

Farming Goals & Priorities | Necessary • Desirable • Optional

Use the table to list top priorities among everything you are considering in your farm search. Indicate how important it is that the site has specific qualities by listing what's necessary, desirable, and optional for each of the categories.

For example, is it necessary to own the land, or for it to be in a certain location? Would it be desirable to live on the farm, but not necessary? Might it be convenient—but optional—for there to be an existing barn on the land?

	Necessary	Desirable	Optional
Tenure: How will you hold the land? Do you want to: 1) own land, or 2) rent/lease land, or are you flexible or looking for an alternative situation?			
Location 1) Urban, peri-urban, or rural? 2) Close to: markets, family, community 3) Access to utilities/services (electricity, cell/internet service, water, sewer system) 4) Appropriate zoning district—what must be allowed and what is optional (e.g., cultivation, livestock, buildings, fences, etc.)?			
Natural features Suitable climate, soil conditions, sun exposure; water			
Built features Has electricity, fencing, road, pack shed			
Housing Existing house, size, zoned for potential housing needs			
Community Churches, schools, arts, diversity, affinity groups			
Other Price, charm			

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