

NY FarmLink

Farm Owner Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in NY FarmLink. This questionnaire will be used to share information between farm seekers and owners who are in the FarmLink program. Below please find a summary of the procedures for the program. If you have any questions about these procedures or if you need further assistance, please call 1-800-547-3276.

Program Procedures

- Farm Owners complete a FarmLink questionnaire and include a description of approximately 100 words describing their farm opportunity. It is most important that the farm listing reflect the situation you are looking for in order for you to make contact with likely candidates. Several sample listings are included for your review.
- A one-time fee of \$40 is required to cover administrative costs of the program. Mail the questionnaire to NY FarmLink c/o NY FarmNet 415 Warren Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853. Make check payable to NY FarmNet.
- On receipt of your completed questionnaire your description will be included on the FarmLink website. Farm listings submitted by Farm Owners and Seekers are published in a quarterly newsletter. Published listings DO NOT include full contact information.
- If you identify a farm seeker that looks promising, call 1-800-547-3276 with the listing number and your member ID. A complete copy of the questionnaire with contact information will be mailed to you. Contacting farm seekers is your responsibility.
- Updating your listing is your responsibility. No renewal fee is required.

IMPORTANT: You as a Farm Owner in the program are responsible for:

- Completely and accurately completing the FarmLink Questionnaire
- Reading the information sent to you from the FarmLink program
- Reviewing Farm Seeker Questionnaires that are sent to you.
- Contacting those seekers who most meet your qualifications.
- Asking questions of seekers to gather information - Questions related to farm work experience, farm ownership goals, farm management experience etc.
- Meeting with those farm seekers who best meet your qualifications
- Checking seeker references
- Contacting NY FarmLink program when you have questions or require assistance.

This Program Does Not:

1. Screen farm seeker applicants.
2. Check Seeker references.
3. Guarantee a suitable match for your needs.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Section I: General Information

Date _____

Applicant Name(s) _____

Legal Property Owner _____

Address: _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

Section II: Farm Description and Information

Is the farm currently in operation? Yes No

Type of Farm Operation? Dairy Field Crops Specialty Crops

Other _____

Size of Operation: _____

What is your current farm equity? Please check one.

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debt Free | <input type="checkbox"/> 30-50% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 70-90% | <input type="checkbox"/> 30% or less |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-70% | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Section III: Farm Transfer/Transition Goals

Which of the following arrangements would you consider (check all that apply).

Lease

- Lease with option to buy
- Short-term lease (1-5 yrs)
- Long-term lease (5+ yrs)

Farming Together

- Partnership
- Employment for a period of time then transfer to ownership

Sale

- Standard Sale
- Owner Financed Sale

Section IV: Farm Buildings

List all major farm buildings, their size, use and condition (eg. Barn type, workshop, equipment sheds, farm stand)

Is there housing available for entering farmer? Yes No

Describe: _____Bedrooms _____Baths _____Sq Ft.

Section V: Soils and Water

Describe soils on the farm _____

Describe water sources on the farm for house and barn(s)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drilled well | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal | <input type="checkbox"/> River |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Section VI: Additional Information

Please provide a Farm Listing Description (100 words) for the website and Newsletter that describes the farm transfer opportunity you have available.

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Section VII: References

Give name, address and telephone number of three references. Include at least one with whom or for whom you have worked or has worked for you.

1. Name _____

Phone Number _____

2. Name _____

Phone Number _____

3. Name _____

Phone Number _____

Please read and sign waiver below:

I give permission to New York FarmLink to release my name, address, phone number, and any other information given in this questionnaire to persons who may be interested in discussing a possible farm transfer arrangement with me.

I understand that New York FarmLink and FarmNet do not guarantee that a match will occur or that if a match does occur that it will be successful. I will not hold NY FarmLink or NY FarmNet or Cornell University liable for any loss, damage, or injury that may occur as a result of inquiries or interviews related to the match.

This application is correct, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that NY FarmLink has the right to cancel my membership at any time by refunding my application fee.

Signature of Applicant(s) _____

Date: _____