Land Access Guide for Beginning Farmers

A guide to the ways beginning farmers can gain access to farmland. It covers buying, leasing, and sharing land, and what to ask before agreeing to any arrangement.

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1. Decide how much land you need
2. List must-have land features
3. Search listings and land link programs
4. Ask neighbors and landowners directly
5. Compare buying with leasing
6. Visit and walk each parcel
7. Review soil and water information
8. Get any agreement reviewed by an attorney

YOUR NOTES

TIP Talk to a local attorney before signing any land agreement, since rules differ by state.

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