

FARM EVALUATION CHECKLIST

LANDHOLDER NAME:	FARM ADDRESS:
The Location	Notes
Access	
Visibility	
Neighborhood & Neighbors	
Community	
Schools	
Services/Utilities	
Taxes	
Proximity to Markets	
Local Regulations	
State Regulations	

Zoning Restrictions or Covenants?	
Easements, Right of Way, or Liens?	
Snowmobiling, hunting?	
Surrounding land use (conventional crops/other industries)	
Internet Access	
Cell Phone Reception	
The Land	Notes
Acreage	
Topography; What are aspects/slopes of the land? South facing vs north facing etc.	
Soil Type(s) and Class(es)	
Primary Water Flow; Flood zones?	
Sensitive Natural Areas	
Water Sources and quality	
Farm Layout	

Productive Capacity	
Vegetation, Weeds, Invasive Species	
Past Uses - Agricultural/Crops Planted	
Past Uses - Other	
Inputs/Fertilizers—last date applied, name of what was applied	
Chemicals Used—last date applied, name of what was applied	
Environmental History (underground tanks, etc)	
Predator Pressure	
Forest Resources	
Climate	Notes
Rainfall	
Length of Season	
Micro-climates	
Growing Degree Days	
Infrastructure	Notes
Well	
Water Distribution (automatic waterers, etc)	
Barn(s)	

Other Outbuildings	
Greenhouse(s)/High Tunnel(s)	
Power Sources (Solar, Hydro, Wind, Grid)	
Electrical capacity (can it support energy needs of the farm and household)	
Fences and Gates	
Access and Circulation; Paths and Roads (especially if purchased when ground is covered with snow)	
Housing	Notes
Existing Dwelling	
Potential Housing Sites (zoning permitted)	
Types of Dwellings Permitted	
Apprentice/Farm Labor Housing	
Nearby Housing Opportunities	
Service Providers Used	Name/Phone:
Plumber	
Electrician	
Septic	

Roofer	
Driveway Maintenance	
Contractor	
Phone/Internet	