

# Post Apples Definitions, Terms, and Conditions

Below are the definitions, terms and conditions that govern the operation of the Post Apple Scientific, inc. hereafter referred to as Post Apples, Post, or postapples.com  
CSA Membership, year 2014

## Definitions

**CSA** - CSA stands for 'Community Supported Agriculture'. It further describes a group of paid members co-operating with a farmer in the production of a set of crops over a defined production period. These individuals have a 'reasonable expectation' to share in the crops from that time period.

**REASONABLE EXPECTATION** - The reasonable expectation is that even if the weather is worse than 2009, and unless there is a complete 'crop failure', I will receive my share of what is produced on the farm. Produce will not be sold to others before the share expectation is met. An example is the 2009 apple crop. The yield that year was only around 300 bushels. Most of them were only good for juice. Members would have received their full share as apples until the fruit was exhausted. None would have been sold to outside customers.

**SHARE** - A share is a predetermined measurement offered by Post Apple to its members for a predetermined dollar amount. This season year, 2013, one share equals approximately one bushel or 1.244 cubic inches. A half share is one half bushel. A 1/4 share is 1/4 bushel. A bushel holds between 20 and 60 pounds of vegetables depending upon what they are. Tomatoes and Potatoes can reach 60 pounds. Apples are 36 - 42 pounds. Lettuce is more like 15 - 20 pounds.

In-other-words, the harvested crops, during any given week will be divided between the members. If the division does not fill the container it will still be considered a share. Many weeks will see volumes that go well beyond the container size.

**APPROXIMATE** - The approximate comes in due to the variability of the harvest. It will be smaller in the beginning of the season. It will be more once the main part of the season is reached.

**CROP FAILURE** - Crop failure is as it indicates. A vegetable is planted and no yield or very limited yield is harvested. Of all the items grown on the Post Farm, cantaloupes are the most unpredictable. Last year was wonderful for melons, but carrots and parsnips did not grow. Each year brings new challenges. We do raise enough variety to cover any failures though.

**SHARE CHANGE** - A share change from one category to another can be made during the growing season. The cost or refund will be based on the remaining season.

**MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATION** - A membership may be cancelled anytime during the season. However, there will be no refund once deliveries have started unless there are extenuating circumstances such as death in the family or loss/transfer of job.

**BAG OR BOX** - Each members share will be delivered in a disposable plastic bag. The cost of maintaining reusable containers is prohibitive, not-to-mention storage concerns between seasons.

**PICK-UP LOCATION** - This will be the location the member will come to each week to obtain the membership share. These locations will be determined before the season begins and every effort will be made to centralize them. There is a fee this year for deliveries made at locations other than the bulk drop-off locations.

**WHOLESALE** - Wholesale is the price that a resale outlet pays for its produce. This price varies during any growing season. This price will be made available to members for additional needs when the product is available.

**BELOW WHOLESALE** - This is the price a member will pay if they come and pick an 'allowable crop' at the farm. This price is determined by the current wholesale price minus 20%.

**ALLOWABLE CROP** - Certain crops do not lend themselves well to non-farm personnel harvesting them. Cucumber is an example due to the delicate nature of the vines. Other crops have to be harvested at particular times of the day such as summer squash. Other crops cannot be harvested when they are wet. So not all of the items raised can be harvested by members. Strawberries, Raspberries, in the fall, currants, and apples can always be picked if they are ripe and available when needed. Appointments are needed for a member to come and harvest.

**EXTRA PRODUCE** - This is an amount of a crop that is needed beyond the share quantity being provided in any given week. If more of something is required, it can be purchased, as an extra with the standard share delivery.

**HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE** - Each member understands and agrees that farming does not always produce the expected results in all areas. This means that, as a member, I may not receive as large a quantity of a particular item as expected; the quality may not be entirely as expected, but the item will very much be usable and nutritious; there may not be extra each time it is needed; there may be unexpected failures of a vegetable or fruit crop; frost may result, reducing yield and quality. If any of these noncontrollable conditions occur, Post Apple cannot be held responsible or liable. Each member also understands and agrees that membership cancellations will not be refunded beyond the formula set forth above.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read the above. I further acknowledge that I understand, and agree with the definitions, term and conditions set forth herein.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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