Hello Farmland Advisors,

                On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you are registered to participate in the Farm Access and Transfer Policy Networking Call.   The following Farmland Advisors will be on the call: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The number to use for your call is: (605) 475-4810, 487106#.

These calls are an important part of building a strong Farmland Advisors’ network, a group of agricultural and land conservation professionals who share resources, strategies and creative solutions.   We hope they will provide a forum for peer learning and information exchange.  To make the most of these calls, please take time to review the information included in this email and come to your Networking Call prepared to participate.

Prior to your call, please review the below questions.  The facilitator for your call will use these questions to guide the conversation.   Because the calls are structured to be interactive discussions, each Advisor may be asked to share his or her perspective around a question to ensure that everyone has a chance to speak.

The following questions and issues will be discussed during your Networking Call:

1.       What should be the public policy goals or targets regarding farmland access and transfer?

2.       What model, successful or counter-productive state policies have you come across in this issue area?

3.       Who is—or should be—working on land access policy in your state?

4.       What could we be doing in our organizations or collectively to advance more supportive policies?

                For additional background information on the topic, please see the following report, which was just released in March 2014 –  New England Food Policy: Building a Sustainable Food System.  Here is the link:  <http://www.clf.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/D.Chapter1.pdf>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your hard work and for helping to participate in and build the Farmland Advisors’ Network.

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