

Questions to ask a farmer

1. Do you intend to work at farming as a full or part time job?
2. Are you prepared for the upfront costs of farming?
3. Are you growing commercially?
4. What is your farming background?
5. Would you be committed to returning the land to cover crop should you let the lease lapse or go?
6. What do you plan to grow?
7. How often do you plan to be on the land? (Does this interfere with a schedule of yours)
8. How do you plan to grow? Organically? Biodynamically? Other
9. Are you responsible for good weed management?
10. Are you willing to pay for eradicating the weeds by a means acceptable to the landowner including manual and mechanical cultivating?
11. How do you plan to care for the soil?
12. What amendments do you plan to use?
13. Are there tools/equipment you will bring of your own?
14. Do you have personal insurance?
15. Will there be other people working the land with you? How many?
16. Will you have WCB for any employees?
17. Can you provide water sanitation and shade for any employees?
18. Are you bondable?
19. Do you have an ideal agreement in mind?
20. What is your ideal lease time?
21. Will you be growing any illegal crops?

