

NY FarmLink

Farm Seeker 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 Seekers and 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.
- As soon as your application is received, your description will be posted on the website and you will be able to request additional information from any other FarmLink member.
- Farm listings submitted by Farm Owners and Seekers are published in a quarterly newsletter. If you are a member, you will receive this newsletter in the mail. Published listings DO NOT include full contact information.
- If you identify a farm listing that looks like a possible opportunity, call 1-800-547-3276 or email info@nyfarmlink.org with the listing number and your member ID. A complete copy of the questionnaire with contact information will be mailed to you.
- Contacting farm owners is your responsibility.
- Updating the information on your application is up to you. No renewal fee is required.

If a link is made, we have on-farm consultants to help analyze the feasibility and get the appropriate legal and financial help needed for the farm transfer process.

In addition, the FarmLink Program:

- 1. Does not guarantee that you will find a match for your needs.**
- 2. Has the right to cancel a membership at any time by refunding your application fee.**
- 3. Does not screen the farm owners for suitability for farm transfer. There are risks when trying to partner with farm owners. You should proceed carefully, call references, and ask questions of neighbors, bankers, and other business partners.**
- 4. Please read the article included in this envelope about “Getting Started in Farming” and assess the resources you have currently.**

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Section I: General Information

Date _____

Name _____

Name of partner _____

Address: _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

Section II: Farm Transfer

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Term Lease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Term Lease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lease/Buy Option | <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Sale |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Owner Financed Sale |

Are you looking to farm Full or Part Time? Full PT

Do you require housing? Yes No

Are you currently farming? Yes No

Years of Farm Experience: _____

Years of Farm Management Experience: _____

Years of Agriculture Related Education: _____

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Do you have equity that could be included in a sale/rental/use agreement (i.e.: cash, livestock, equipment)?

Type of farm desired

Dairy Field Crops Livestock Specialty Crops

Please describe the farming situation you desire (this 100 word or less description will be placed on our website and in our newsletter).

Section II: References

Please provide 3 References

1. Name _____

Phone Number _____

2. Name _____

Phone Number _____

3. Name _____

Phone Number _____

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Please read and sign:

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 does 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.

The information in 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: _____