

# Farmers looking for land to lease



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31	Ghent area		Additional pasture land for beef (Angus) operation	Angus beef	Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>			Has farmed entire life, leases other farms. Farm started 1957.
76	10-15 miles from North Chatham.		Looking for landowner with pasture and infrastructure.	Beef, plus compost & mulch	Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Looking for a new base for 15 cows/calf pairs. Looking for landowner to supply farm-he would supply cattle and management and improve land.		Farming for 40 years. Experienced in grazing, composting, beef cattle, grass fed beef

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97	Prefer Kinderhook/Valatie/Chatham/Ghent area, but flexible.	Ideally, buy 20 ac, lease 100 ac.	Would like to relocate existing farm. Desire stability, to have a small but diversified farm to produce whatever inputs (fertility/manure/compost) are needed to keep land healthy, to support the local community by providing employment and good food.	Certified organic farm that produces wide variety of top quality vegetables, potted herbs and vegetable transplants. Products sold at local markets and NYC, and via a CSA program that supplies Hudson Valley & NYC.	Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If possible, would like to purchase 20+/- ac for improvements including and lease at least 100 ac for crop/support land. 20 ac min great soils, with southern winter exposure, places for greenhouses and other infrastructure. Surface water is a must.	Husband: grew & marketed herbs on a nursery, manager of 60-ac shrubs and trees, head grower of hydroponic greenhouse, then current farm. Wife: nursery, senior gardener at Berkshire Botanical Garden, then current farm	Certified organic farmers since 2001. Growers since 2000. Couple-both have degrees in commercial horticulture.
119	The closer to home farm in Ghent the better, though can haul cattle to grazing locations.		Need additional land to hay or graze, currently have 250 head of cattle. Organic land use practices. Soil health will be restored without use of any man-made chemicals.	Black Angus and chickens. Windmill powered ranch, no antibiotics, no hormones, no grain	Water <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>			Grass fed and grass finished Black Angus Beef and pastured chicken and eggs for 6 yrs.
126	Columbia County	open	Interested in expanding current farm to develop a working rehabilitation center. Will use land for organic hay, as well as for biomass to generate energy for farm operation.	Farm is currently a 170-ac farm which will be transformed into a working rehabilitation facility/community as a 501(c)(3)	Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	long-term lease desired		Has farmed for 40 years.

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180	Variable. Has movable infrastructure (fencing, chicken houses, rabbit slaughter facilities, etc).	Variable	Home for nonprofit project. Good quality pasture, >1 ac arable land for herbs, flowers, veggies. Preference (not req) for history barns. Housing for self, interns and visitors.	Dried herbs, fresh cut flowers, meat rabbits, laying hens, pastured pigs, small mixed dairy (saanen goats and short horns) but flexible on breeds.	Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Installs orchards professionally, works w horses, could do housework in trade. Open minded about situation & scale of operations, will depend on site & relationship. Flexible re scale of operations as long as remains commercially viable	Apprenticeships in biodynamic dairy	Currently farming 3 props, BS in Conservation/AgroEcology; Farmer/activist. Director of non-profit for young farmers. Farming for past 8 years. Started college farm.
184	Columbia County-flexible	4 tillable, 10 pasture	Seeking conserved farmland to tenure.		Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Additional woodland a plus. Barns and other infrastructure, housing a plus. Wants to use draft horses to work the land. Organic operation.	Farmer/apprentice for 4 years	
186	In between Chatham & Stuyvesant.	4	Herbs	CSA: medicinal herbs, chickens, oats	Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Have greenhouse and tractor on existing land--shelter for equipment would be good		

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188	Ghent area	100	Wants to grow and harvest hay on other peoples' lands		Water <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>			
207	Columbia County--flexible	10, at least 5 tillable	Educational farm w/ intentional community component, w/ 6 peers. Want lease to accommodate long-term interest in living sustainably and implementing non-profit educational farm. Minimal rent for free produce, access to material & human resources		Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure suitable for housing for 5 people. Need to be able to build in future. Hope to build sustainably-built ecovillage. Access to well, running water, electricity, and a road. No septic, will have composting toilet.	Summer intern for 2 yrs at 3 organic farms. Volunteer exp. For the last 7 mo at local organic farm.	
208	Flexible	Ideal: 5-10 ac for veggies, 5-15 ac pasture/fields	Farming couple seeking land for lease, partnership or diversified farming operation. Ideally would have on-farm housing or w/in 15 min drive, but open to various situations.		Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Open to beginning a solely mixed veggie operation on as few as 2 ac. Existing barns, fencing, greenhouses, irrigation and other ag infrastructure a plus. Long term goal to run diversified mixed produce, livestock & grain through local markets.	Dec 2005-June 2008: managed a 6-ac mixed veggie, 180-member CSA farm on a non-profit ed farm. March 2002-Nov 2005: several farming apprenticeships ranging from 200-ac farm to .5-ac farm	In addition to many years organic farming, posses building skills and admin/organizational skills.

