed. They have access to feed and water 24 hours a day. The chickens are cage-free and on pasture. They have a mobile coop, which is moved to fresh pasture frequently.

The broilers (meat birds) are Cornish Cross. They are also not fed organic grain, but are pastured-raised for improved meat quality in mobile chicken tractor.

*How do I become a CSA member?*

To join the Heritage Harvest Farm's CSA, it is in your best interest to contact the farm early to reserve a share with the following methods:

Heritage Harvest Farm  
8546 County Road 46  
Galion, Ohio 44833  
(740) 294-1083; (419) 566-8807

heritageharvestfarm@hotmail.com

[heritageharvestfarm.weebly.com](http://heritageharvestfarm.weebly.com) and Like us on Facebook!

## 2014 Heritage Harvest Farm's CSA Terms of Agreement

I commit to membership in the Heritage Harvest Farm Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program for the weeks of Saturday, May 10 (Thursday, May 8) – Saturday, October 18, (Thursday, October 16) 2014 harvest season.

### The Shares

As a member of the CSA, I will receive a weekly or biweekly share of produce and eggs, or chickens, for 24 or 12 weeks, depending on share option, beginning the week May (8) 10, 2014. *Note: The shares will vary by size and weight, depending on the time of the harvest season.*

There are a limited number of CSA memberships, which are issued at a first-come, first-serve basis.

Members support their producer (Heritage Harvest Farm) by sharing the inherent risks of agriculture, such as poor weather, drought, disease, crop failure, pests, etc., and the rewards of a bountiful harvest. Heritage Harvest Farm plans for such contingencies and uses production techniques to reduce risk to members, as well as optimizes rewards by growing a variety of crops, cover cropping, crop rotation and irrigation. The distributions in spring and fall will be smaller in size and variety than those in the summer. Shares are designed to accommodate a family of four, or two adults who eat a lot of produce. Eggs may be brown and blue-green, as determined by the hen's breed. Chickens are whole and frozen, and weigh around four pounds. *Note: Members will receive an array of produce and eggs in plentiful amounts, according to growing condition and season, though there is no guarantee of particular crops or quantity, nor is there a guarantee that every dozen of eggs be all brown or blue-green and are not graded. Every dozen of eggs will be mixed size and color. Whole chickens are not guaranteed to weigh more than four pounds.*

*Therefore, I agree that while Heritage Harvest Farm will act in good faith to provide fresh produce, eggs and chicken that are grown on-site for the duration of the season, there is no guarantee of quantity or content of weekly or bi-weekly shares.*

*Heritage Harvest Farm is not responsible for the members' mishandling or misuse of the produce, eggs and chicken in their share. Members are encouraged to refrigerate their produce, eggs and chicken in a timely manner. Please cook your chickens to the appropriate temperature and never consume raw or undercooked meat.*

In the unlikely event that severe weather, disease, pest damage or other natural disaster results in a level of crop destruction or egg- or meat-production failure that prevents Heritage Harvest Farm from continuing its weekly or biweekly distributions, members will be notified immediately via e-mail and remaining share allowances would be rolled into a credit toward the next season's shares, if members choose to renew their CSA memberships. *There are no refunds.*

**The cost of a Heritage Harvest Farm's CSA membership is as follows:**

Weekly share           \$600  
Biweekly share       \$300

**The cost of a Heritage Harvest Farm Chicken CSA membership is as follows:**

Weekly                   \$408  
Biweekly share       \$224

*(This option is for Powell and Mount Vernon customers only).*

Payments will be accepted January 1 through March 15, 2014. Late payments are subject to a \$50 fee. At this time, cash, check or PayPal (through our web site) are the only accepted payments. Additional fee applies with PayPal payments.

Members are responsible for picking up their weekly or biweekly share from a designated location and assigned time or at Heritage Harvest Farm. The handling of shares that are not picked up by a member is distributed at the discretion of Heritage Harvest Farm.

***Members will be notified of final pickup instructions by May 1, 2014.***

**Refunds and Cancellations**

***Heritage Harvest Farm reserves the right to deny or cancel a membership at its discretion.***

Members understand that Heritage Harvest Farm will issue ***no refunds*** during the 2014 harvest season. If a member wants to sell the remainder of his/her share, it must be done through a third-party agreement. The member will notify Heritage Harvest Farm of the change and disclose the third-party name for pickup identification.

**Contact Information**

Heritage Harvest Farm  
8546 County Road 46  
Galion, Ohio 44833

(740) 294-1083  
(419) 566-8807

heritageharvestfarm@hotmail.com

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

## 2014 Heritage Harvest Farm's CSA Membership Reservation Form

Complete and return this form, the terms of agreement form and your payment to:



Heritage Harvest Farm  
8546 County Road 46  
Galion, Ohio 44833

Your reservation form, signed terms of agreement and payment must be received January 1, 2014 through **March 15, 2014**. Late paperwork and payments are subject to a \$50 fee.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CSA SHARE SELECTION: *please indicate membership*

Weekly CSA Share – 24 weeks of produce                      \$600  
*Pickups once a week.*

Biweekly CSA Share – 12 weeks of produce                      \$300  
*Pickups two weeks a month.*

Weekly Chicken CSA Share – 24 chickens                      \$408  
*Pickups once a week.*

Biweekly Chicken CSA Share – 12 chickens                      \$224  
*Pickups two weeks a month.*

Please make checks payable to: Heritage Harvest Farm. Visit [heritageharvestfarm.weebly.com](http://heritageharvestfarm.weebly.com) for PayPal option; additional fee applies.

***Sign the Terms of Agreement page of this contract and return both pages with payment to purchase your membership by March 15, 2014.***

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