



Upper Midwest Farmland Summit



November 14 & 15, 2023

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum — Chaska, MN

Hosted by the **Farmland Access Hub**

Welcome



Welcome to the **Upper Midwest Farmland Summit!**

We look forward to spending the next two days with you digging into how we can get and keep more farmers on the land, help retiring farmers transition to the next generation, and protect farmland for future generations.

We have two full days of presentations, panels, and discussions where we hope to build a common understanding of the issues, learn about and discuss efforts and models across the Upper Midwest, identify opportunities for regional and cross-state collaboration, and connect with fellow participants.

The Summit is hosted by the **Farmland Access Hub**, a four-state network of organizations, advocates, and service providers which are working together to help beginning, young, and emerging farmers gain affordable and secure land access. (See more about the Hub on page 19.)

Many people have been involved in helping to put together this Summit, including individuals who participated in community input sessions, an advisory committee, session organizers, sponsors, and the staff at many organizations that are part of the Hub. Thanks to everyone who has helped bring us all together for this event.

The first Farmland Summit, held in 2018, helped to accelerate the work on farmland access, conservation, and transfer issues. We hope that the 2023 Summit will have a similar outcome.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Joannides".

Jan Joannides

Executive Director

Renewing the Countryside

On behalf of the host:



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Keynote Speaker

Zach Ducheneaux

National Administrator

USDA Farm Service Agency

Appointed to USDA's Farm Service Agency in 2021, Ducheneaux provides leadership and direction on agricultural policy, administering loan programs, and managing conservation, commodity, disaster, and farm marketing programs through a national network of offices.

Ducheneaux previously served as the Executive Director of the Intertribal Agriculture Council and had been with the IAC since the 1990s. He has also previously served as tribal council representative for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. He has spent his career educating people about the critical role of improved food systems, value-added agriculture, and foreign exports to respond to the enduring economic and social challenges facing Native Americans and reservations.

Ducheneaux serves on the board of directors for Project H3LP!, a nonprofit founded by his family to benefit their local community by providing life lessons through horsemanship. His family still operates the 4th generation ranch on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation.

Summit Speakers & Facilitators

Learn from **over 60 experts** in their fields.

See the full list of Summit speakers & facilitators:

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Schedule

Day 1 – At-A-Glance

Tuesday, November 14

LOCATION

7:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast	MacMillan Auditorium <i>all until 5:00 p.m.</i>
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Welcome & Land Blessing from Summit Hosts & Partners	
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Farmland Access & Tenure Overview	
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Morning Break	
10:50 – 11:50 a.m.	Farmer Panel: Transferring the Farm to a Non-Family Member	
11:50am – 12:15 p.m.	Keynote Address: How Change Happens with Zach Ducheneaux	
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch	
1:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Land Stories: Experiences & Challenges in Accessing Land	
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break	
3:05 – 3:30 p.m.	State of the States: Farms Under Threat	
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	State of the States: Reports from the Field	
4:30 – 4:50 p.m.	Intro to the Farmland Access Hub & Navigators	
4:50 – 5:00 p.m.	Invitation to Reception & Closing	
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Happy Hour Reception	Snyder Auditorium

Schedule

Day 2 — At-A-Glance

Wednesday, November 15

LOCATION

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast	MacMillan Auditorium
9:00 – 9:20 a.m.	Opening & Day 2 Orientation	MacMillan Auditorium
9:25 – 10:35 a.m.	Breakout Tracks — Session 1	See page 9
10:35 – 10:50 a.m.	Morning Break	MacMillan Auditorium
10:50 a.m. – Noon	Breakout Tracks — Session 2	See page 11
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch & Meetup Groups	MacMillan Auditorium
1:10 – 2:20 p.m.	Breakout Tracks — Session 3	See page 13
2:20 – 2:35 p.m.	Afternoon Break	MacMillan Auditorium
2:35 – 3:45 p.m.	Breakout Tracks — Session 4	See page 15
3:50 – 4:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks & Gratitude	MacMillan Auditorium
4:10 – 5:00 p.m.	Tour of Farm at the Arb — <i>optional</i> Meet in the lobby of the Oswald Visitor Center, then drive through the scenic Arb to get to the Farm.	

