

Land Tenure Situation Assessment New & Beginning Farmers

Use this worksheet to assess and catalog your current land tenure situation, as a starting

point for action items and next steps. Use additional paper if necessary.	
1.	 Your personal history of land access and tenure: Describe your past farming experiences. Assess the ways in which these experiences will assist in your present farm search and acquisition process.
	What has been your relationship to the land? How will that inform your present land search?
	Did you grow up on a family farm? If so, who owned it? What happened to it? What did that teach you about your own land tenure requirements or preferences?
	 Have you apprenticed on a farm? What was the land situation there? Was there anything about that experience that you can use to focus your land search?
2.	Past efforts to acquire a farm or farmland: • Describe what you've done.

What decisions have you made?



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What's worked?
What lessons did you learn from your past efforts?
3. Challenges encountered:• What have been your biggest challenges?
What concerns you the most about your search for a farm or farmland?
 Which of those will you be able to handle on your own and which will you need help with?
4. Need to know:What do you need to know to move forward?
What is your plan for getting this information?