

Land Link Vermont Matching Service Application Form--Farm/Land Owner

This application form will be used to match farm owners and seekers in the Land Link Vermont program. Please follow the steps below and call or email if you have questions. *There is no fee for owners to enroll in the program.*

How the Matching Service Works

1.) Matching is based on responses received, so please try to answer the form as completely as possible. A separate sheet that describes the farm and / or your goals is also useful (but not required). If you need help completing the form, please call a Land Link Vermont outreach assistant or contact Deb Heleba at (802) 656-0233 or dheleba@zoo.uvm.edu -- we are happy to assist you!

2.) Once completed, please mail to: Land Link Vermont, c/o UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture
63 Carrigan Drive, Burlington, VT 05405

3.) When the application reaches the Center, it is typed into our database. We then mail your owner profile to you, as well as a summary list of all farm seekers currently enrolled in the Matching Service.

4.) If any of the farm seeker listings look interesting to you, please let us know. At this point, we will do a "swap" where we send you the profiles you request and, in exchange, your profile will be sent to them. Although it is up to you to make contact with the seekers you request, some of these seekers may contact you.

5.) If you "link" with a farm seeker through our program or elsewhere, or would otherwise like to be removed from the Matching Service at any time, please let us know.

6.) We offer workshops and publications related to farm transfers throughout the year. We will add you to our mailing list to receive event notices.

Personal Information

1.1) Date: _____

1.2) Applicant Name(s): _____ 1.3) Date of Birth: _____
mo. day yr.

1.4) Legal Property Owner (if different from above): _____

1.5) Mailing Address: _____ Town: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____

1.6) Farm Location (if different from above): _____

1.7) Phone Number(s): _____ Email: _____

Farm Description

- 2.1) Is the farm currently in operation? Yes, how long _____
 No, how long since last farmed _____

If yes, who is managing/working on the farm? (Check all that apply.)

- You (applicant) Family member Hired manager Tenant Other _____

- 2.2) What are the current/recent commercial enterprises on the farm? (Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy (cows) | <input type="checkbox"/> Horses | <input type="checkbox"/> Hay & Forage Crops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Grains (Wheat, Rye, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep | <input type="checkbox"/> Berries | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Trees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goats | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Maple |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry | <input type="checkbox"/> Herbs | <input type="checkbox"/> No current/recent enterprise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery/Ornamentals | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

- 2.3) Size of operation:

Total Acres Owned _____ Tillable Acreage _____ Acreage in Forest _____

Acreage in Pasture _____ Acreage in Orchards/Fruit/Perennials _____

Number Maple Taps _____ 2.4) Certified Organic Acres All Some _____ acres None

- 2.4) Are there other active farms in your area? Number of working farms within a 5 mile radius:

- Less than 5 5-10 10-20 20 +

- 2.5) Has a conservation easement been placed on the property? Yes No Describe: _____

Farm Transfer/Transition Goals

- 3.1) Which of the following arrangements would you consider? (Check all that apply.)

Sale

- Standard sale.
 Owner-financed sale.

Farming Together

- "Work to own" (Gradual transfer of responsibility and farm assets over time).
 Enter into partnership with farm seeker.
 Joint venture with eventual sale/transfer.

Lease

- Lease with option to buy.
 Short-term Lease (1-5 yrs).
 Long-term Lease (5+ yrs).

Other(s) _____

- 3.2) Would you like to sell farm now? Yes No Sometime in future? Yes No
 If yes, when? _____

- 3.3) If for sale now, is the farm currently listed with a Realtor? Yes No

If yes, with whom (name/phone/how long on market)? _____

Asking price: _____

- 3.4) Would you consider hiring the seeker as an employee for a specified amount of time as a trial period before other farm transfer options? Yes No Maybe

- 3.5) Describe your farm transfer goals (what you'd like to see happen to the farm, when you might retire, etc.)

Farm Buildings

4.1) List major farm buildings, their size, use and condition. (Eg. Barn--40' x 170', free stall, good condition, houses x number of animals; garage/workshop--40' x 30', heated; farmstand for berries; etc.)

4.2) Is there a residence available for seeker? Yes No

If yes, please describe (___ # bedrooms ___ # baths): _____

Soils and Water

5.1) Describe soils on the farm (Eg. Hartland silt loam, Walpole fine sandy loam, Windsor loamy sand, etc.):

5.2) Please describe the water sources on the farm for house and barn(s).

Drilled well Municipal water Spring Pond River/Brook/Etc. Other _____

5.3) Is irrigation available? Yes No If yes, the source? Pond Spring River/Brook Other _____

Livestock and Equipment

6.1) Do you own any machinery that could be included in a sale/rental/use agreement? Yes No

If yes, please list (eg. JD 2950 4WD tractor with loader; pipeline milking equipment; JD mower, baler, rake, Dion chopper wagon; Ford harrows; International plow; Brillion seeder; Ubuler feed cart; etc.):

6.2) Do you own any livestock that could be included in a sale/rental/use agreement? Yes No

If yes, please describe (include type, number and breed): _____

Additional Information

7.1) Please attach a photograph(s) of the property and any additional material or comments about you or your farm that may be useful to a new or relocating farmer looking for land.

7.2) May we include your profile on our Internet web page (includes enterprise(s), acreage, location, but not your name and phone number)? Yes No

Please read and sign below.

I give permission to Land Link Vermont to release my name, address, phone number and any other information given in this application to person(s) who may be interested in discussing a possible farm transfer arrangement with me.

I understand that, although the staff at Land Link Vermont will make every effort to match me with a farm seeker, they do not guarantee that a match will occur or that if a match does occur that it will be successful. I will not hold Land Link Vermont or the University of Vermont liable for any loss, damage, or injury that may occur as a result of inquiries or interviews related to the match.

I understand that my application will be active for one year following the date of receipt after which I will be invited to renew.

Signature(s) of legal owner / applicant(s)