

Activity 1

“Nuts and bolts”

This information is describing the farm of _____.

What year was your farm purchased and by whom?

How many acres is the farm?

Is it owned free and clear?

How long have you owned/operated it? Do you have co-owners?

What enterprises do you have on the farm?

What enterprises did you have in the past?

How else has the farm changed over the years?



Activity 2

"The heart and soul"

This information is describing the farm of _____.

What are some of your strongest visual memories about the farm?

Describe some smells that you remember. Are there any tastes you associate with the farm?

What touches or feels do you remember best? How about sounds: What sounds do you remember best?

What particular events stand out most in your history of the farm, both positive and negative?

What is important to you about how your farm is managed?

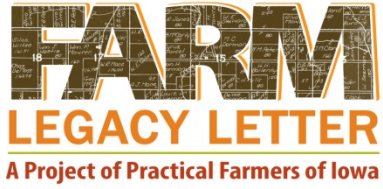
30 years from now, what three things do you most want people to remember about your farm?

Activity 3

“Vision for the future”

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read through each goal carefully. These are common farmland goals we hear.
2. Is there a goal for your farmland that is missing? If so write it on a blank tab. Do you want to change the wording
3. Read through each tab carefully and place it in one of three piles:
 - A. This is a very important 30-year goal for my farm.
 - B. This is a 30-year goal for my farm but not the most important one.
 - C. This is not a 30-year goal for my farm (the goal is not relevant or simply not important to you).
4. Pick up the pile of “very important” cards, pile “A”. Look these cards over carefully and choose your very top priority. *You may only choose one card for your top priority—the goal that matters most.*
5. Record on your tabs which was your top goal, which were other goals in the A category, which goals were in the B category and which were in the C category. *We will come back to this activity tomorrow.*



Template

Date:

To my future generations:

SECTION 1: The farm basics (from Activity 1) (the “nuts and bolts”)

My farm is _____ acres located:

I have owned the farm since:

Enterprises on the farm include:

We used to raise these enterprises on the farm:

My farm has changed over the years in the following ways:

SECTION 2: Strongest memories and events (from Activity 2) (the "heart and soul")

My strongest memories of the farm are:

I remember best these sights/smells/sounds/touches/tastes:

These events stand out as particularly important about the farm:

SECTION 3: Goal setting (From Activity 3) (the "vision for the future")

My number one goal for my farmland is:

This is my very top goal because:

The following goals are also my priorities (although not my top goal):

These are important goals for me because:

SECTION 4: Conclusion (the "parting gifts") (last two questions from Activity 2)

It is important that my farm is managed like this:

30 years from now, I want people to remember this about my farm:

Lastly, I want to leave you with this information:

Signed: _____