

Sources for Farmland in New England

- Land Link Programs

Runs a database for land that is available for renting or purchasing for farmland use.

- a. New England Small Farm Institute: New England LAND-LINK
275 Jackson St., Belchertown, MA 01007
phone: 413-323-4531 www.smallfarm.org/nell/database.html
- b. Maine Farm Link
<http://www.state.me.us/agriculture/mpd/farmlink/>
- c. New Jersey Farm Link
<http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/sadc/farmlink.htm>
- d. New York FarmNet <http://nyfarmnet.org/>
- e. Pennsylvania Farm Link <http://www.pafarmlink.org/>
- f. Land Link Vermont <http://www.uvm.edu/landlinkvt/>
- g. National Farm Transition Network for a linked directory of farm link programs in the US. <http://www.farmtransition.org/>
- h. Growing New Farmers for a Northeast regional searchable directory of resources and programs for new farmers, including access to land, credit, information and markets. Includes Frequently-Asked-Farmer-Questions, publications and other resources.
<http://gnf.bigmindcatalyst.com/cgi/bmc2.pl?page=pubpg1.html&n ode=1009>

- American Farmland Trust – New England Office

1 Short Street, Suite 2, Northampton, MA 01060-3952

phone: 413-586-9330 <http://www.farmland.org/northeast/staff.htm>

- Farm Service Agency (FSA) – By County

Are in contact with landowners and farmers and might aid in facilitating land matches.

Middlesex, Essex County

319 Littleton Road, Westford, MA 01886-4133

phone: (978) 692-1904 www.fsa.usda.gov

Worcester County

52 Boyden Road, Holden, MA 01520

phone: (508) 829-4477, ext. 2. www.fsa.usda.gov

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office
451 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002 (also offices by county, see FSA)
phone: 413-253-4350
<http://www.ma.nrcs.usda.gov/neasoils/index.html>

Offers assistance in assessing farmland.

- Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114
Phone (617) 626-1700 <http://www.state.ma.us/dfa/>

Have a land use department.

- Conservation Groups: NESFP has an extensive list of these groups, attached is a brief list only
 - a. **Conservation Commissions:** Every town/city has a Conservation Commission that may be helpful in finding local land to use for agricultural preservation. They are always a government group, and you can find exact contact information by calling a town or city hall.
 - b. Land Trusts
 - c. Watershed councils
 - d. Historic commissions

- Private Landowners
Have been known to contact these agencies, including NESFP, because they are interesting in leasing land out to farmers.

- Local and Regional Newspapers
Check classified advertisements.

- Farm Store, Farm Stand, or General Store Bulletin Boards
Sometimes landowners post notices up on bulletin boards in public places.
- Real Estate Agencies
Some real estate agents are knowledgeable about farmland rentals/purchase. Call different agencies and ask.
- Word-of-Mouth
Ask other farmers or local land owners if they know of land opportunities.

“Short” list of conservation groups and land listings

Owner Name	Farm Name	Mailing Address	Phone / Email	Town
Al Futterman, Land Programs Outreach Director	Nashua River Watershed Association	592 Main Street Groton, MA 01450	978-448-0299 alfutterman@nashuariverwatershed.org	31 watershed communities of N Central Mass.
Andy Kendall, Executive Director	The Trustees of Reservations	572 Essex Street Beverly, MA 01915- 1530	Tel: 978-921-1944 Fax: 978-921-1948 akendall@ttor.org www.thetrustees.org	Mass
Gerald Coffey, President	Nashoba Conservation Trust Inc.	PO Box 188 Pepperell, MA 01463	603-465-6144 nashobatrust@nashobatrust.org	Pepperell, Dunstable, Groton, Townsend
Janet Morrison, Dir. Of Land Protection	North County Land Trust	P.O. Box 2052, Fitchburg, MA 01420	978-342-0174 jhmorrison@bicnet.net	North Central Mass.
Sally Swift	Carlisle Conservation Foundation	Box 300 Carlisle, MA 01741	president@carlisleconservationfoundation.org	Carlisle
Trustees of the Reservations	Stevens Coolidge Place	Bob Murray, Property Manager Route 125 N. Andover, MA	(978) 682-3580	N. Andover

