



Lease Mediation Worksheet *for Farmers*

Initial questions for farmers to consider when working toward quality, durable leases.

The arrangement I have for the land I currently farm is (*check all that apply*):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> short-term rental (< 3 years) | <input type="checkbox"/> longer-term lease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ground lease | <input type="checkbox"/> intern/apprentice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> handshake (verbal agreement) | <input type="checkbox"/> written agreement |

Sketch the terms of your current lease agreement (for example, what is included – land, buildings, business, uses and restrictions, responsibilities, cost, length, renewal):

Describe your ideal arrangement. How does it differ from your current lease?

Describe your landlord – tenant relations (How involved? Sharing responsibilities? Communications?)

What is working well with your current lease arrangement?

What could be improved with your current arrangement?

Describe your farm business successes. What are you most proud of?

What are some of the problems you are facing with your farm business?

Describe the farm business you would like to achieve in the medium-to-long term. How does it differ from your current operation, and what needs to change in your lease arrangement to achieve it?

Are there any improvements in infrastructure necessary to achieve your goals?

What would you like to know, but have yet to ask your landlord?