



## FARMLAND ASESMENT CHECKLIST

Landowner Name	
Property Address APN/Parcel #	
Contact Info	

A guide to help you examine site conditions and variables that can affect the viability of your farm operation.

This list is a **guide** and intended to help examine potential farm properties or leasing opportunities.

- Before visiting any property, carefully review each consideration.
- Identify particular aspects that will be vital for your operation and what could be deal breakers.
- During your site visit, confirm that you've covered these topics with the landowner/property manager and note any questions or comments to the right.
- *Trust your instincts!* And assess the suitability of the property (and the landowner) against your agricultural needs.

CONSIDERATION	COMMENTS/NOTES
The property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APN or parcel number</li> <li>• Zoning restrictions (is agriculture or residence permitted?)</li> <li>• Conservation easements</li> <li>• Leasing all or part of the property</li> <li>• Property lines</li> </ul>	
Access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Near the city</li> <li>• Near major roads</li> <li>• Accessible by car and large equipment</li> </ul>	
Relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landowner compatibility</li> <li>• Neighboring property residential or agricultural</li> <li>• Property currently rented?</li> </ul>	
Storage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability</li> <li>• Shared</li> <li>• Additional costs?</li> </ul>	
Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available</li> <li>• Included</li> <li>• Additional costs</li> </ul>	
Infrastructure and Improvements What is available as part of a lease or purchase and what will cost extra: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barns/buildings</li> <li>• Storage/cold storage</li> <li>• Washing station</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmstand</li> <li>• Fencing</li> <li>• Greenhouses</li> <li>• Food processing facilities</li> <li>• Irrigation infrastructure (well, pump)</li> </ul>	
<p>Land orientation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slope</li> <li>• Topography</li> <li>• Microclimates</li> <li>• Exposure</li> </ul>	
<p>Water resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source(s)</li> <li>• Quantity</li> <li>• Quality</li> <li>• Payment</li> </ul>	
<p>Utilities (What is available and who is responsible for payment)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Electricity/power</li> <li>• Gas/propane</li> <li>• Sewer</li> <li>• Garbage/Recycling</li> <li>• Internet/etc.</li> </ul>	
<p>Property borders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighboring farm practices</li> <li>• Residential neighbors/community</li> <li>• Landowners onsite</li> </ul>	
<p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access routes</li> <li>• Infrastructure/improvements</li> <li>• Equipment</li> <li>• Fencing</li> </ul>	
<p>History plot / Records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Known environmental hazards</li> <li>• Eligible for organic certification</li> </ul>	
<p>Soils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type</li> <li>• Quality</li> <li>• Available records?</li> </ul>	
<p>Wildlife/Vegetation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Species of environmental concern</li> <li>• Wetland or other sensitive ecosystems</li> </ul>	
<p>Other considerations:</p>	