

Farm Transitions Resources

Agricultural Conservation Easements

Farmland Protection Directory. Farmland Information Center, American Farmland Trust.

www.farmlandinfo.org/directory

Land Trust Alliance. Online database of state, local, and national land trusts in the United States.

<http://findalandtrust.org/>

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) conservation easement programs.

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements

Beginning Farmer Financial Planning

Ag Decision Maker. Iowa State University.

<http://extension.iastate.edu/agdm>

Beginning Farmer Resources. Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA).

https://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/local_food/startup.html

Agricultural Business Planning Templates and Resources - RL042

Basic Accounting: Guidance for Beginning Farmers - IP443

Evaluating a Farming Enterprise - IP041

Financing Your Farm: Guidance for Beginning Farmers - IP420

Finding Land to Farm: Six Ways to Secure Farmland - IP349

Planning for Profit in Sustainable Farming - IP419

Building a Sustainable Business: A Guide to Developing A Business Plan for Farms and Rural Businesses. Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture.

www.misa.umn.edu/Publications/BuildingaSustainableBusiness/index.htm

Fearless Farm Finances. Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES).

www.mosesorganic.org/farmfinances.html

Financing the Farm Operation. University of Minnesota Extension.

www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/businessmanagement/DF2589.html

Beginning Farmer Courses

Farm Dreams. Land Stewardship Project.

<http://landstewardshipproject.org/morefarmers/farmdreams>

Farm Beginnings. Land Stewardship Project.

<http://landstewardshipproject.org/morefarmers/farmbeginnings>

Greenhorn Grazing Program. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

www.iowabeefcenter.org/events/GHgrazingflyer.pdf

Journeyperson Farm Training Course. Land Stewardship Project.

<http://landstewardshipproject.org/morefarmers/lspfarnernetwork/lspjourneypersonfarmtrainingcourse>

Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy & Livestock Farmers. Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

www.cias.wisc.edu/dairysch.html

Wisconsin Schools for Beginning Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Growers. Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

www.cias.wisc.edu/category/education-and-training/school-for-beginning-market-growers/

Business Entities for Farm Transfer

Farm Business Transfer Strategies. Transferring the Farm Series #2, University of Minnesota Extension.

www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/businessmanagement/components/M1177-2.pdf

Using Partnerships & Corporations to Transfer Farm Assets. Transferring the Farm Series #3, University of Minnesota Extension.

www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/businessmanagement/components/M1177-3.pdf

Connecting Landowners and Farmers

FarmLink. State-by-state listing of farmer-landowner connection programs.

www.farmtransition.org/netwpart.html

Midwest Farm Connection. The Land Connection.

www.midwestfarmconnection.org/farms/

MOSES Land Link-Up. Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service.
<http://www.mosesorganic.org/landlinkup.html>

Seeking Farmers Seeking Land Clearinghouse. Land Stewardship Project.
<http://landstewardshipproject.org/morefarmers/seekingfarmersseekinglandclearinghouse>

US Farm Lease.
www.usfarmlease.com/

Contracts for Deed

Contract Land Sales. National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
<http://sustainableagriculture.net/publications/grassrootsguide/farming-opportunities/contract-land-sales/>

Frequently Asked Questions on Contracts for Deed in Minnesota. Farmers Legal Action Group (FLAG)
www.flaginc.org

Installment Sale Contracts for Beginning Farmers. Partnership for America's New Farmers. Drake University and Drake University Law School.
<http://americasnewfarmers.org/installment-sale/>

Land Contract Guarantee Program. Farm Service Agency, USDA
www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/newsReleases?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=pfs&newstype=prfactsheet&type=detail&item=pf_20120120_farln_en_lcgrnt.html

Deed Restrictions

Conservation Easement vs. Deed Restriction. 2008. Land Trust Alliance Fact Sheet.
www.landtrustalliance.org/conservation/documents/CE-deed-restriction.pdf

Farm Transitions Programs

Beginning Farmer Center. Iowa State University.
www.extension.iastate.edu/bfc/publications-and-webinars

Beginning Farmer & Rancher. Center for Rural Affairs.
<http://www.cfra.org/beginning-farmer-rancher>

International Farm Transition Network.

www.farmtransition.org/

Land For Good.

<http://landforgood.org>

Farm Transitions Network. Renewing the Countryside and Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota.

<http://farmtransitions.org/>

Sustainable Farm Lease. Sustainable Agricultural Land Tenure Initiative, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture.