Owner Name	Farm Name	Mailing Address	Phone / Email	Town	# of Acres	Irrigation/Water
Adamovich Parcel		on Nashua River- contact Barbara Ganem at bganem@townofgroton.org , 978-448-1106		Groton	33, roughly 20 is open farmland	none, but next to river
Adams, Becky		Westford, MA	badams@comteam.org	Westford		
Auger, Charles	Nagog Hill Orchard	74 Nagog Hill Rd, Littleton MA	(978) 486-3835 or (978) 833-0192 C	Littleton	10-15 acres on scattered plots	pond water onsite, some irrigation installed
Barry, Russ & Silva, Bonnie		128 High St. West Newbury	(978) 465-2913	W. Newbury	7	access to water
Clark, Darryl		978-877-7954, Darryl@NortheastOrganics.com		southern Maine	20 acres	
Daman, Steve	Gateposts Farm	9 Whitcomb Road Bolton, MA	(978) 779-6653 h (617) 262-4567, steve.daman@comcast.net		Bolton	3+ acres
Dudley, Bob	Crystal Farms	Bale St. (Route 97) Haverhill, MA	(978) 373-1510 H (508) 523-3278 C	Haverhill	7 acres	large irrigation pond
Facella, Sam	Anvil Farm	665 Main Street, West Boxford	(978) 352-8357	West Boxford	40, including house	unknown
Fox, Kathy & Warren		Dracut	wfox123456@aol.com	Dracut	9	little access to water, owners are researching options
Holmes, Jean & Reed	Peace Valley Farm	57 Elliott Street, P.O. Box 680 Pepperell, MA 01463 jeanreed@mindspring.com	(978) 433-3182 OR (978) 618-6056	Pepperell	12+4+4	access to water
McPherson, Don	Minuteman Airfield	302 Boxboro Rd, Stow	(978) 897-3933 DGM6B6@aol.com	Stow	25 acres on edge of municipal airfield	pond onsite
Morss, Stanwood	Morss Farm	76 Lakeshore Rd. Boxford, MA 01921	(978) 352-2633	Boxford	125 acres, 50 are cleared	access to water

O'Connor, Mary ** contact Carl Cummings (lawyer)		171 Lexington Road, Billerica	(978) 667-5380 H (978) 808-8065 C (978) 884-2402 CC	Billerica	4-6 acres of varied land, needs work	pond on prop., but wetlands make access tough. Also access to town water via hydrant
Pearl, Jack	Pearl Farm	34 Glendale Rd, P.O. Box 120, West Boxford, MA 01885	(978) 352-6703	West Boxford	20	access to water
Pender, Mark	Pender Farm		(978) 265-0296	Amesbury, MA	150	several ponds for irrigation, working with NRCS to clean them (lots of sediment etc.)
Russell, Steve	Russell Farm	93A Groton St, Pepperell, MA 01463	(978) 433-6593 (978) 556-3237 W	Pepperell	3	access to water
Stafford, Susan		Lowell Rd, 978-369-0037 or 617-733-4922 (work)		Concord	47	pond onsite
Stafford, Susan		Lowell Road, Concord, MA	(978) 369-0037 H (617) 733-4922 W	Concord	47 acres	pond onsite
Tewksbury Hospital - Tom Deetner, Grounds Supervisor		Tewksbury. MA	Main Number (978) 851-7321 Tom's ext: x2220	Tewksbury	many acres mixed farmland	
Trustees of the Reservations	Stevens Coolidge Place	Bob Murray, Property Manager Route 125 N. Andover, MA	(978) 682-3580	N. Andover	approx. 80 acres of well-drained farmland	town water available and accessible, no other irrigation in place
Zavolas, Nick and Day, Suzie	Hadley Farm	45 Martin Street, Acton, MA 01720	(978) 263-4775 H (617) 626-1030 W hadleyfarm@mindspring.com	Acton / S. Acton	7.5 total, but 3 open	running brook on property
Zuk, Caroline	Zuk Farm	57 Old Parker Rd. Dracut, MA	(978) 771-5075	Dracut		dug 500 foot well - no water. Considering hydrofracturing to access water