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Part 1: Identifying a Location
Finding Land Overview

- Select a target location
- Know what you’re looking for
- Find out about real estate or rental values
- Identify resources that might provide access to suitable land
- Develop a plan!
How to Choose a Target Location?

▪ Find out about agricultural and business conditions
▪ Does the community support agriculture?
Know the local regulations!

Boise City

Ada County
How to Choose a Target Location?

- Personal and Business goals:
  - Do you want to be near family and friends?
  - City, town or rural area?
  - Near schools or other important places?
Things to know!

▪ Climate, growing season

▪ Water availability/rights

▪ Types of agriculture in the area

▪ Land values and rental rates
Things to know!

- Where are your markets?
- What’s your transportation plan? Will you spend a lot of time driving?

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Climate/Growing Conditions
What is a census?

- The Census counts the number of people living in a place, usually every 10 years.

- The Census of Agriculture counts the number of farms, farmers, income and kinds of crops produced.
Idaho Census of Agriculture - 2017

- 1304 farms in Ada County
- 672 farms are between 1 and 9 acres.
- 692 farms sold $2500 or less in farm products
- Average Ada County farm earns $20,801

- Lots of other information can be found.
Websites can tell you about Land Prices
Part 2: Finding Land Strategies
How Can I Find Land to Rent or Buy?

▪ Word of mouth – Talk to people you know.
▪ Real estate agents
▪ Online resources like Craigslist or FarmLink programs
▪ Community networks
▪ For Rent signs
▪ Find land, identify the owner, and ask them.
Who owns land?

- Farmers and homeowners
- Cities, states and the federal government
- Institutions like churches and schools
Why do landowners lease their land?

- To earn money
- Help maintaining the property
- Tax savings
- To help farmers and support food production
- To care for the environment
How can I find land near me?

- Google maps can help you find plots of land near where you live. [www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com)

![Screenshot: maps.google.com](image-url)
I see some land I like. Who owns it?

- Go to the Ada County Assessor Website to find out:  www.adacountyassessor.org
Find land lease or sale ads online:

- www.boise.craigslist.com
- www.zillow.com
- www.realtor.com
What is Farm Link?

- FarmLink or LandLink are websites where farmers and landowners can place ads and find each other.

- Find Idaho FarmLink at [www.farmlink.ruralroots.org](http://www.farmlink.ruralroots.org)

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Let’s make a plan and find some land!