<http://sustainablefarmlease.org/>

The Farm Transfer Network of New England.

www.farmtransfernewengland.net/

The Land Connection.

www.thelandconnection.org/

Farm Visioning

Whole Farm Planning and Goal-Setting Handbook, Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture.

www.misa.umn.edu/Publications/WholeFarmPlanning/index.htm

Grazing Contracts

Contract Grazing. Midwest Perennial Forage Working Group.

http://greenlandsbluewater.net/Perennial_Forage/contract.html

Landowner Resources

A Landowner's Guide to Leasing Land for Farming Handbook. Land For Good.

<http://landforgood.org/wp-content/uploads/LFG-Landowners-Guide-To-Leasing-To-A-Farmer-Handbook.pdf>

Farmland Leasing for Private Landowners: A Short Guide. Land For Good.

<http://landforgood.org/wp-content/uploads/LFG-Farmland-Leasing-Private-Landowners.pdf>

Where Do I Start? Making My Land Available for Farming Guide. Land For Good.
<http://landforgood.org/wp-content/uploads/LFG-Making-My-Land-Available-For-Farming-Guide.pdf>

Women Caring for the Land Program. Women, Food and Agriculture Network.
www.wfan.org/our-programs/women-caring-for-the-landsm/

Land Valuation

American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.
www.asfmra.org/

Leases

Ag Lease 101. North Central Farm Management Extension Committee.
<http://aglease101.org/>

Examples & Form Leases. Sustainable Farm Lease, Sustainable Agricultural Land Tenure Initiative.
<http://sustainableaglandtenure.com/2010/06/form-leases/>

Flexible Farm Lease Agreements. Ag Decision Maker, Iowa State University.
www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/wholefarm/pdf/c2-21.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions about Sustainable Long-Term Farm Leases. Farmers Legal Action Group (FLAG).
www.flaginc.org

Improving Your Farm Lease Contract. Ag Decision Maker, Iowa State University.
www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/FM1564.pdf

Lease Examples. US Farm Lease.
www.usfarmlease.com/

Leasing Farm Land in Minnesota. Farmers' Legal Action Group.
www.flaginc.org/publication/leasing-farm-land-in-minnesota/

Sample Leases. Farmland Information Center, American Farmland Trust.
www.farmlandinfo.org/sampleddocuments?field_sample_doc_category_tid=4192&field_d_topic_tid=All&field_state_tid=All

Sustainable Farm Lease. A Project of the Sustainable Agricultural Land Tenure Initiative. Drake University and Drake University Law School.
www.sustainablefarmlease.org

Legal Issues

Farm Legal Series. University of Minnesota Extension.
www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/businessmanagement/components/DF7291.pdf

Rental Agreements

Rental Agreements. North Central Farm Management Extension Committee.
<https://www-mwps.sws.iastate.edu/catalog/farm-business/ncfmec-rental-agreements>
- Fixed and Flexible Cash Rental Arrangements for Your Farm
- Crop Share Rental Arrangements for Your Farm
- Pasture Rental Arrangements for Your Farm
- Rental Agreements for Farm Buildings

Retiring Farmer Transition Planning

AgTransitions, Center for Farm Financial Management. Online planning tool.
www.cffm.umn.edu/products/AgTransitions.aspx

Planning the Future of Your Farm: A Workbook Supporting Farm Transfer Decisions. Virginia Cooperative Extension.
<http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/446/446-610/446-610.html>

Transferring the Farm Series, University of Minnesota Extension (10 Fact Sheets).
www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/businessmanagement/M1177.html

Estate Planning Series, University of Minnesota Extension (10 Fact Sheets).
www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/businessmanagement/M1178.html

Rural Living

Living on Acreages: What You Need to Know. Midwest Plan Service.
<https://www-mwps.sws.iastate.edu/catalog/home-acreages/living-acreages>

Success Stories

Transfer Strategies for Beginning & Retiring Farmers. Center for Rural Affairs.
www.cfra.org/resources/beginning_farmer/success_stories

Trusts

Trusts as an Estate Planning Tool. Ag Decision Maker, Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach.
www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/wholefarm/html/c4-59.html

Preparing to Transfer the Farm Business. Transferring the Farm Series #1, University of Minnesota Extension.
www.cffm.umn.edu/publications/pubs/farmmgttopics/transferringthefarmseries.pdf

USDA Conservation Programs

Wetland Reserve Program

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/wetlands/

Grasslands Reserve Program

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/grassland

Healthy Forests Reserve Program

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/forests/

Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/farmranch/

Environmental Quality Incentive Program

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/

Conservation Stewardship Program

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/

Conservation Reserve Program

www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=crp

Transition Incentive Program

www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=tipr