

New American Sustainable Agriculture Project Land Survey Questions

Contact Information

Landowner name:

Phone:

Date contacted:

How did you hear about the NASAP?

Location

Name of farm (if applicable):

Address of land:

Directions to the land by vehicle:

Land Access

Can you get to the land from the street or do you have to pass through other land?

Are there any concerns or problems with the location of the land?

Is there parking available? (farmer, farm workers, farm stand customers)

Size of the Land

What is the total acreage of the land?

How many acres are:

- _____ Currently used by owner or other farmer
- _____ Tilled land
- _____ Non-tilled but managed
- _____ Brush or other – Could be used for farm use if cleared
- _____ Forested. Cannot be used for farmland soon

What is the general shape of the land (flat, sloping, etc.)?

Current Use of the Land

Is the land currently being farmed?

Is the land under any state agricultural preservation restriction (APR) or other local conservation restriction?

If YES, since when?

Are there any other restrictions on the use of the land? Easements?

Is the land currently in organic certification?

If no, are there plans for certification in the future?

Are there current uses that would prohibit the certification of the land?

If yes, Please describe:

Land Agricultural Use

If currently used for farming, list crops being produced and acreage for each crop.

Have there been any recent crop problems? (Major pest outbreaks, etc)

If known, when was the land first used for farming?

For how many years has the land been in production (if known)?

If NOT in production, when was it last in production? For what crops?

Condition of Land

What is the overall condition of this land for farming? Soil quality, drainage?

Is there anything that might interfere with crop production? (Contamination, wetness, too rocky, etc.)

Is any part of the land wet in the spring? If YES, describe.

Have you located your land on the county soils map?

If YES, what soil complex(es) are present?

Have there been any problems with wildlife?

Is the land located near where vehicles, animals, or people could trespass onto the land?

Water/Irrigation

Is there a water source for irrigation?

If YES, what source? Where is it located?

Do you currently use irrigation?

Is there any irrigation equipment available?

Equipment

Would there be farming equipment available for persons renting the land?

If YES, describe.

Large farm equipment (tractor, etc)

Small farm equipment (tools, etc.)

Barn or storage shed

Greenhouse or potting shed

Other

Lease Arrangements

Who is responsible for managing and leasing the property (owner(s), land trust, both)?

When would the land be available for this project?

Is there an option to purchase the land?

What is the cost to lease/purchase this land?

How many farmers would you like to have farming on this property (maximum, minimum)?

How do you want the land managed (by an individual farmer, a cooperative, as a NASAP training farm site)?

Have there been any problems with neighbors? Do you think there might be problems in the future if immigrants were farming on this property?