

Karst Kreek Farms Herd Share Agreement 2022

Welcome to the Karst Kreek Farms goat herd share program! We want your herd share experience to be enjoyable both for you and for us, so before you sign on, please read through this document to learn the terms and conditions of joining the Karst Kreek Farms herd share program.

Overview

It is illegal in the State of Indiana to sell raw milk, or even pasteurized milk from a non-Grade A dairy. It is also prohibitively expensive for a small farm to comply with Grade A dairy regulations; thus, we will never be able to sell our milk through conventional channels. However, it is legal for anyone to drink milk from their own animals. Our herd share program allows shareholders to purchase a share of our dairy goat herd, and then receive the milk/milk products produced by the shared goat.

Duration

Due to breeding periods and the amount of lactating does this year, fresh milk will not be available from late December until early-mid February. Does have been bred to kid in late February to early March. This may change as we wait to confirm pregnancies in early November. Once a doe kids, herd shares can resume 1.5 weeks later. We optimize the health of all goats on the property and they need 2 months to be dry prior to kidding. The herdshare will continue until you decide to end it. Shareholders must give a month's notice before ending their herd share agreement. Peak months, share owners may receive more than a gallon of milk per week if requested. Share owners must reach out a week before they change the size of their order to ensure enough milk is available.

Prices

Herd Shares cost \$20 to join and this fee is refundable when the owner of the herdshare submits a written request to end the herdshare with a month's notice it will be refunded. If the herd share owner does not communicate with Karst Kreek Farms for a total of 30 days, Karst Kreek will reach out to verify the continued interest in the herd share. If the herd share owner does not respond within another 30 days the herd share will be canceled and the deposit forfeited.

To keep things simple for our customers and ourselves a herd share provides animal boarding and care and you get products from the animals in return. Milk is \$8 a gallon raw, \$10 a gallon pasteurized, chevre cheese is \$20 per gallon of milk (seasonings optional at no extra cost per customer preference). A mozzarella ball made with 1 gallon of milk is \$15.

Jars/ Containers

All milk will be distributed in glass jars/glass containers for a \$5 deposit. Shareholders are responsible for washing these jars/containers and lids by hand with an unscented detergent and warm water. Jars/containers should be stored and returned with the lids off to allow them to air out. If you lose or break your container, another can be obtained for an additional deposit of \$5. Lost lids can be replaced for \$1. Please contact us if you prefer to bring your own containers.

Pick-up day and time

Shareholders may select their preferred pick-up day and time; since goats produce a consistent amount of milk throughout the week, we prefer to have our shareholders come on different days to even out demand. Pickups can be done throughout the day as I have a refrigerator on the porch. Customers may

pour milk into their own containers, unless otherwise specified, and leave empty containers in the fridge.

Labor Shares

All shareholders have the option to pay part or all of their fees with labor at Karst Kreek Farms, at the rate of \$10/hr. Labor may include weeding, milking goats, cleaning chicken pens, or shoveling manure. Proper training must be conducted for all labor done at Karst Kreek Farms, and Karst Kreek Farms is not responsible for any injuries that may be incurred while shareholders are working at the farm. Karst Kreek Farms reserves the right to decide whether or not to allow each individual shareholder to trade labor.

Liability

Karst Kreek Farms is not liable for any injury or health problems that may result from drinking raw milk. By signing this agreement, shareholders acknowledge that they understand both the risks and benefits of consuming raw milk and are responsible for their own decisions.

Guarantee

Karst Kreek Farms guarantees to provide each shareholder with the specified quantity of fresh raw milk during the peak season and an agreed upon quantity during the off season. We guarantee that the milk will be fresh and clean when it leaves our farm. However, we are not responsible for anything that happens to the milk after it leaves our farm. Shareholders are responsible for storing milk properly in the refrigerator. Milk will naturally go sour after 1-2 weeks; please plan on purchasing the amount of milk appropriate for your household to use in a week's time.

All milk is tested monthly through DHI testing to ensure that it is healthy and that does not have an underlying infection. If a doe is ill and they have a high somatic cell count, their milk will not be distributed to consumers and another doe's milk may be substituted.

I have read and understood the above statements, and I agree to join the Karst Kreek Farms herd share program by purchasing a share, beginning on __/__/____.

My preferred pick-up day is _____

By signing this form, I take full responsibility for my personal decision to consume raw milk and to purchase a share in the Karst Kreek Farms goat herd. I will not hold Karst Kreek Farms liable for any problems that may result from this decision. My herd share deposit for \$__20____ is included with this contract.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone number: (____)-____-____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Please return this form to Karst Kreek Farms, 8148 John Pectol Rd Georgetown IN, 47122 checks payable to Debbie Haeberlin. Call 502-345-1680 or email karstkreeklc@gmail.com for more information. Our facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/Karst-Kreek-Farms-399131293973447>