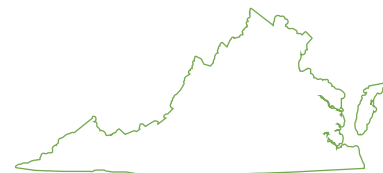


Is Your Community Farm Friendly?

A Checklist to Gauge Local Support for Agriculture in Your Community



DOES YOUR COMMUNITY...

Protect farmland and promote thoughtful growth

...address agriculture in your comprehensive plan and/or other community plans?	YES	NO
...support agricultural and forestal districts?	YES	NO
...allow use-value assessment?	YES	NO
...purchase development rights on farmland?	YES	NO
...allow transfer of development rights?	YES	NO
...mitigate the impacts of utility-scale solar siting on farmland?	YES	NO
...have zoning that prioritizes agriculture and guides things like setbacks and buffers?	YES	NO
...have urban development areas?	YES	NO

Support agricultural viability

...incentivize new and expanding agribusinesses?	YES	NO
...invest in community food or other processing facilities?	YES	NO
...have a “Buy Local” or other promotional campaign?	YES	NO
...allow retail marketing and/or value-added processing on farms?	YES	NO
...support farm to school or other institutions?	YES	NO
...have reasonable regulations regarding agritourism?	YES	NO
...encourage agricultural leadership so farmers are represented in local decision making?	YES	NO
...have clear guidance on things like accessory uses, farm labor housing, renewable energy, etc.?	YES	NO

Advance conservation agriculture

...support your local soil and water conservation district?	YES	NO
...have policies to encourage composting?	YES	NO
...guide solar siting on farmland?	YES	NO
...adopt an individually tailored program to protect water quality?	YES	NO
...provide resources to encourage on-farm conservation?	YES	NO

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