



# 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 and 1/4 steer shares (no whole steers) so that more families can participate in and enjoy the benefits of the

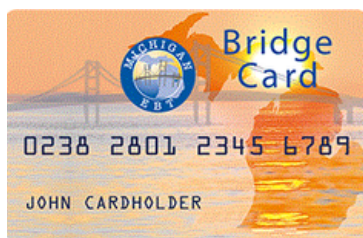
program. Our black angus cattle are raised in a good, healthy, sustainable way. We have sourced great, local grass-based genetics for cattle that thrive in a grass-fed system. During the grazing season, your cattle are moved gently within each paddock in a rotational system. In the winter, your cattle 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 September 1st; 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; all processing costs are the responsibility of the owners.



## When is herd-share sign up?

- Elders Only Early Sign-Up: September 12th- October 10th, 2022
- Herd-Share Opens to All: October 10th, 2022

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](mailto:kjacques@bmcc.edu) or (906) 322-1864 to confirm availability. Then complete a herd-share agreement and turn it in to farm manager. Herd-shares are not reserved until agreement form has been signed and received. 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 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 \$750 and 1/4 steer is \$375 dollars. Buyer is also responsible for monthly boarding costs for their portion of steer from September 1, 2022 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 and also vary by year and weight.