Breakout Tracks

Each session on Day 2 includes five tracks in the following locations:

TRACK A Farm Succession & Transfer Planning Azalea Classroom	TRACK B Policy Dimensions of Farmland Access & Transfer Teaching Classroom	TRACK C Innovative Models of Farmland Access & Financing Snyder Auditorium	TRACK D Emerging Strategies for Affordable Land Access Tea Room	TRACK E Working with Land Seekers Fireplace Room
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Sessions

Day 1 – TUESDAY

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

MacMillan Auditorium

Welcome & Land Blessing from Summit Hosts & Partners

Tim Wilson, Farm Education Manager, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Janice Bad Moccasin, Enrolled Tribal Member of Crow Creek Dakota Nation

Jan Joannides, Executive Director, Renewing the Countryside

Patrice Bailey, Asst. Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

MacMillan Auditorium

Farmland Access & Tenure Overview

Farmland access and tenure are critical topics for those interested in getting a next generation of farmers on the land, but many people lack a solid understanding of the subject. Kathy Ruhf, Senior Advisor at Land for Good, will provide us with an overview including what we know from the data, key issues, and barriers and opportunities in this space.

Kathy Ruhf, Senior Advisor, Land for Good

10:50 – 11:50 a.m.

MacMillan Auditorium

Farmer Panel: Transferring the Farm to a Non-Family Member

Farm transitions, when there isn't a family member interested or able to take over the farm, present a unique challenge for those who want to see their farm business continue or for the land to remain in farming. Our three panelists will share their unique stories of how they are transitioning or have transitioned their farms.

Carmen Fernholz, A-Frame Organic Farms

Jerry Ford, Living Song Farm

Lynne Reeck, Singing Hills Dairy

Moderated by **Brett Olson**, Renewing the Countryside

Day 1 – TUESDAY

11:50 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

MacMillan Auditorium

Keynote Address: How Change Happens

Zach Ducheneaux, National Administrator, USDA Farm Service Agency
Introduction by **Whitney Place**, State Executive Director, Minnesota
Farm Service Agency

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

MacMillan Auditorium

Land Stories: Experiences & Challenges in Accessing Land

Emerging farmers representing diverse backgrounds will share their personal stories of trying to access land. They will share the challenges they have faced and speak to the broader historical and cultural contexts that have impacted their journeys.

Alex Bagwajinini Kmett, Red Lake Nation

Janssen Hang, Hmong American Farmers Association

Javier Garcia, Agua Gorda Farm, interpretation by Nadia Smith

Moses Momanyi, Kilimo Minnesota

Rachel Arneson, Arneson Farms

Moderated by **Lillian Otieno**, Director, Emerging Farmers Office,
Minnesota Department of Agriculture

3:05 – 3:30 p.m.

MacMillan Auditorium

State of the States: Farms Under Threat

Cris Coffin will share information on the Upper Midwest generated in a multi-year research project and report by American Farmland Trust, entitled *Farms Under Threat: State of the States*.

Cris Coffin, National Agricultural Land Network Director
and Senior Policy Advisor, American Farmland Trust

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Day 1 – TUESDAY

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

MacMillan Auditorium

State of the States: Reports from the Field

Representatives from organizations in Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and the Great Lakes region will share overviews of their states' situations in terms of farmland access, transfer, and protection, and how they are working to advance these issues.

Nathan Aaberg, Illinois FarmLink Director, The Land Connection

Mike Zastoupil, Agricultural and Food Systems Planner, Minn. Dept. of Ag.

Martha McFarland, Sr. Farmland Viability Coord., Practical Farmers of Iowa

Bonnie Warndahl, Farmland Access Navigator, Marbleseed

4:30 – 4:50 p.m.

MacMillan Auditorium

Intro to the Farmland Access Hub & Navigators

A brief overview of Navigators and the Farmland Access Hub, a regional network for farmland access support across the Upper Midwest.

Jan Joannides, Executive Director, Renewing the Countryside

Bonnie Warndahl, Farmland Access Specialist, Renewing the Countryside

Angie Doucette, Midwest Farmland Protection Mgr., American Farmland Trust

4:50 – 5:00 p.m.

MacMillan Auditorium

Invitation to Reception & Closing

Jan Joannides, Executive Director, Renewing the Countryside

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Auditorium

Happy Hour Reception

Join us for a casual and fun time to mingle and catch up with colleagues and friends! Appetizers & dessert will be served alongside a cash bar.

Day 2 — WEDNESDAY

9:00 – 9:20 a.m.

MacMillan Auditorium

Opening & Day 2 Orientation

Tim Wilson, Farm Education Manager, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Jan Joannides, Executive Director, Renewing the Countryside

Breakout Tracks — Session 1

9:25 – 10:35 a.m.

Azalea Classroom

Farm Succession: Understanding Barriers & Opportunities

TRACK **A**
SESSION 1

Farm succession is challenging for most farm families. How can farmers securely transition out of farming? What if there is no identified successor? This introductory session explores what goes into farm succession planning and who needs to be involved. We'll delve into barriers and opportunities inherent in farm succession with an emphasis on non-family farm transfer.

Kathy Ruhf, Land for Good

Jim Molenaar, St. Cloud Technical and Community College

Jim Ostlie, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Moderated by **Mia Ljung**, University of Wisconsin–Extension

9:25 – 10:35 a.m.

Teaching Classroom

The Historical Context of Land Access in the Western Great Lakes & Modern Impacts on Indigenous Peoples

TRACK **B**
SESSION 1

Bagwaj will briefly describe the relationship between Indigenous nations and settler-colonial states that sets up the legal basis for continued occupation, treaties, and actions that have impacted Indigenous land access and intergenerational wealth. As an individual entwined in that history, he will describe his own story about how he has been impacted by the cascading effects of historical events.

Alex Bagwajinini Kmett, Red Lake Ojibwe, Marbleseed

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9:25 – 10:35 a.m.

Snyder Auditorium

Engaging Local Community in Land Access and Equity: Models from Around the US

TRACK **C**
SESSION 1

Creative, community-engaged methods of funding farmland preservation can expand the effectiveness and impact of groups working to ensure long-term land access for farmers and ranchers. Yet, to be successful, they must respond to the context of a community, reflect the diverse needs of farmers and ranchers, and be adaptable over time. We'll discuss two models of community-funded farmland access in Iowa and Colorado and explore the lessons learned as these programs have developed and adapted.

Hannah Breckbill, Humble Hands Harvest

Stacy Lischka, Poudre Valley Community Farms (Fort Collins, CO)

9:25 – 10:35 a.m.

Tea Room

Agricultural Easements 101

TRACK **D**
SESSION 1

Agricultural easements are a fairly new tool in the Upper Midwest. These can play an important role in land affordability and availability while also protecting farmland from development. We'll cover the basics of agricultural easements with a focus on land access and transfer, as well as how they work, who they work for, and what the process involves.

Andrea Eger, The Nature Conservancy

Alison Volk, American Farmland Trust

9:25 – 10:35 a.m.

Fireplace Room

Farmland Access Navigator Panel

TRACK **E**
SESSION 1

Farmland Access Navigators provide an array of support, tools, and coaching to emerging farmers seeking to access farmland. The Navigators

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are part of the Farmland Access Hub, and they have helped hundreds of beginning farmers over the past five years. Come join a conversation with Navigators to learn more about what they do and to discuss how we might train and support more people across the region to provide these services.

Jeanne Janson, Illinois FarmLink

Katie Kubovcik, Big River Farms & Renewing the Countryside

Monika Owczarski, Sweet Tooth Farm

Bonnie Warndahl, Renewing the Countryside

Breakout Tracks — Session 2

10:50 a.m. – Noon

Azalea Classroom

Engaging Landowners:

TRACK **A**

Cultivating Farmland Access for the Next Generation

SESSION 2

Over the past year, the Farmland Access Hub has used outreach and engagement with farmland owners to raise their awareness about land access and connect them with farmland seekers. As a result, six “meet & greets” drew more than 120 attendees, connecting retiring landowners with land seekers ensuring they have the financial and technical resources needed for successful farm transitions. We'll share the event design template, successes and challenges, and discuss ideas on how to effectively reach landowners and expand partnerships to collectively move this work forward.

