



Fresh Farms Co-op LLC Producer Membership Form

MEAT PRODUCERS

(208) 850-3319 www.idahofreshfarms.org

Fresh Farms Co-op LLC provides local producers a way to put farm fresh products into the hands of consumers through a home delivery service. Products are collected directly from the producer or processor and delivered directly to the members of the co-op. Customer service, marketing, billing, and ordering are handled by the co-op. Consumers rely on the co-op to investigate producers and select those that meet standards of production and quality, and producers rely on the co-op to effectively and responsibly market, handle and distribute their food items. Items available for purchase are listed on the website. Members order products on a monthly basis for regular (typically weekly) home delivery, subject to supply and delivery days selected by the co-op (available products and delivery info available online at www.idahofreshfarms.org). Orders are filled on a first come, first served basis, subject to supply.

Consumers join the Fresh Farms Co-op LLC by first submitting a membership application. The application is approved or added to a waiting list, depending on factors such as: whether a delivery route is established in applicant's area and projected product supply to meet demand. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone. Approved members pay a small annual fee for basic membership and then select the type, quantity, and delivery frequency of products they desire. Products are selected by consumers no later than the 15th day of the previous month, at which time the next month's quantities are determined. Producers are notified of quantities of their products to be sold, and indicated amounts of products to be collected during the next month are contracted. As a courtesy to producers, once an order is approved, consumers may not change it. Delivery of items may be rescheduled if needed, but refund will not be issued. Members who have placed an order may purchase additional products during the month, subject to supply. Prices of items sold retail as well as wholesale purchasing amounts are subject to change with notice.

Terms of Membership: Producers must submit this application to join Fresh Farms Co-op LLC, and the application will be reviewed by the co-op for acceptance. There is no producer membership fee to join the co-op. The following conditions are considered when determining acceptance and continuation of producer membership: 1) Producer must adhere to all state requirements (Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and Welfare, etc.) for food items produced and provide permit number(s), if permits are required; 2) Producers must meet standards of animal husbandry indicated in "Production Standards" section of this document. Compliance with these standards will be determined by a physical inspection of the producer's facilities and practices, conducted by co-op representative(s); 3) Producers' location must be within collection distance, as it relates to established delivery routes and time required for pick-up of food items in relation to quantity of food produced; 4) Producer must be willing to allow periodic reviews of practices and facilities, and release all inspection and quality reports to the co-op and its members; and 5) Producers must provide proof of adequate liability insurance (such as a farm policy).

GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS: The federal or state government may require food producers to adhere to certain rules and restrictions. Producers who wish to sell food items through Fresh Farms Co-op LLC must meet all government requirements and provide proof thereof to the co-op. Fresh Farms Co-op LLC is not responsible to inform producers of these requirements, but it is the sole responsibility of producers to meet and maintain any practices or permits required by law. If at any time failure to meet these requirements is made known to the co-op, rights of the producer to offer items for sale through the co-op may be suspended until compliance is established.

DISCLOSURE: Producers provide a disclosure of their production facilities, practices for feeding and handling the animals and animal products. This information will be made available to consumer members of the co-op to assist consumers in selecting products and investigating practices for reassurance of quality and safety. This basic information will be posted on the internet, in a manner than protects the privacy of producers as much as possible. If at anytime the practices as disclosed are varied in any way, producers must update that information with the co-op immediately so that we may notify consumers.

ANIMAL HEALTH: If an animal is exposed to or consumes an agent, such as medications, which may contaminate food products and may be harmful to human health, the products from that animal shall not be offered for distribution until the animal is healthy and the withdraw period for any such agents has passed. Lactating animals that show symptoms of illness or receive any treatment shall be milked last or with separate equipment, and the milk disposed of until the animals are healthy and the milk is safe for human consumption. If at any time medication is administered to any participating animal, producers agree to notify the co-op immediately and provide the following information: 1) type of medication administered, 2) duration of time medication will be given, 3) reason for medication, 4) the withdraw or holdback period of that medication. In the case of milk products, the treated animal's milk may require testing (according to state law and/or co-op practices) to verify absence of drugs before distribution of that animal's products. In an ideal program, antibiotics should only be used when necessary to save the life of an animal.

PLEASE INITIAL THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE _____

MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION AND CANCELLATION: Fresh Farms Co-op LLC is committed to offering quality products from local producers, and we will support our producers in maintaining quality production practices for mutual success. If a producer or product does not: 1) meet the Production Standards, or 2) meet consumer standards, or 3) if a producer does not fulfill the terms of this contract in any way; that producer's membership in the co-op and the ability to offer items for distribution through the co-op may be suspended and/or cancelled.

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE: Fresh Farms Co-op LLC strives to take precautions to maintain the integrity, quality and safety of products delivered by monitoring producer practices and standards of production. However, producers assume ultimate responsibility for the safety of products that are produced for distribution. Producers shall not hold Fresh Farms Co-op LLC responsible for any damages sustained by consumers from the consumption of producer's products. If a consumer claims that a product is deemed unsatisfactory, an inquiry into the problem will be conducted. All producers are required to maintain private liability insurance for their products produced for sale, and to provide proof of insurance to the co-op. This coverage may be part of a farm policy or may require an additional insurance policy. Adequate insurance provides both consumers and producers protection in the event of any illness or other damages.

