



Farmland Leasing Workshop

A free workshop with guest speaker Kathy Ruhf of Land For Good

November 4, 2015 1-6:30pm

CitySpace

100 5th Street NE Charlottesville, VA

November 5, 2015 1-6:30pm

Middleburg Community Center

300 West Washington Street Middleburg, VA

Are you a farmer looking for land to lease?
Or a landowner wanting to lease your land?

Join the **Piedmont Environmental Council** at one of two farmland leasing workshops. Speakers include state and national land leasing experts:

- Keynote address with **Kathy Ruhf**, Senior Program Director at Land For Good and a nationally recognized leader and author in farm entry, succession and tenure. She served as co-director of the New England Small Farm Institute for 17 years, and was on the USDA Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers for 6 years. Kathy coordinated Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (NESAWG) from its founding in 1992 until late 2012.
- **Andy Sorrell** of **Virginia Farm Link** and **Katie Myer** of the **Certified Farm Seeker Program**. These programs link individuals exiting agriculture to those seeking farms and farm businesses, as well as assist new farmers in creating business plans and resumes.
- Local Virginia attorneys, **Mark Botkin** and **Steve Price**, bring their experiences in developing land leasing contracts for farmers and landowners.

Workshop Agenda

1:00 pm Doors open and registration.

1:30 pm Keynote address with Kathy Ruhf, Senior Program Director at Land For Good.

2:45 pm **Legalities of Leasing Arrangements:**

Mark Botkin of BotkinRose (Charlottesville workshop) or Steve Price of McCandlish & Lillard PC (Middleburg workshop) will provide information on the legalities of farmland leasing.

4:00 pm **Farmer and Landowner Panel:**

Virginia Farm Link and the Certified Farm Seeker Program will provide information on leasing resources available to Virginians, and local farmers and landowners will share experiences in land leasing.

5:00 pm **Networking Social Hour:**

Wrap up the workshop with an opportunity to meet landowners and land seekers. Catered appetizers, beer and wine will be provided.

**The workshop is free but requires registration by
October 30, 2015**

To register visit: www.pecva.org/events

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