



Anamchara Farmstead Herd share FAQ

What is a herd share?

It is a contract between our farm and you, where you are paying a 1 time fee to buy a share of our goat herd. Then you pay a weekly fee for either a 1/2 or whole share per week. That fee goes towards the upkeep and management of the herd. In turn you get milk! A whole share equals a gallon of milk per week, and a 1/2 share equals a 1/2 gallon of milk. If you don't drink milk that milk can be turned into other items like cheese or ice cream. Essentially we ask you commit to a minimum \$5 per week, but you can always add more!

Is the milk pasteurized?

No, our goat milk is raw, or fresh which means it has not been treated with chemicals or heat in any way. You can pasteurize your milk after bringing it home by heating to 165 degrees for at least 15 seconds and then cooling it down as quickly as possible.

Can I get milk Year round?

Currently we milk our goats 10 months of the year, as they require a rest period at the end of their pregnancy before giving birth. What this means is that the majority of the herd will be milked from February until December. As they the end of their milking season gets closer, the goats do not produce as much milk, this may limit the amount of extra milk available to process into other items such as cheese. We always communicate with you when that happens.

How do I know the milk is safe to drink?

We take every measure possible to ensure we provide you with the freshest milk possible. Our entire herd is tested annually for CAE and Johnes. We are on milk test monthly. We milk our goats using a closed milk machine. The milk is double filtered, first with an inline filter on the machine and then when we pour the milk into the single use milk jugs that you receive. The milk is chilled immediately after being put into the jugs and kept under 40 degrees at all times. You will never receive milk that is older than 2 days.

What do you feed your goats? Do you use chemicals?

We raise our goats as naturally as possible. They are wormed using herbs, we use natural treatments when at all possible, in the event we sometimes have to use a chemical wormer or antibiotic the goat being treated is pulled from rotation for the recommended withdrawal period.

We feed our goats unsprayed good quality hay 24/7. They have access to pasture at all times. We feed high quality loose minerals and kelp. Our entire herd is given grain once a day and our goats in milk get grain and other supplements on the milk stand twice daily. They have access to fresh water 24/7.

How do I order any extra items?

In order to be have access to any item I produce you must have at least a 1/2 share weekly, as mentioned above that equals \$5, and you can apply it to anything.

You can easily request items for the next week when picking up. So for example, if you want yogurt next week, you can tell me when picking up.

You can place a standing order for items, for example if you know you want cheese every week you can have that always j clouded with your milk.

If you want to add additional items at any other time during the week, you must do so no later than 3 days BEFORE your normal pick up day.

Deadlines:

Monday order on or before Friday

Tuesday order on or before Saturday

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Wednesday order on or before Sunday

Thursday order before or on Monday
Friday order on or before Tuesday
Saturday order on or before Wednesday
Sunday order on or before Thursday

What if I can't pick up one week?

I allow a 1 time no fee- no pickup exemption. So if something comes up and you can't make it please let me know. You won't have to pay for your items that week. If it happens again, you will be charged for the unclaimed items on your next weeks pickup. If it occurs a 3rd time, I will be required to cancel your herd share agreement.

Ways to contact me:

Quickest response call or text me at
615-487-0983

Email me at

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FB message me at

@anamchrafarmstead or

Taralee Home

Please know, I don't get reception at the barn so if you try to contact me and I don't immediately respond it's probably because I'm up with the goats.

Please feel free to ask me any questions, voice any concerns you may have.
I welcome farm visits so if you ever want to come see the goats let me know!