

MAINE SENIOR FARMSHARE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

By signing the Maine Senior FarmShare Program Senior FarmShare Agreement Form, I agree that I have been advised of the following:

- I have been advised of my rights and obligations under the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.
- I certify that the information I have provided for my eligibility determination is correct, to the best of my knowledge.
- This certification form is being submitted in connection with the receipt of Federal assistance. Program officials may verify the information on this form.
- I understand that intentionally making a false or misleading statement or intentionally misrepresenting, concealing, or withholding facts may result in paying the Maine Senior FarmShare Program, in cash, the value of the food benefits improperly issued to me and may subject me to civil or criminal prosecution under State and Federal law.
- I **do not** live in the same household as the farmer; I **am not** an immediate family member of the farmer.
- **I understand that I can only sign up with one farmer per year.**
- I understand that once I sign an agreement with a farmer, I am obligated to fulfill my share at this farm during this season unless extenuating circumstances occur.
- I understand that the farmer and I should determine by August 31, if I will be able to use my full \$50 share during the remainder of the season and that my unused balance may be given to other qualified seniors.
- **I understand that if I do not spend all \$50 worth of produce by the date mutually agreed upon, the farmer may or may not deliver the remaining FarmShare balance of farmer selected produce to me.**
- I understand that if I am unable to perform these actions for myself, I can designate a person (Proxy) to act on my behalf by completing a Designation of Proxy Form. This form is available from the farmer and can be completed during any part of the program season.
- The Maine Senior FarmShare Program is prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by the USDA. If I feel my rights have been violated, I may file a complaint of discrimination. (See Non-Discrimination Statement on the reverse of this sheet.)
- I understand if I have a complaint against the farmer's practices, I can file a complaint with the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF), Maine Senior FarmShare Program, #28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0028. Phone: 207-287-7526 or Fax: 207-287-7548
- I understand that I may appeal any decision made by the Maine Senior FarmShare Program regarding my eligibility for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

SENIOR AGREEMENT FORM ETHNICITY: SENIOR INFORMATION FOR USDA RECORDS:

The information requested on the Senior Agreement Form is being compiled by the Maine Senior FarmShare Program to comply with Federal record keeping regulations. You are not required to furnish this information, but your cooperation is encouraged.

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You are now signed up for the 2020 Season with the Maine Senior FarmShare Program

Farm Name	
Farm Location	
Farm Phone	
Farm Hours	

Participant Name: _____

**Bring this slip with you for each purchase.
Use the back to record your purchase amount
and remaining balance.**