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COOPERATIVE CSA SHAREHOLDER GUIDE

WHO IS DUDLEY CREEK FARM?

We are Andrew and Lexie. Together, with our two young sons, we are Dudley Creek Farm – trying to make a go of sustainable farming and Cooperative Community Supported Agriculture (CCSA). What we do may sound familiar, but *how* we do it, is very unique. We take care to invest in hard work; top quality products and produce; advanced and efficient harvesting technology and equipment; and innovative pastoral practices.

We believe in providing families with sustainably grown foods, from a source you can trust. We also believe in empowering you, our partners and friends, with the knowledge and skills necessary to take it a step further...by producing your food in your own backyard. We believe in self-reliance. We believe in sustainable. We believe in you.

WHAT IS COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE?

Cooperative Community Supported Agriculture is agribusiness designed to support local sustainable farming practices. Small farmsteads, like Dudley Creek Farm, have designed a CCSA platform to help meet early seasonal startup costs; share some of the risk with customers; provide healthy, delicious, farm-fresh meats, eggs, and produce; and give shareholders* special opportunities. Shareholders sign a contract that for a fee, you'll receive promised goods...accepting that there are inherent risks involved in farming – including, but not limited to, hail, drought, pests, death or disease. We, as farmers, cannot make guarantees on the items that we sell, though we promise to do our best. We also sell directly to the public through farmers' markets and on the farm during advertised events.

So in a nutshell, you pay a sum up front that covers the costs of raising the animals and plants. In return, the farm raises and harvests all products to the point of delivery. We invite (and encourage) shareholders to participate in all portions of the process – from planting to harvesting. Participating in the process allows you to see where your food is coming from and provides valuable help maintaining a small farm. Check our website for details!

**Please note: Shareholders do not receive shares in the actual farm, but in the animals and products produced by the farm.*

WHY DUDLEY CREEK FARM?

Northern Colorado is pioneering community agriculture and farm to table food production. We recognize that there are many CSA options in the Fort Collins area, so why choose Dudley Creek Farm? We use sustainable pasture based practices. We constantly strive to provide others with high quality, great tasting, and nutritious food. We care where our food comes from and what goes into our products. We are passionate about creating a farm that is full of diversity and progression. We care about our land and animals and believe in treating them with respect. We care about what goes into our bodies and would not sell you anything that we wouldn't feed to our own children.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM DUDLEY CREEK FARM?

From the produce we grow, the superiority of our flocks and herds, the value of experiences and education, to the friendships you will develop, you can expect the best from Dudley Creek Farm. You are guaranteed open and honest communication. You are guaranteed transparency in our processes. We will not cut corners or make exceptions to our high standards. You can always expect top quality and chemical free products.

You can also expect up-to-date information posted on our website – www.dudleycreekfarm.com, Facebook and Instagram. Updates, details, and changes will be posted there first. We will do our best to keep you in the know.

WHAT DOES DUDLEY CREEK FARM EXPECT FROM YOU?

Dudley Creek Farm expects our shareholders to abide by the binding terms of our contracts. This includes full, on-time payment during the CSA enrollment period. You are also expected to pick up your deliveries, on time, every time. We do not have the storage capacity to make long term exceptions, but we will work with you to make additional arrangements when necessary. Pick up dates, times, and locations will be posted online. We invite you to pick up at the farm or at community and business drop-offs. Please plan on bringing a reusable bag to transport your produce home. We also encourage you to return gently used egg cartons.

Our facilities are available for education opportunities, but are still privately owned and operated. We expect our shareholders to treat property and animals with care and respect.

You are not expected in your contract to participate in the growing or harvesting process, but we do invite and encourage you to take part. Please schedule a time to volunteer at the farm! We love help weeding, feeding, and harvesting both plants and animals. Volunteers may be eligible for discounted shares during the next growing season.

WHAT DOES DUDLEY CREEK FARM OFFER?

Currently Dudley Creek Farm offers farm fresh chicken and duck eggs, as well as pasture raised chicken shares (meat). **Contracts for Chicken Meat Shares for the 2016 season are due by December 31, 2015.** For more information, please see our website www.dudleycreekfarm.com or e-mail info@dudleycreekfarm.com. You should also follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/dudleycreekfarm and on Instagram DudleyCreekFarm.

Shares of a wide array of fresh produce will become available during the 2016 season. Beginning in 2017, we will have beef from our growing cattle herd. Honey will also be seasonally available in the coming seasons.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Farm fresh produce, eggs, honey and meats are truly investments in your families! Safe food storage and handling practices reduce food borne illness. We encourage all of our shareholders to learn more

EGGS: All of our eggs are delivered unwashed. We recommend waiting to wash them until you're ready to use them. Gently scrubbing with warm, soapy water is best. We also encourage you to thoroughly cook your eggs prior to consuming them.

DUCK EGGS: Duck eggs are larger than chicken eggs and have a higher egg white content. They are also unwashed, but are great for baking!

CHICKEN and TURKEY PRODUCTS: Always store fresh poultry in a sealed container in the refrigerator or freezer. You should also thaw your meats in the fridge – not on the counter. Additionally, cooking your meats to a safe internal temperature

HONEY: We suggest storing your fresh honey in a closed container at room temperature. Crystallization is normal and natural, but can be exacerbated by a cooler environment. Should your honey develop crystals simply bring a pot of water to boil, turn off the heat and place your honey container in the water – cap open. Leave the honey until the water and honey have both cooled. Feel free to repeat as needed.

