



WAISHKEY BAY FARM HERD-SHARE



Overview

Everyone deserves mnomijim (good food) – Waishkey Bay Farm herd-shares are available to all. This year we are offering only 1/2 shares.

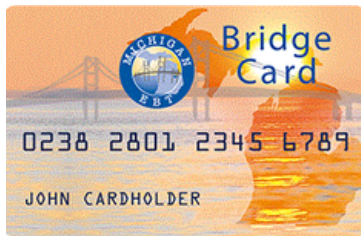
Our Black Angus cattle are raised in a good, healthy, sustainable way. We have sourced great, local grass-based genetics for cattle that thrive in a grass-fed system. During the grazing season, your cattle are moved gently within each paddock in a rotational system. In the winter, your cattle are fed hay grown without any chemicals on Bay Mills Indian Community hay ground, as well as alfalfa pellets. They do not consume grain or GMO feeds of any kind. As owners of the cattle, purchasers pay a monthly boarding fee for alfalfa pellets, straw (bedding), mineral & salt throughout the ownership period beginning February 1, 2024; there is no charge for hay grown on BMIC land or for farm staff's labor. When cattle are ready to be processed, they are hauled to the local processor (Smith's Meat Processing); all processing costs are the responsibility of the owners.



When is herd-share sign up?

- Elders Only Early Sign-Up: February 20th- March 4th, 2024
- Herd-Share Opens to All: March 4th, 2024

Sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis for completed herd-share agreements turned in directly to Waishkey Bay Farm Manager. Last year we sold out quickly!



Payment Options

Herd-shares can be purchased with EBT/P-EBT, check, cash, credit card or payroll deduct plan for Bay Mills Indian Community and Bay Mills Community College employees. Please make sure you have a signed herd-share form with the Farm Manager before beginning payroll deduction set up or any other form of payment. All forms of payment, including payroll deduct, must be paid in full the week before steers leave the farm. Note that we are not able to give a precise total cost of what monthly boarding fees will be in advance.

How do I sign up?

Contact Farm Manager, Kat Jacques, at kjacques@bmcc.edu or (906) 322-1864 to confirm availability. Then complete a herd-share agreement which will be emailed to you through Contract Safe. Herd-shares are not reserved until agreement form has been signed by buyer in Contract Safe. Please understand that during past sign up periods we receive high call and email volume and our team does our best to reply in the order that calls and emails are received. You may pick up a copy of the herd-share agreement form for reference from the farm, have it emailed to you or download a copy from our website <http://www.bmcc.edu/community-services/waishkey-bay-farm>



How much does it cost?

Herd-share initial purchase cost of 1/2 steer is \$900. Buyer is also responsible for monthly boarding costs for their portion of steer from February 1st, 2024 until time of processing and for processing of their portion of steer. These costs vary by year. Processing costs are paid directly to local processor (Smith's Meat Processing) and also vary by year and weight.