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219	Flexible	30-50	Want to actively participate in taking care of the soil and farm animals, and for family to be close to the source of food supply. Would like to introduce Korean health foods such as kimchi and other fermented food products, to the local community.		Water <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		Family works on a relative's start-up farm close by, on a regular basis	In past year, have immersed themselves in making firewood, building sheds and fencing, canning, pickling, tapping for syrup, and are raising about 30 chickens (some hatched from setting hen), 2 beehives, and hope to raise other animals.
230	Flexible	20, depends on type of land, infrastructure, etc	Lease or lease to own situation where current land tenure situation is secure, and will provide continuity into future. Looking to find a situation where a "whole farm" model is possible.	Currently operating a small CSA on leased land and would like to find a more permanent situation, and one that they can expand into perennial crops (fruits, nuts, berries, etc) and small pastured livestock.	Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Working with a new Community Land Trust, Hudson Valley Community and Agricultural Land Trust, and that org. could play a role in future land tenure of the farm. Barn a plus.		4 yrs together as partners, and before that several years of other people's farms. One grew up on family farm in N. Idaho on a cattle ranch, other has worked on several farms previously.
231	Pioneer Valley (western MA) but open to land in Columbia County. Note: will be out of country until 10/09 but reachable via email.	10-15	Organic vegetable operation and CSA		Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure (barn, greenhouse, water source, electricity)	Apprenticeship program at Brookfield Farm 2006.	Has worked @ other farms--CSA & market gardens. 2008: managed a small 1-acre farm, will be managing it again in '09 (working w farmer as mentor). Looking to lease land to start own business.

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240	Closer to Canaan better; would travel farther if close to other leased lands or big property		Make and sell horse hay	Boards horses, 20 beef cows, makes & sells horse hay	Water <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>			
243	NY, closer to western MA	40 for pasture, 40-60 for forage harvest.	Long term for certified organic dairy operation. Have herd of Ayshire, Kerry and a milking Devon cattle. OK with educational programs on farm. Own equipment.	Known for ability to manage farmland, and for milk quality.	Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Need to be able to certify land organic. Ideally need an existing structure to be milked in immediately or retrofitted to milk cattle. Shelter for cattle desirable. Place to set up bottling/cheese making plant a plus.		Husband 30 yrs experience, wife is cheesemaker and has helped other operations start in NY. Couple has helped to renovate older run-down farms. Known for ability to manage land, and for milk quality
244	Stuyvesant Falls, but will travel		Hay, can make horse hay		Water <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>			

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247	Up to 10 miles from farm in Kinderhook, depending on situation		Want additional land for grazing and hay, for operation that raises grass fed beef and sheep from calving/lambing to finished product.	Raise grass fed beef and sheep from calving/lambing to finished product.	Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>			Raised beef cattle & related activities for last 20 years; 5 yrs at present location
248	Willing to lease up to 30 miles from Germantown.		Expanding livestock and seed production aspects of farm. Interested in growing some lower maintenance crops (potato, garlic, winter squash) on leased fields.		Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		Worked and apprenticed on veggie/mixed livestock farms for 4 seasons.	Has been farming mixed vegetable production for CSA, farmers market, and wholesale for 4 yrs on leased land.
271	Columbia County-flexible	25-50	Business plan includes finding long-term lease situation on a dairy farm, buying calves (Jersey), and keeping them to start milking. Additionally, selling some crops. Very experienced in rotational grazing (more profit, better for cows & environment)		Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation-minded, uses as few chemicals as possible		Farmed part-time for 25 yrs, raising Jersey calves to breed heifers. Crops, hay, buckwheat, corn, oats and rye. Attended ag college, Coop Ext. seminars.

