

APPENDIX 3

WORKSHEET

Accessing Land for Farming

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Where do I start?

Are you interested in finding land to farm on but aren't sure where to start? This simple writing exercise may help you move forward if you are at the beginning of your journey.

Write it down

Many farmers looking for land will find out that they already have a solid start. By writing down your thoughts and questions you can take stock of what you know and become better prepared to communicate what you are seeking with others. Next you can think about the bigger picture.

The process offers a list of considerations to which you may like to build on with your own ideas. We hope it helps you gain confidence in your decisions and momentum to proceed with action steps, gathering resources and advisors.

Use this exercise in any way that is most useful to you.

- You don't have to follow any particular order
- Use full sentences or shorthand, draw or create lists
- Add your own ideas, questions and concerns

Your current situation

The arrangement I have for the land I currently farm is:

- Short-term rental (< 3 years)
- Longer-term lease
- Intern/apprentice
- Employee
- Handshake/verbal agreement
- Written agreement
- I am not farming

The terms of my agreement are (for example, what is included (land, buildings, business), uses and restrictions, responsibilities, cost, length, renewal)



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If an intern or employee, what have I learnt from my manager/property owner (for example, what is included in their arrangement, uses and restrictions, responsibilities, cost, length, renewal)?

What is working well?

What could work better?

Your vision

My farming goals are...

The farming operation I want is...



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Vision for my farm property...

Preferred land share arrangement - Lease for cash, lease for trade, lease to own, partnerships, sale, other...

Proposed farm practices: E.g. Organic, Biodynamic, regenerative, permaculture...

Availability to start - preferred start date...



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Your needs

Land and features required...

Production type - Livestock, vegetables, mixed, etc

Cultivable area if required (acres)

Preferred current state of the surface of the cultivable area

Describe your soil needs



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Describe your farm infrastructure requirements (for example: water for irrigation, parking for farm stand, fencing)...

Do you need the land to be fenced?

Do you require access to farm machinery and tools?

Describe your total water access and availability requirements

Do you require access for visitors/workers?



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Housing

Describe your housing / living infrastructure needs?

Do you require housing and/or onsite living opportunities?

Are you open to residents / owner living on property?

