

TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR WORKING WITH FARMS WITH COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL

ONLINE RESOURCES

Sponsoring and Support Organizations

Land For Good: landforgood.org

Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust: mountgrace.org

Farm Credit East: farmcrediteast.com

Listing and Linking Websites

New England Farmland Finder: newenglandfarmlandfinder.org/

How To Create Effective Online Property Postings for Farm Link Websites guide: landforgood.org/wp-content/uploads/NEFF-How-to-create-effective-online-property-postings-for-farm-link-websites.pdf

Vermont Land Link: vermontlandlink.org/

Mapping

OLIVER – The MassGIS Online Data Viewer: maps.massgis.state.ma.us/map_ol/oliver.php

USDA Web Soil Survey: websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm

-Tutorial on USDA Web Soil Survey: smadc.com/farmRESOR/tut_soilsinfo.htm

U.C. Davis: casoilresource.lawr.ucdavis.edu/gmap/

Google Maps Area Calculator: www.daftlogic.com/projects-google-maps-area-calculator-tool.htm

VT Natural Resource Atlas: anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/anra/

NH Granite View: granitview.unh.edu/

Farm Infrastructure Checklist: www.uvm.edu/newfarmer/land/checklist.pdf

Beginning Farmer Network of Massachusetts – Looking For Land Fact Sheet:

www.bfnmass.org/sites/default/files/uploads/FactSheet_3_Looking_for_Land.pdf

Current Use Property Tax

Massachusetts:

Chapter 61 Programs: mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/stewardship/forestry/service/chapter-61-programs.pdf

Forest Tax Program Chapter 61: malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleIX/Chapter61

Ag. Tax Program Chapter 61A: malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleIX/Chapter61A

Rec. Tax Program Chapter 61B: malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleIX/Chapter61B

Chapter 61, 61A, & 61B Application: <http://www.mass.gov/dor/docs/dls/mflb/forms/cl1.pdf>

Vermont: tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/current-use/current-use-enrollment

New Hampshire: extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource000976_Rep1099.pdf

Organic Certification, Organic Status

USDA – National Organic Program: www.ams.usda.gov/about-ams/programs-offices/national-organic-program

Northeast Organic Farming Association/Mass: nofamass.org/organic-certification

Baystate Organic Certifiers: baystateorganic.org

Conservation Easements

Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust: mountgrace.org

The Forever Farmland Initiative: foreverfarmland.org

Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition: massland.org/landowner-information-library

Mass.gov APR Program Details: mass.gov/service-details/agricultural-preservation-restriction-apr-program-details

Agricultural Lenders in MA

USDA Farm Service Agency: fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Massachusetts/index

Farm Credit East: farmcrediteast.com

The Carrot Project: thecarrotproject.org

Massachusetts Business Planning Resources

MDAR Agricultural Business Training Program:

mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/land-use/agricultural-business-training-program-abtp.html

CISA One-On-One farmer assistance:

buylocalfood.org/resources-for-farmers/workshops-and-assistance/one-on-one-assistance/

Beginning Farmer Network of MA Business Planning: bfnmass.org/decision-tree/beginner-business-planning

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): nrcs.usda.gov

Resources for Leasing; Lease Guide

landforgood.org/resources/toolbox/leasing/

landforgood.org/wp-content/uploads/LFG-Landowners-Guide-To-Leasing-To-A-Farmer-Handbook.pdf