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276	Columbia County. Also looking for caretaking position in exchange for house, if possible.	8-20 (10 ideal)	Additional pasture for grass-fed Galloways (beef cows). Would like to purchase more animals but need more pasture.	Grass-fed registered belted Galloway farm	Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Water, fencing		
277	Distance from Taghkanic would depend on amount of land.		Additional land for hay crop	Raises draft horses, long horn cattle, bison, chickens, pigs and hay crop.	Water <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>			Grew up on 150-cow dairy, doing all aspects of farming. Moved to own 200 dairy farm.
286	Ghent area	open	Grazing for beef and/or goats--has some movable fencing	Beef and goats	Water <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>			Owned farm for 12 years; grew up farming. Raises beef and goats.

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292	Open to whole Hudson Valley, but prefer to remain in Columbia County	40 tillable acres, hopefully with some additional support/infrastructure land. Somewhat flexible.	Experienced farming couple want to start vegetable operation. Have experience, capital, & business plan to run a business that's environmentally & financially sustainable. Organic/Certified Naturally Grown. Long-term lease or other land security important.	To establish and run a diversified vegetable farm, marketing through CSA and fresh markets locally and in NYC/capital region. Open to including some animals if appropriate on the land. Would like to sustain family w/o off-farm jobs.	Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Housing, electric, and infrastructure a huge plus but willing to work around for the right situation. Would love eventual purchase of part of property for housing/infrastructure if owner amenable, but definitely not required.	2008: Roxbury Farm, Kinderhook; 2009: Hearty Roots Farm, Tivoli; 2010 Roxbury Farm, Kinderhook	Couple. One worked for many years in local food movement in NYC at Just Food (nonprofit the coordinates CSAs in NYC). Other worked as a lighting technician in NYC TV production--experienced mechanic and electrician.
300	Flexible	500-1,000 (doesn't have to be contiguous)	Want to contract with local farmers to grow rapeseed and other oil seeds. Runs successful businesses in US & Germany.		Water <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	To set up drying, milling, pressing & distilling operations, is interested in renting existing buildings. Oil from operation would be used locally (school buses, etc.)		Not a farmer, but would contract with farmers
334	Flexible	25+	Open a family business to encourage family time while learning importance of land and wildlife preservation. Plan a 7-10 ac corn maze and 1-ac pumpkin patch. Other activities: fitness, healthy eating, conservation, community awareness.		Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Business plan available. Local businesses will be able to sell products.	Husband: grew up on family farm in Chatham Cntr, worked for dairy farms and Genex, owned/operated ag supply co., served on Col Cnty Coop Ext Board, 4H leader	Wife: grew up on dairy farm in Pine Plains, worked on dairy and traveled to show Holsteins, started Green Mountain Farm, active in promoting ag legislation, volunteers for community programs such as Fair and 4H

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336	Flexible.	150 +/-	Need a grass farm to graze dual purpose herd of cattle to produce a breeding stock, draft animals, beef and dairy products, as well as hay production for winter feed. Currently engaged in all of the above except dairy.		Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Could use more than one farm (30 min away ok) to accumulate needed acreage. Could build fencing if not present. Housing could be another location, but would prefer to live on farm w/ livestock.	Began raising beef cattle in 1961 rehabilitating dual-purpose heritage breed of cattle since 1982.	Have performed every task of beef & stock farm since 1961 w/ dairy experience since 2004. Have owned 2 farms and worked on 3 others, currently rent 2.
344	Most interested in SW part of County, but open to other possibilities.	100-300	Looking for a new home base for grass-fed sheep and cattle farm. 100-300 ac grazing land.		Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Need to be able to develop water and fencing. Everything else is optional.		Farming partners, have a number of years vegetable farming before started current project, an animal farm. 2010 will be their third season.
347	Flexible	5-10 ac, flexible	Business plan is to have a small organic farm, to preserve food & make products that can be sold, and to offer workshops that educate people about organic farming/gardening, taking care of land, alternative energy, & making items from natural materials		Water <input type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Plan is adjustable to different situations, and open to different financial situations.		Has been studying and researching about organic farming for over 8 years, but hasn't had the land to begin. Has started a garden each year, has worked for gardening companies, and ran his own landscaping company for 3 years