FOOD HANDLING: Food products require proper handling for consumer safety. All meat products that are frozen upon pick-up will be kept and delivered frozen, and any fresh meat products will be kept below 40° F. During delivery of food items, Fresh Farms Co-op agrees to monitor and maintain proper temperature control.

PACKAGING: Packaging for meat products will be provided by the individual processor. The co-op may place an additional label on the products as required by co-op policy or state regulations. This provides continuity of product appearance and reliable branding for consumer satisfaction.

PAYMENT AND PURCHASING: Fresh Farms Co-op LLC has a prepayment policy and will not deliver items to consumers who have not paid in advance or at the time of the month's first delivery. Producers will receive payment directly from the co-op for items purchased for distribution at the time of collection of items for distribution, or if mutually agreeable other payment terms may be used. Items that are paid for and collected for distribution by the co-op but are undeliverable for any reason may be returned to the producer for resale. In this case, the producer agrees to credit the full purchase amount of the item(s) back to the co-op, which credit will usually be reflected in subsequent payment(s) made by the co-op to the producer.

Fresh Farms Co-op LLC strives to pay producers a fair rate for products, while at the same time maintaining competitive pricing for consumers and covering costs for home delivery. Wholesale purchasing amounts for meat products shall be determined prior to offering products for sale and may not be changed until the next ordering period.

PRODUCTION STANDARDS: Fresh Farms Co-op LLC accepts producers whose practices meet or exceed co-op standards. The standards adopted by the co-op are created based on industry standards and consumer expectations, and enforced to maintain the safety of products offered and trust of consumers, as well as to reduce liability. Copy of these standards for meat products is available upon request. Farms and facilities of individual producers shall be visited by co-op representatives and the production practices reviewed to ensure that these practices are accurately reflected in the product disclosure. Such visits shall take place on an as needed basis when convenient for both parties.

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Fresh Farms Co-op LLC

Producer Membership Form 2010



Producer Name: _____

*Production Address: _____

*Physical Address (if different): _____

*Home Phone: _____

*Daytime Phone: _____

*Email: _____

I, _____ (please print your name), agree to fulfill this agreement and abide by the production standards and obligations established herein by Fresh Farms Co-op LLC. I will permit inspections of my facilities for co-op purposes and verification of practices as disclosed. I accept the risks of consumer illness or other damages that may be sustained from products that I produce and I shall not hold Fresh Farms Co-op LLC responsible for any damages incurred.

I have read and understand the terms of membership and the contents of this contract.

Producer Signature

Date

Products bring Produced:

- _____ Qty available for sale per month: _____
- _____ Qty available for sale per month: _____
- _____ Qty available for sale per month: _____
- _____ Qty available for sale per month: _____
- _____ Qty available for sale per month: _____

What other items are you interested in selling? _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:
(initial after reading each page and provide signature on this page)

Fresh Farms Co-op LLC
5525 Airport Road
Nampa, ID 83867

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Disclosure of Producer Practices: _____

MEAT PRODUCERS

(PRODUCER IDENTIFICATION, CO-OP USE ONLY)



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Nampa, ID 83687
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Type of Animal(s): _____ **OTY:** _____

Approx. live weight: _____ **Approx Hanging/Dressed weight:** _____

Approx. lbs of packaged meat per animal: _____

Portions available for purchase: Whole Half Quarter Other: _____

Breed of Animal(s): _____

Age of Animal(s): _____ **Proposed Butcher Date:** _____

Type of Feed Provided to animals (check all that apply):

Pasture/forage (in season) Hay Type: _____ Pre-mixed Feed Type: _____

Approx. outdoor area available per animal: _____ Type: Pasture Dry (Feedlot)

Grain Amount: _____ Duration: _____ Type: _____ (e.g. corn, GMO or not)

Other supplements or feed: _____

Food/water availability: Always available # of feeding/watering times per day: _____

*Percentage of Feed that is certified organic: _____ (consider pasture, hay, grain, etc.)

Shots/Antibiotics/Drug Treatments: Please list any and all medications or drug treatments of any kind given to animal(s): _____

Farm/Facility: (photos may be included)

Size of Property (acres): _____ Location of Property (city): _____

Indoor areas provided for animals: Yes No

Flooring type: Concrete Sealed Wood Dirt Other: _____

Bedding type: Straw Shavings Sawdust Dirt Other: _____

Cleaning frequency (new bedding) for indoor shelter provided: _____

Butchering Facility: Transportation of animal to butcher will be provided as part of purchase price.

Cutting and wrapping charges and kill fees will be payable to the butcher directly per portion purchased.

Proposed butcher: _____ Location: _____

Estimated cost for butchering: \$ _____ per _____ (please indicate per lb or per portion)

Hanging time, if applicable: _____

Please list any practices not yet disclosed herein: _____

I certify that the information provided here is complete and accurate.

Producer signature or initials

Date