Agricultural Conservation Easement Guide

Guide to agricultural conservation easements for landowners, explaining the basic steps, who is involved and what questions to settle before signing. Work through the steps in order and keep notes on what you find along the way.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Learn what an easement is
2. Define your goals for the land
3. Find programs and land trusts that apply
4. Gather ownership and boundary records
5. Ask about appraisal and costs
6. Review terms with an attorney
7. Talk to family and lenders
8. Understand ongoing duties and monitoring
9. Keep copies of all documents

YOUR NOTES

TIP Have an attorney and tax adviser review any easement, since it changes how the land can be used.