

Connecticut Farm Link Program - Owner Application

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Connecticut Farm Link Program. The enclosed questionnaire will be used to share information between you and farm seekers who are registered with the Farm Link Program. Below you will find a summary of the procedures for the program. If you have any questions, or if you need further assistance, please call the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Marketing Division at (860) 713-2503.

How to Join the Program

Farm Owners must complete a Connecticut Farm Link Questionnaire which includes a description describing your farm. This is your advertisement for your farm which will be put on the Farm Link website. It is important this description of the farm is a true representation of your situation - Farm Seekers you will be contacting you based on the farm description. Please mail the completed and signed questionnaire to:

Connecticut Farm Link Program
Connecticut Department of Agriculture
Marketing Division
165 Capitol Avenue, Room 129
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

What's Next - Your Listing with Farm Link

After we receive your completed questionnaire we will send you a letter stating we have received your information and a case number will be assigned to you. Your short description will be added to the Connecticut Farm Link website. You will be identified on the website by your case number only and the short description you have supplied to us. Updates to your listing are your responsibility and must be put in writing and sent to the Department of Agriculture. Farm listings submitted by Farm Owners and Seekers will be updated and published at least quarterly. Published listings will never include your full contact information.

How Do I Find a Match? - Getting Information about Seekers

If you identify a farm seeker that looks promising, call (860) 713-2503 with the Farm Seeker case number along with your case number. A complete copy of the Farm Seeker's questionnaire with contact information will be mailed to you. Contacting farm seekers is your responsibility. PLEASE NOTE: If you do not have a computer or access to the Internet at a public library, contact our office for copies of Farm Seekers.



READ CAREFULLY!

THIS IS IMPORTANT!

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

- Completely and accurately completing the Connecticut Farm Link Questionnaire
- Proof reading the information you send to the Connecticut Farm Link Program
- Searching for Farm Seekers on the Farm Link website
- Requesting and reviewing Farm Seeker Questionnaires that are sent to you
- Contacting those Farm Seekers who most meet your qualifications
- Asking questions of Farm Seekers to gather information. Example: Questions related to farm work experience, farm ownership goals, farm management experience
- Checking Seeker references
- Meeting with those Farm Seekers who best meet your qualifications
- Contacting the Farm Link Program if you wish to remove or update your listing
- Following up with the Farm Link Program after a match to fill out a questionnaire so we can evaluate the program. We ask that you participate as it will help us help you and others in the future.

This Program Does Not:

- Screen Farm Seeker applicants
- Check Farm Seeker references
- Guarantee a suitable match for your needs

**Connecticut Farm Link
Farm Owner Questionnaire**

Case Number _____

This questionnaire is to be used for the encouragement of linking farmers through the Farm Link Program. *Please fill out the form completely as it will help you to link with compatible farmer seekers!*

Section I: General Information

Date _____

Applicant Name(s): _____

Legal Property Owner: _____

Farm/Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone Number(s): _____ Best Time To Call: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Section II: Farm Description and Information

1. Is the farm currently in operation? (Circle one) Yes No

2. Type of Farm Operation: Dairy Field Crops Specialty Crops Livestock
 Other _____

3. Size of Operation: Total Acres Owned: _____ Tillable Acres: _____
Wooded Acres: _____ Preserved Acres: _____

Is the farm or any portions of it preserved under the Farmland Preservation Program or other conservation easements? If yes, explain: _____

4. What Type of Farming Practices Do You or Have You Used? Conventional Sustainable
 Organic Other

If other please explain: _____

If sustainable or organic, please state number of years _____

Section III: Farm Transfer/Transition Goals

Are you looking to rent, sell or partner with someone? Which of the following arrangements would you consider (check all that apply)?

1. *Lease Options for Farm and/or Business*

- Long Term Lease (5+ years) Short Term Lease (1-5 years)
- Partnership Lease with Option to Buy
- Employment for a period of time then transfer to ownership
- Other _____

2. *Sale Options for Farm and/or Business*

- Standard Sale
- Owner Financed Sale

Is the farm presently listed with Realtor? _____

If yes, please provide the following information:

Agency _____

Agent phone: _____ Agent Email: _____ Listing Price \$ _____

Section IV: Assets

Please check either Sale, Lease, Both, Neither below. Spaces are left for descriptions of building, equipment, housing and livestock. You may attach a separate sheet for description if necessary.

Asset	Sale	Lease	Both	Neither
Buildings:				
Equipment:				
Housing:				
Livestock:				

Section V: Soils and Water

- 1. Describe soils on the farm: _____
- 2. Describe water sources on the farm for fields, outbuilding(s) and house:
Fields: Drilled well Pond Municipal River Spring
 Other (describe) _____
Buildings: Drilled well Municipal Other (describe) _____
House: Drilled well Municipal Other (describe) _____
- 3. Is there an active, approved conservation plan in place on your farm? Yes No

Section VI: Website Description:

Please provide a Farm Listing Description, not to exceed 150 words. Should you exceed 150 words we reserve the right to edit your description. This description is for the website that will describe the farm opportunity available.

This is your advertisement – make it a summary of what you would want a potential partner or buyer to know about your property and the potential opportunity that exists.

Section VII: References

Give name, address and telephone number of three references which include one professional reference (ex: Bankers or attorney), one supplier and one personal reference.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

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Section VIII: Waiver

Please read and sign the waiver below:

I give permission to the Connecticut Farm Link 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 the Connecticut Farm Link Program and the Department of Agriculture do not guarantee that a match will occur or that if a match does occur that it will be successful. I will not hold the Connecticut Farm Link Program or the Department of Agriculture liable for any loss, damage, or injury that may occur as a result of inquiries or interviews related to the match.

I also confirm that this application is correct, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Connecticut Farm Link Program has the right to cancel my membership at anytime.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

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