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**We are currently
seeking additional
Core Group members
Contact Season
for details.**

WHO WE ARE:

The KCCSAC is comprised of urban, suburban, and rural growers located within a 100-mile radius of the meeting of the Kansas and Missouri rivers, and their CSA members. KCCSAC member farms run the gamut from rehabilitated lots in low-income neighborhoods to several-hundred-acre rural family farms, and are run by growers of all ages. Although the KCCSAC's current member farms focus on offering produce and/or meat, we always encourage new and inventive approaches to the CSA model. Please see [the KCCSAC's website](#) for our Mission Statement and further information.

HOW TO JOIN THE KCCSAC FOR 2012 – for new AND renewing members:

First-time applicants must complete the attached Application and interview process so that the KCCSAC's Core Group may assess the applicant's ability to provide the highest quality foods and customer service. In an effort to promote good land stewardship and respectful, responsible growing practices, **the KCCSAC requires that all member growers espouse organic or "better-than-organic" practices.** We closely follow the Kansas City Food Circle's grower pledges in our requirements — for information regarding the KCFC's pledges, visit <http://www.kcfoodcircle.org/docs/membership/ProducerPledges.pdf>. We do not, however, require our member growers to be certified organic.

Whether you are a new or renewing member, it is important that you fill the Application out in its entirety. Upon receipt of your completed application, the KCCSAC's Core Group will review it and contact you with any questions and to complete the interview portion of the new-member application process. Upon approval of your Application, a listing page will be created for your CSA on the KCCSAC's website and we can begin the work of promoting your CSA for 2012.

The application is divided between what information will be posted on the KCCSAC's website as part of your farm's listing (SECTION I), and what is used only for internal purposes and statistic-gathering (SECTION II). Please let us know if there is any information in Section I which you would prefer not be made public.

In 2010, the KCCSAC began collecting dues from its member growers. Such dues will be applied as follows:

for CSAs with fewer than 30 shares.....\$20 dues
for CSAs with 31+ shares.....\$30 dues

(For farms offering separate Summer, Autumn, and/or Winter CSA's, dues will apply to the total shares sold over the entirety of 2012.) **Payment is due in full by May 1, 2012.** Cheques should be made payable to "KCCSAC." If your dues are not received by May 1, 2012 and you have not contacted us or responded our attempts to contact you, your listing will be removed from the KCCSAC website and membership revoked for 2012.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact any of the Core Group members.

The Kansas City CSA Coalition 2012 Membership Agreement for Growers

For new grower-members, this Agreement is to be executed upon approval of the membership application process; for renewing growers, this Agreement is to be executed upon approval of membership renewal application. A grower's membership will not be confirmed until the KCCSAC receives a signed original of this Agreement.

As a condition of membership as a grower in The Kansas City CSA Coalition ("KCCSAC"), I, the undersigned:

- guarantee that all of the information provided by me in my 2012 Application for Grower Membership is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Knowing that the information regarding my growing practices and my CSA operation is shared by the KCCSAC with the public in an effort to forge a closer and more honest connection between local growers and the public, I will immediately advise the KCCSAC if any changes are made to either my growing practices or my CSA operation, including if I decide at any time throughout the season to sell or distribute to my CSA members products not grown on my farm.
- will maintain open and honest communications with my CSA members, and will make every effort to settle concerns and complaints within my CSA directly with my CSA member(s). If any of my CSA members takes his or her concerns to the KCCSAC, I will make every effort to take responsibility for the member's concerns and will keep the KCCSAC apprised of the status of the situation until resolved. I recognize that, although the KCCSAC is not a certifying or regulatory agency or a legal moderator, and cannot and will not be held responsible for disputes between CSA growers and their CSA members, the KCCSAC will work with me and my CSA members to resolve concerns to the best of their ability.
- agree to pay dues to the KCCSAC according to how the following applies to the number of CSA shares being offered by my farm in 2012:
 - for CSA's with fewer than 30 shares.....\$20 dues
 - for CSA's with 31 or more shares.....\$30 dues

(For farms offering separate Summer, Autumn, and/or Winter CSA's, dues will apply to the total shares sold over the entirety of 2012. Please contact the Core Group with questions.) **Payment is due in full by May 1, 2012** and may be paid in cash or by cheque. Cheques should be made payable to "KCCSAC." I acknowledge, understand, and accept that if my dues are not received by KCCSAC by May 1, 2012 and I have not contacted a Core Group member or responded to the KCCSAC's attempt to contact me regarding same, my farm's listing will be removed from the KCCSAC website and my membership revoked for 2012.

- will share with the KCCSAC, upon request, certain non-identifying information about my CSA members.
- will encourage my CSA members to become active "eater members" of the KCCSAC.
- will assist the KCCSAC with its mission of "eater education" by promptly disseminating to my CSA members information provided by the KCCSAC, and encouraging my CSA members to communicate directly with the Core Group regarding same.
- will proudly advertise my membership in the KCCSAC, whether through placards, links on my website and/or e-mail signature and/or social media outlets such as Facebook and Twitter, or other means.
- will actively participate in at least one KCCSAC project in 2012.

