

Farmland Access Options | Land Tenure

Farmers need access to space to grow food and deserve land tenure that matches their goals. Land tenure refers to the way land is held, used, and managed—and the rights and responsibilities people have in relation to it.

There are numerous ways to secure land tenure. Common methods include purchasing land to own or leasing land from a landholder. These are not the only two options. You could choose collaborative or partial ownership, lease to own, or other creative methods. These less common strategies are likely to take more time and intention than individual ownership and leasing.

To find the land tenure option(s) that may be right for you, review the [Farmland Access Decision Tool](#) (Land For Good) and note the land access approaches that interest you below. If you're interested in learning more about different methods of holding land, visit the Farmland Access Options resource section.

Based on your personal needs, farming goals, and timeline, what are the pathways of accessing land that most align (e.g., How important is ownership? Can challenges of not owning the land be addressed in an equitable long-term lease? How important is affordability?)?