

# YOUNG AGRARIANS

## TOOL: TESTING THE MODELS

- This tool includes a decision-making test for how the land will be held, a decision-making test about land ownership for entering farmers, and a blank version for you to adapt.
- This tool can be used in any decision-making process - simply fill in the options in the first column with whatever potential solutions have been proposed.
- We recommend including all solutions put forward on your list, no matter how impossible or “out there” they seem - you never know what may be possible! Listing all proposed solutions allows everyone participating in discussions to feel that their voice is heard and ideas considered, and can allow you to move forward past ideas that aren’t feasible once everyone understands the reasoning. You also learn more about each other and your goals and needs this way.
- Ensure you understand the opportunities and obstacles with guidance from technical advisors before locking into a decision.
- Adapted from Nova Scotia’s Farm Succession Planning Resources: [nsfarmsuccession.ca](https://nsfarmsuccession.ca)

Download this tool including a blank version here: [youngagrarians.org/toolkit-stage-2-assess](https://youngagrarians.org/toolkit-stage-2-assess)

OPTION	Y/N - STILL CONSIDERING	Y/N - OFF THE TABLE	YES - FINAL DECISION	REASONS WHY?
GIFT TO FAMILY				
MARKET VALUE SALE TO FAMILY				
GIFT TO NON-FAMILY				
MARKET VALUE SALE TO NON-FAMILY				
BELOW MARKET VALUE SALE TO NON-FAMILY				
FAMILY TRUST				
GIFT TO COMMUNITY LAND TRUST				
SALE TO COMMUNITY LAND TRUST				

OPTION	Y/N - STILL CONSIDERING	Y/N - OFF THE TABLE	YES - FINAL DECISION	REASONS WHY?
OWN LAND YOURSELF				
OWN LAND WITH OTHER PEOPLE				
ACCESS LAND AS PART OF A LAND-OWNING CO-OP				
ACCESS LAND VIA TRUST				
LONG TERM LEASE, SOLE PROPRIETOR				
LONG TERM LEASE, PARTNER IN BUSINESS				
CORPORATION				

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