I have read and understand my obligations as a grower member of the KCCSAC and, by signing below, signify my agreement to same.

Date: _____, 2012

{Grower Signature}

Printed Name: _____



The Kansas City CSA Coalition 2012 Application for Grower Membership

SECTION I — THIS INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED WITH THE PUBLIC

FARM NAME: _____

CONTACT: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

FARM ADDRESS (*we must have a complete street address so that we can create the map to your farm on the KCCSAC website*):

MAILING ADDRESS (*if different from farm address*):

E-MAIL: _____

WEBSITE: _____

How would you prefer to receive KCCSAC-related communications?

E-mail **Phone** **U.S. Mail**

GROWING PRACTICES (*check all that apply*):

***** Please note that *you* are legally responsible for full disclosure of your practices. Pregnant mothers and individuals with allergies and severe health problems are relying on your honesty — THANK YOU.*****

Certified Organic
 Certified Naturally Grown
 Other

Please describe your growing practices: _____

CSA SEASON & SHARE STRUCTURE

(If you call your shares by a name other than what's shown below, please write it in.)

Length of Summer CSA: _____ weeks, from _____ to _____

SHARE SIZE	COST & PAYMENT DETAILS
Full	
Partial/Half	
Individual	
Other	

Length of Autumn/Winter CSA: _____ weeks, from _____ to _____

SHARE SIZE	COST & PAYMENT DETAILS
Full	
Partial/Half	
Individual	
Other	

If you offer payment plan(s) and/or work shares, please describe in detail:

How are CSA members involved in your farm? *(E.g., required work shifts, member events, workshops)*

CSA DISTRIBUTIONS

DISTRIBUTION LOCATION <i>(complete address)</i>	DAY OF WEEK & TIME	CONTACT INFO <i>(if not you)</i>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Total number of years you've been farming: _____

Starting year for your CSA: _____

Number of years of your CSA program
(if it hasn't been consecutive from starting year): _____

WHAT'S IN THE SHARES? *(e.g., vegetables, eggs, meats/poultry, value-added goods. Do not list every specific vegetable, but please mention if you focus on niches like heirlooms, exotic produce, etc.):*

Outlets other than your CSA (i.e., farmers' markets, restaurants, etc.) at which you sell your farm products:
(We know you're proud of your hard work and products! Sharing where potential CSA members can meet you, buy from you, or otherwise eat your products will only benefit you.)

How will you be maintaining communication with your CSA members? *(i.e., newsletters, online message board, website)*

SECTION II — THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR INTERNAL PURPOSES AND STATISTIC-GATHERING

Number of CSA shares you had in 2011:

SUMMER CSA	Full share:	_____
	Half/Partial share:	_____
	Other:	_____
AUTUMN/WINTER CSA	Full share:	_____
	Half/Partial share:	_____
	Other:	_____

Ideal number of shares for 2012:

SUMMER CSA	_____
AUTUMN/WINTER CSA	_____

Number of people on 2011-12 waiting list: _____

In an effort to support our fellow member growers and to give all "eaters" a chance at CSA membership this year, please refer any folks on your waiting list to the CSA list on the KCCSAC website. When we work together, everyone benefits; when we leave potential CSA members hanging around on waiting lists, nobody benefits.

Percentage of total sales through CSA...	in 2011:	_____ %
	planned for 2012:	_____ %

There has been some interest, from both growers and eaters, in creating corporate/group CSAs, and the KCCSAC is currently developing and seeking growers for them.

Do you currently run such a CSA? Yes No

If your answer is "yes," please detail the organization(s) for which you run CSA(s), the distribution days/times, and any other information you can give.

If you do not already run such a CSA, would you be interested in starting one?

Yes No

If so, what sort of capacity do you think you could handle, and where would you be willing to distribute?

Would you be willing to collaborate with other growers in providing for such a CSA?

Yes No

List each crop or product distributed or otherwise sold to your CSA members which you do not produce yourself, and who produces each, including their contact information.

Product(s):	Who produces it AND their contact info:

Please include with your application any materials we can use to promote your CSA.

Examples of such materials would include:

- **Your 2012 CSA brochure**
If you send us lots of brochures, we'll put them on the many tables we host throughout the year!
- **Copies of your newsletter to CSA members**
In an effort to enhance communications between our member farmers and the Core Group, we request that you share your CSA newsletters with us throughout the season.
 - *If you e-mail newsletters to your CSA members, please add "csac.kc@gmail.com" to your list of newsletter recipients.*
 - *If you mail or hand out your newsletters at distributions, please mail a copy of each to [KCCSAC, 5614 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri 64113](#)".*
- **A survey you send out to your members and/or the results from last season's survey**

As always, if you have any questions regarding the Application, please contact a Core Group member!