PRODUCE: All of our produce is unwashed. While we may remove some dirt or rinse some items, it is not washed for consumption. We hope to provide you with produce that is as fresh as possible. Please wash your produce when you are ready to use it.

THE SPECIFICS

Currently we are offering pasture raised, farm fresh whole chicken and turkey; eggs (both chicken and duck); and produce, for farm members. All of our animals are raised outdoors on fresh pasture. They are moved regularly to fresh grass. These practices produce the best flavor and highest nutritional value.

Please note: Eggs are unwashed. This is done to protect the integrity of the egg and shell. Failure to wash eggs before use may result in food borne illness. Poultry, frozen or fresh, should be cooked to established safe temperatures before consuming. Failure to practice safe food handling or cooking processes may result in food borne illness. Dudley Creek Farm is not responsible for illness or injury related to our products.

Currently, we offer the following shares:

A **CHICKEN MEAT SHARE** consists of: 1 whole, frozen chicken (approximately 3.5lbs) – total cost is per pound.

- The current chicken meat bird contract term is *June 2016 through September 2016*
- **Contracts for Chicken Meat Shares for the 2016 season are due by December 31, 2015.** For more information, please see our website www.dudleycreekfarm.com or e-mail info@dudleycreekfarm.com.
- When determining how many shares work for you, please consider that one share equals one whole chicken.
- Total cost is determined per pound. **We charge \$4.00 per pound. There is a \$10.00 deposit per bird, due at enrollment. This money will be applied to the total cost of the bird paid at pickup.**

Example: 10 shares = 10 birds

1 bird = 3.5 lbs x \$4.00 = \$14.00 total cost (approximately) per bird – actual cost may vary slightly

A **TURKEY MEAT SHARE** consists of: 1 whole, frozen turkey (available in November) – total cost is per pound.

- The current turkey meat bird contract term is *November 2016*
- **Contracts for Turkey Meat Shares for the 2016 season are due by December 31, 2015.** For more information, please see our website www.dudleycreekfarm.com or e-mail info@dudleycreekfarm.com.
- When determining how many shares work for you, please consider that one share equals one whole turkey.
- Total cost is determined per pound. **We charge \$5 per pound. There is a \$10.00 deposit per bird, due at enrollment. This money will be applied to the total cost of the bird paid at pickup.**

A **CHICKEN EGG SHARE** consists of: One (1) dozen (12) chicken eggs each week.

- Eggs are available year round, however, quantities are subject to availability. The current chicken egg contract term is *May 2016 through September 2016*
January 2016– April 2016: Limited Quantities and Availability
October 2016 – December 2016: Limited Quantities and Availability
- When determining how many shares work for you, please consider that one share equals one dozen eggs per week

Example: 1 share = 1 dozen eggs (12 eggs) per week from May through September (5 months)

*It is not required to have an egg share in order to buy eggs, however by having an egg share, the shareholder has first right to available eggs.

In 2016, **PRODUCE** will be available on the farm. *

- Produce will be available for purchase from June through October.
- Produce will consist of seasonal farm fresh fruits and vegetables. Selection and quantities may vary during harvest. Please check online at www.dudleycreekfarm.com or our [Facebook](#) page for details on what is available on the farm each day.

* Produce is available at a discount to Farm Members.

Pick up is at Dudley Creek Farm on processing days. Please check online at www.dudleycreekfarm.com or our [Facebook](#) page for details.

Please note: *I understand that if I am unable to pick up my shares on the assigned day, it is my responsibility to make arrangements to have my order picked up. Failure to pick up shares will result in forfeiture of my monthly share.*

THE AGREEMENT

This contract establishes my participation in the Dudley Creek Farm, LLC Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program. I (the shareholder) understand that there are inherent risks associated with this CSA including but not limited to extreme weather (hail, flooding, frost and snow), drought, pests, unexpected crop failure, death or disease. I also understand that Dudley Creek Farm cannot guarantee exact quantities or selections, and by joining the Dudley Creek Farm CSA, I am acknowledging and accepting the consequences that those risks involve.

I understand that I may transfer ownership of my shares to another person; however, there are NO exchanges, substitutions or refunds except as defined in this agreement. Share transfers may be accepted IF the party to which it is transferred signs a CSA agreement with Dudley Creek Farm. Shares are offered on a full term option only. Month to month share purchases or partial terms options are not available.

Dudley Creek Farms, LLC reserves the right to modify the terms of this agreement at any time. Updates and changes will be made available through www.dudleycreekfarm.com, via e-mail communication, or printed copies available on location.

I hereby waive and release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Dudley Creek Farms, LLC and, their management, directors, affiliates and members from any and all claims, damages, causes of action, demands and liabilities arising from participation in the Dudley Creek farm, LLC Community Supported Agriculture program.

There is a \$10.00 deposit per bird, due at enrollment. This money will be applied to the total cost of the bird paid at pickup (# shares x per pound cost – deposit = total).

Chicken Meat Contract Term: June 2016 through September 2016

Chicken Egg Contract Term: May 2016 through September 2016

Limited Availability and Quantities: January 2016 through April 2016 and October 2016 through December 2016

Turkey Meat Contract Term: November 2016

PRODUCT	#	COST EACH	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Meat Share (1 bird)		Cost: \$4.00 per pound*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Meat Share (1 bird)		Cost: TBD*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Egg Share (1 dozen)		Cost: \$5 per 1 dozen	
TOTAL DUE:			

* Please note: actual bird size per pound may vary.

Member Name (please print):

Member Signature:

Date:

Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail Address:
