

FARMERS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Have you ever been charged with a violation of law related to your farming operation?

Yes No If so, explain: _____

Have you ever been sued for any activity related to your farming operation?

Yes No If so, explain: _____

What do you produce on your farm? (check all that apply)

- Dairy Beef Poultry
- Pork Lamb Row Crops
- Fruits Herbs Vegetables
- Baked Goods Sweeteners Eggs
- Lacto-Fermented Foods /Beverages

Other (specify): _____

Does your farm have a current license by the state?

Yes No

If yes, what is it for? _____

Do you have animals on your farm? (If so, approximately how many of the following types?)

Cattle: _____ Poultry: _____

Swine: _____ Sheep: _____

Goat: _____

Other (specify): _____

How many acres do you farm?

Acres Farmed: _____ Acres Leased: _____

Is your farm certified organic or biodynamic?

Yes No



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For Farmers and Consumers
Defending the Right to Buy and
Protecting the Right to Sell
Nutritious Food
Directly from the Farm



**Farm-to-Consumer
Legal Defense Fund®**

LEGAL REPRESENTATION
POLITICAL ACTION ★ EDUCATION

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OUR MISSION

The Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund is a non-profit organization made up of farmers and consumers joining together and pooling resources to:

- ★ Protect the constitutional right of the nation's family farms to provide processed and unprocessed farm foods directly to consumers through any legal means.
- ★ Protect the constitutional right of consumers to obtain unprocessed and processed farm foods directly from family farms.
- ★ Protect the nation's family farms from harassment by federal, state, and local government interference with food production and on-farm food processing.

OUR MEMBERS

FARMERS who engage in grass-based, sustainable farming methods.

CONSUMERS who engage in commerce with these farmers.

CONSUMER GROUPS that obtain food directly from these farmers or that use cowshare, CSA, or other contractual agreements to obtain raw dairy and other nutritious products directly from farmers.

OUR SERVICES

LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Farmers and consumers can expect legal support in situations where their rights are in question.

The Fund also provides access to legal advice at any time of the day or night as needed.

Fund lawyers have experience both working for and challenging government entities, and are familiar with the types of administrative and enforcement actions taken by governments against private citizens, farmers and families.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Services include information updates, a legal clearinghouse, and business and cooperative models for farmers and consumers.

The Fund will also focus efforts on providing advice about best practices for on-farm food production and processing and for end consumption.

POLITICAL ACTION SERVICES

The Fund lobbies at the state and federal levels for laws and regulations favorable to raw dairy, on-farm processing, grass-based livestock operations, and sustainable vegetable and crop production.

The Fund pays particular attention to the effects of *unnecessary and burdensome regulations and restrictions on farmers.*



BENEFITS

Membership in the Fund provides farmers and consumers with:

LEGAL DEFENSE

Expert legal representation to defend direct distribution of raw milk and other farm products.

SECURITY

Our 24-hour hotline for legal emergencies any time of day or night.

FREEDOM

Participation in direct commerce knowing that lobbying and advocacy are available in the event of government interference.

SOUND ADVICE

Expert advice on best practices for farm production and food processing.

ACCURATE INFORMATION

Access to continually updated information on legal and regulatory issues that could affect your right to provide and obtain nutritious farm products.

PROTECTING

- ★ Vegetable Farmers
- ★ Livestock Farmers
- ★ Raw Milk
- ★ On-farm Processing
- ★ Animal Health

FIGHTING

- ★ National Animal ID System (NAIS)
- ★ Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)
- ★ Restrictions of direct sales

FARM-TO-CONSUMER LEGAL DEFENSE FUND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Mr. & Mrs. Other: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Farm or Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Check One: I am a Farmer I am a Consumer

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

\$50 - **Consumer Membership** \$125 - **Farmer Membership**

Check or money order payable to FTCLDF

Credit card (all fields required)   

Card No. _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Name on card: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____ 3 Digit Security Code: _____

Signature _____ Today's Date: _____

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

By signing this application, I certify under penalty of law that (1) my farm engages in or I support non-toxic methods of farming; (2) my farm does not engage in or I do not support practices that endanger the environment or harm the health of others; (3) all the information presented on this application, to the best of my knowledge, is true, accurate and complete; and (4) that I am not an employee of any governmental agency, or if I am, I will not use any of the information obtained or derived from the Fund for enforcement or administrative purposes against the Fund or any of its members.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

DISCLAIMERS

FTCLDF reserves the right not to approve any membership application and the right to revoke membership for cause, including but not limited to the misrepresentation of any information. If your application cannot be approved, we will return your payment along with a letter of explanation. FTCLDF does not provide legal representation for members in matters involving personal liability where those matters are unrelated to FTCLDF's mission statement. Consistent with the Internal Revenue Service regulations, FTCLDF cannot guarantee representation in every case and reserves the right to refuse or limit the scope of its representation in all cases. Membership fees paid to FTCLDF are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Consult with your tax advisor or attorney to determine whether membership fees paid to FTCLDF may be deductible as a business expense.

FARMERS, PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE BACK OF FORM →