WHAT MATTERS MOST FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUR FARMLAND?

Here are common goals that farmland owners have for the future of their farmland.

Keep family harmony/foster positive relationships among family members

Provide land for my farming heir(s) to farm

Provide a farm for a family to work

Help provide my heirs with greater financial stability through the sale of, or rental income from, the farm

Use my farmland to benefit a charitable cause

Give all of my heirs an inheritance of equal economic value

Keep the farmland in my family

Use the farmland for conservation (improve soil quality, water quality, biodiversity, etc.)

Other:

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Read through the goals. Change their wording, if needed, so that they all make sense to you.
2. Is there a goal missing? If so write it down in the “Other” category.
3. Cross out the goals that are not relevant or are very low priorities for the future of your farmland.
4. Look through the remaining goals and circle your top three.
5. Examine those top three. Which is your very top goal? Put a star by it.

Fill out the back of this page and then share with your heirs and your farm transition team.
My number one goal for the future of 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 the future of my farmland because:

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Signed: ______________________________
Date: _______________