Sabri Fair, Region Nine Development Commission (MN)

Kate Mudge, West Central Initiative (MN) | **Bonnie Warndahl**, RTC

10:50 a.m. – Noon

Teaching Classroom

Policy Action for Land Access:

TRACK **B**

What's Working and What's Next

SESSION 2

What is the current farmland access policy landscape and opportunities on the horizon? This session will provide an overview of existing policy tools in the Upper Midwest and nationally, their successes and shortcomings,

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policies needed for the future of farmland access, and strategies for advancing these policies.

Chuck Anderas, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute

Jenny Heck, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Stu Lourey, Minnesota Farmers Union

Marie O'Neill, Indiana University

10:50 a.m. – Noon

Snyder Auditorium

Linking Values-Aligned Investors to Support Farmland Access

TRACK **C**
SESSION 2

Farmland costs and timing are two challenges emerging farmers face in accessing farmland. Often sellers aren't willing or able to wait to see if a farmer can be approved for a loan. So farmland often moves to those who already have the wealth and resources to act quickly. Iroquois Valley Farms and Farmland Conservation Partners are disrupting this pattern by tapping into values-aligned investors to help farmers access land.

Verna Kragnes, Farmland Conservation Partners

Claire Mesesan, Iroquois Valley Farmland REIT

Moderated by **Tera Johnson**, Food Finance Institute

10:50 a.m. – Noon

Tea Room

Flexibility and Cultural Competency in Agricultural Easements

TRACK **D**
SESSION 2

A conversation centering Indigenous, Black, immigrant, and other farmers of color's experiences, questions, concerns, and creative ideas around conservation and farmland easements. We'll critically examine the history and current use/impacts of easements, and examine new ways to think about easements as tools. *It is helpful for participants to join the Easements 101 session directly preceding this session.*

Sophia Benrud, Midwest Farmers of Color Coalition

Duaba Unenra, Wild Path Collective

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10:50 a.m. – Noon

Fireplace Room

Farm Transitions: A Conversation with Legal & Tax Experts

TRACK **E**
SESSION 2

Farm transitions are complicated and attorneys and tax professionals can provide vital assistance. Learn about key legal and tax issues transitioning farmers and landowners need to consider, followed by Q & A.

Kate Graham, Attorney at Law | **Lee Hanson**, Hanson Law Office
Greg Schieber, Nethercut Schieber PLLP

Noon – 1:00 p.m. **Lunchtime Meetup Groups** — *optional*
Connect, collaborate & dig deeper into the issues with colleagues.

Breakout Tracks — Session 3

1:10 – 2:20 p.m.

Azalea Classroom

Sharing Resources: Landowners Stepping Up

TRACK **A**
SESSION 3

Listen to Climate Land Leaders' journey of learning about the U.S. history of enslaved labor and stolen land and the ways White landowners continue to benefit from our national foundation and institutions. Hear three cases of those who have shared their resources, and offer your examples of options for landowners to support beginning farmers.

Sarah Hunt, Climate Land Leaders

1:10 – 2:20 p.m.

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Land Access for Young Farmers: Storytelling for Structural Change

TRACK **B**
SESSION 3

National Young Farmers Coalition Land Advocacy fellows share their land access stories, how the USDA and outside service providers have played a role, and why they are passionate about advocating for structural change

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to support equitable land access. This session will spotlight two Young Farmer fellows with time for Q&A from the audience.

Kelsey Zaavedra, Heirloomista

Tyrean "Heru" Lewis, Heru Urban Farming

Moderated by **Elston Tortuga**, National Young Farmers Coalition

1:10 – 2:20 p.m.

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**Building Pathways to Farmland Access:
Incubators, Mentorships, & Long-Term Leases**

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SESSION 3

To set Beginning Farmers up for success, more is needed than access to land—access to infrastructure, equipment, mentorship and resources are all important. Hear from a panel of those offering support to Beginning Farmers through different incubator models, long-term leases and mentorship. Engage in a conversation around how we can develop these farmer support models to get more farmers on land successfully.

Summer Badawi & KaZoua Berry, Big River Farms, The Food Group

Janssen Hang, Hmong American Farmers Association

Verna Kragnes, PRAIRIE; New Roots Farm Incubator Co-op

Moses Momanyi, Kilimo Minnesota | **Seth Riley**, Farley Center

1:10 – 2:20 p.m.

Tea Room

Buy, Protect, Sell: A Farmland Access Success Story

TRACK **D**
SESSION 3

What is "Buy, Protect, Sell" and how can it help make farmland more affordable? Come hear about the transition of Singing Hills Farm to a family who had been farming on leased land for over 20 years. We'll share the process, outcomes, and what we learned. Bring your questions and ideas of how to both improve and expand this model.

Alison Volk, American Farmland Trust

Jan Joannides, Renewing the Countryside

Yimmuj Yang, Groundswell Conservancy

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1:10 – 2:20 p.m.

Fireplace Room

Farmland Access: A Conversation with Legal Professionals

TRACK **E**
SESSION 3

Accessing farmland is complicated—especially for those with limited resources. Whether a farmer is leasing, buying outright, or doing something like a contract for deed or lease-to-own—attorneys can be helpful. Come learn about things to consider when accessing farmland and when to bring in an attorney. There will be plenty of time set aside for Q&A.

Rachel Armstrong, Farm Commons

Greg Schieber, Nethercut Schieber PLLP

Moderated by **Brett Olson**, Renewing the Countryside

Breakout Tracks — Session 4

2:35 – 3:45 p.m.

Azalea Classroom

Co-Learning & Sharing Experiences Working with Transitioning Landowners

TRACK **A**
SESSION 4

Every situation working with transitioning landowners is unique, yet there are some common themes, experiences and insights we all share. This session highlights the fact that we all have something to contribute and something to learn. Toward that end, this will be a lightly facilitated open space to share observations through successes and failures, lessons learned, and discuss questions posed to the group.

Karen Stettler, Land Stewardship Project | **Kathy Ruhf**, Land for Good

2:35 – 3:45 p.m.

Teaching Classroom

Brainstorming a Toolkit for Farmland Access

TRACK **B**
SESSION 4

How can farmers navigate the complex landscape of local planning, policy, development, and financing to access farmland for the long term? How can service providers support this effort? In this participatory session, we'll

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explore these dynamics as they play out in the Upper Midwest and facilitate a collaborative discussion with participants about possible ways forward as farmers fight for agricultural futures on their land.

Kajsa Beatty, Minnesota Farm Service Agency

Mhonpaj Lee, Mhonpaj's Garden; Inspire Access Realty

Michael Zastoupil, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

2:35 – 3:45 p.m.

Snyder Auditorium

Collaborative Models for Farmland Access

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SESSION 4

Collaborative models offer solutions to some land access challenges, such as affordability, community and infrastructure needs. With few existing examples, establishing these models takes development, expertise and time. We'll look at different models, their features, and how they meet the needs of different farmers and different situations. We'll hear from organizations with models of collective access and open the discussion to others with knowledge in these areas.

Hannah Breckbill, Humble Hands Harvest | **Nicholas Leete**, Rooted

Moses Momanyi, Kilimo Minnesota | **Lucia Possehl**, Sharing Our Roots

Katie Kubovcik, Renewing the Countryside; Prairie Smoke Gardens

Valentine Cadieux, Twin Cities Community Agricultural Land Trust;

Commons Land | **Yimmuj Yang**, Groundswell Conservancy

2:35 – 3:45 p.m.

Tea Room

BT Farms: Centering Housing Equity & Racial Justice in an Agricomunity for Dane County, Wisconsin

TRACK **D**
SESSION 4

Hear about plans for an agricultural housing development in Madison, Wisconsin aiming to improve farmland access for BIPOC farmers, restore wetlands, and create affordable housing. Learn about agricomunities and their potential to address integrated challenges of housing equity, food security, and land access. Discuss housing and land policies shaping the project.

Becky Steinhoff, BT Farms | **Mrill Ingram**, Michael Fields Agricultural Inst.

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2:35 – 3:45 p.m.

Fireplace Room

Farm Service Agency Efforts to Assist with Land Access

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SESSION 4

Come learn about Farm Service Agency programs that assist beginning and emerging farmers and hear about efforts FSA has undertaken to make their services more accessible and easier to navigate to people who are new to FSA. Then hear about two of the projects that are receiving funding through FSA's Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program.

Ellyn Oelfke, Minnesota Farm Service Agency
Aaron Blyth, Latino Economic Development Center
Tera Johnson, Food Finance Institute

3:50 – 4:00 p.m.

MacMillan Auditorium

Closing Remarks & Gratitude

Jan Joannides, Renewing The Countryside

4:10 – 5:00 p.m.

optional

Tour of Farm at the Arb

Hear about the Farm's amazing suite of programming, including the Farm Apprenticeship Program, and visit the Farm's brand new Bee Center and Myers Education Center, featuring a state-of-the-art cooking classroom. Tour begins immediately following the Summit's conclusion.

Led by **Tim Wilson**, Farm Education Manager,
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Meet in the lobby of the Oswald Visitor Center,
then drive through the scenic Arb to get to the Farm.

Advisory Committee

Nathan Aaberg, Illinois FarmLink
Director, The Land Connection

Nura Ahmed, Farmer, Kilimo
Minnesota; Frogtown Farm; Sudanese
Farming Group

Alex Bagwajinini Kmett, Farmer
Education Specialist, Marbledseed

Aaron Blyth, Agricultural Program Dir.,
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Navigator, Renewing the Countryside

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Navigator, Renewing the Countryside;
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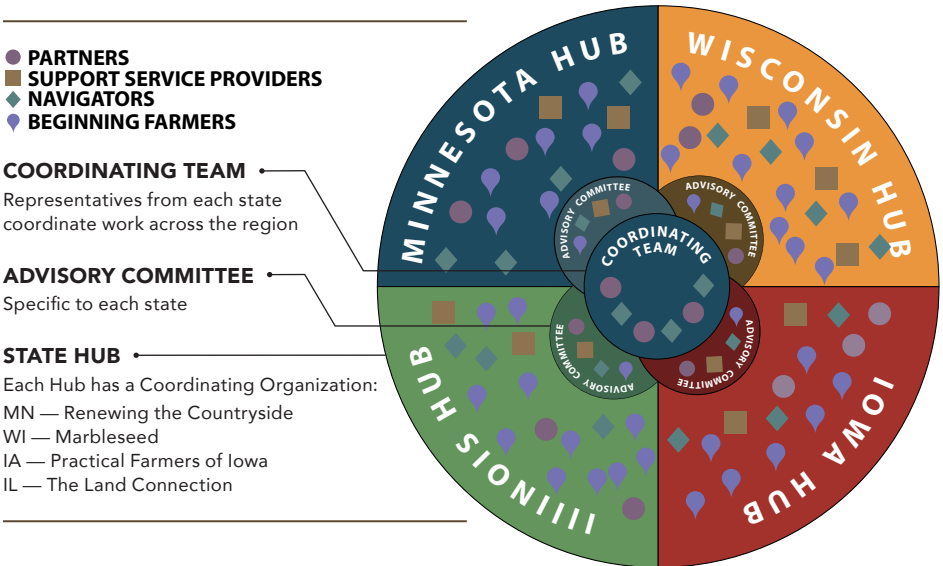
Mike Zastoupil, Food Systems Planner,
Minnesota Department of Agriculture

The Upper Midwest Farmland Summit is hosted by the **Farmland Access Hub** — a collective initiative of partners across MN, WI, IA, and IL who combine expertise to provide new and emerging farmers with an integrated, supportive process to help them gain affordable and secure access to farmland.

Core to the Hub is the work of **Farmland Access Navigators** who work one-on-one with beginning farmers helping them in the process by:

- Identifying priorities for suitable farmland
- Clarifying goals
- Understanding financing options
- Helping them to work with lenders
- Linking them to legal and financial resources

The Hub also helps transitioning farmers through a variety of resources.



► Find resources for **Farm Seekers** at: FarmlandAccessHub.org/FarmSeekers

► