

Herd share Agreement

The herd share arrangement will be made with Baker's Green Acres in McBain, MI ("BGA" hereafter) and the herd share member ("Member" hereafter).

\$5 to buy a share in the herd. This is a one time, non refundable expense. You only have to buy the cow once.

\$10/share of the week's milk produce. One share= one gal. milk, to be paid at milk produce pick up. You will need to bring your own container for your milk share. This is called "yardage" on the invoice as it covers the care and feeding of your share per month.

Responsibilities of BGA:

BGA will try to keep the milk supply steady by rotating cows as their needs dictate. However, the herd needs to be maintained at all times. Cows can't skip milkings or meals or take a week vacation. We have a limited number of cows, so be aware that availability may fluctuate. We will be in communication as the produce of the herd changes.

BGA will care for the cows in the best way possible. BGA do their best to prevent problems through good husbandry and natural/herbal means but will use pharmaceuticals if necessary for the health of the animal. Should such a situation arise, you will not receive milk from any medicated cows. The cows will be on pasture for as long as the season allows and their hay for the winter is organic. They get some grain at milking and receive a mineral salt block free choice.

BGA will maintain sanitary and healthful milking conditions, so your milk is collected and held in a clean and healthful manner.

Member responsibilities:

Understand the risks and responsibilities of real milk. If you'd like more information, please let us know.

Your share of milk is for your own personal use. Real milk and real milk products may not be sold, per Michigan law. This is the right and responsibility of you as a cow herd share owner and real milk consumer.

Pick up your milk as scheduled. It's a perishable product and we strive to get it to you as fresh as possible. Please let us know as soon as possible if you'll have trouble making your pick-up or will be unable to pick up your products any given week.

This agreement is a private contract between the parties. The milk from your share of the herd is yours at all times and the products and contracts are not in any way "public domain."

You are welcome to visit any time. Please call ahead so someone can be available.