

### **CSA is a Partnership Between Members and Farmers**

A CSA is the idea that members support the farm by sharing in the inherent risks (poor weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure and so on) and rewards (the bounty from a good season!) of agriculture. Therefore, while The North Farm will act in good faith to provide fresh organic produce for the 18-week season, there is no guarantee of quantities or contents of weekly shares.

### **Member Responsibilities**

- *Stay informed* – The most important responsibility of all members is to educate themselves about the workings of our CSA program by thoroughly reading through the website and reading the weekly CSA newsletter. The newsletter contains important information about what's in the box, news from the farm, and details about the harvest.
- *Pick up your share* – shares will be delivered to your workplace on an established day and time. It is the member's responsibility to arrange the pick up from the drop location. If a member is absent for a week, it is his/her responsibility to find someone to take that week's share, or to notify the farm in advance that that week's share will not be collected.
- *Be Active* – We encourage all members to be active participants in the program. This can be done by staying up to date with farm happenings, participate in special events throughout the season, and keeping in touch with the farm. Communication is crucial – one of the main advantages of the CSA model is your direct connection to your farmer. Be sure to take advantage of this privilege!

### **CSA Details**

- The North Farm CSA runs for 18 weeks from June to mid- October. The beginning and end dates may change due to weather conditions.
- Shares will be delivered to the member's workplace on a specified day and time.
- Members are required to pay the entire subscription fee by the specified deadlines outlined in the payment plans section at [www.msunorthfarm.org/csa](http://www.msunorthfarm.org/csa)
- The deposits specified in the payment plans are non-refundable.
- By submitting the sign up form, you are agreeing to participate in The North Farm Workplace CSA program. You understand the guidelines explained above and are willing to accept the risks. You will pick up or arrange for pick up of your share each week. You understand there are no refunds. You appreciate locally grown, synthetic pesticide-free produce and want to ensure that it remains available in my area by becoming a shareholder in The North Farm Community Supported Agriculture Program. You understand that The North Farm will do their best to provide the sustainably produced vegetable varieties they propose at the times they estimate. However, as a shareholder in both the bounty and the risk, you understand that nature ultimately decides what you will receive and when you will receive it.