

H.H Homestead Herd Share Agreement 2021

Welcome to H.H Homestead's goat milk 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 H.H Homestead herd share program. Additional information is available on our website.

Overview

It is illegal in the State of Michigan 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 produced by "their" goats.

Duration

Because of our management methods, we have goat milk available from March to October during peak production. We will accept new herd share customers at any time of the year provided we have adequate milk. Each shareholder will agree to purchase a set amount of milk per week during the peak season and will be given the option of getting a reduced amount of milk during the winter or taking several months off. The herd share contract is based on a month-to-month basis. Shareholders must give a month's notice before ending their herd share agreement.

****H.H Homestead is entitled to terminate the contract at any given time. This will result in elimination of your share in the milking herd and entitlement to milk pick-up.****

Prices

We charge a \$20.00 buy-in fee for our herd share. We have factored the cost of our labor, feed, and veterinary bills into the price we charge per share. To simplify things, our milk price is \$10 a gallon, \$5.00 for half gallon, and \$2.50 per quart.

If you choose to get a 1-gallon a week herd share, you will pay \$10; a 2-gallon herd share is \$20/week; a 3- gallon herd share is \$30/week; and a 4-gallon share is \$40/week. A half share is ½ gallon for \$5 per week. A 1/4 share is 1 quart per week for \$2.50 per week. To ensure that shareholders actually come each week, the entire months worth of milk will be due at the first pickup for the month.

****Prices may be subject to change based on inflation of feed costs. One month of notification will be given if any price adjustment is to be made.****

Jars

All milk will be distributed in glass jars. Jars will be in quart or half gallon sizes. Shareholders are responsible for washing these jars and lids by hand with an unscented detergent and warm water. Jars should be stored and returned with the lids off to allow them to air out. 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 will be Monday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please indicate your preferred day and a 2hour time slot in the space provided below. We try to accommodate what works well with your schedule so please do not refrain from discussing options!

Liability

H.H. Homestead 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

At H.H Homestead 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 signing up for the appropriate amount of shares for your household to use in a week's time.

****H.H Homestead has the right to revise or terminate the contract should unforeseeable events happen that prevent us from milking the does. Ex- injury or sickness to us or the animals.****

Animal Management

H.H Homestead retains 100% of the rights to control management of the animals on the property. 100 % of care and management decisions regarding the goats will be determined by Jaime and Derek Arndt owners of H.H Homestead. No shares will be taken in any other stock other than lactating does. More specifically, buck and young stock are separate from this agreement. We, Jaime and Derek Arndt, are entitled to all decision making regarding the dairy goat herd that resides at 5069 S. Williams Rd., St. John's, MI 48879. No animal sales or purchases are involved with this agreement.

I have read and understood the above statements, and I agree to join the H.H Homestead herd share program by purchasing ____ gallons of milk per week, beginning on ____/____/____.

My preferred pick-up day is _____, and my preferred 2-hour time slot is ____:____-____:____.

By signing this form, I take full responsibility for my personal decision to consume raw milk and to purchase a share in the H.H. Homestead goat herd. I will not hold H.H Homestead(Jaime and Derek Arndt) liable for any problems that may result from this decision.

My deposit for \$_____ is included with this contract.

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

Please return this form to Jaime and Derek Arndt at H.H Homestead, 5069 S. Williams Rd. St. John's, MI 48879.

Please make all checks payable to Derek Arndt.

Call/Text (989)640-6847 or email jaime.plesko@gmail.com for more information.

Our website is www.heritagehorizondairygoats.webs.com.