



## **Approaches to Accessing Land for Gardens and Farms**

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### **1. Factors to be considered in land selection for farms and gardens:**

- a. Farm business goal assessment: type, methods, scale of production,
- b. Irrigation need : water availability- source, quantity, quality, methods of irrigation, cost, etc
- c. Climate: rainfall, temperature, sunlight, Relative humidity, etc
- d. Elevation
- e. Farmland characteristics:
  - i. Location: distance, access, zoning, neighborhood, market, access to machinery,
  - ii. Soil characteristics: fertility, toxicity, reclamation cost, etc
  - iii. Topography: slope, aspect, erosion, etc
  - iv. Land size: how much available compared to the business goal
  - v. Land use: past, present and future
- f. Lease condition: durations, cost, watering schedules, role of the landowner, etc
- g. Ownership: methods, durations, etc
- h. Land use policies and regulations

### **2. Methods of accessing land for farm and garden**

- i. Networking
- ii. Partnership (interest group, advisers, etc)
- iii. Real Estate Agency
- iv. State Land Trust
- v. USDA FSA ([www.resales.usda.gov](http://www.resales.usda.gov))
- vi. Reservations (Tribal land)
- vii. Cities (future project land)

### **3. Land Tenure options**

- i. Lease ( cash, fee-title, etc):
- ii. Crop-Share:
- iii. Purchases
- iv. Partnership ( mutual benefits)

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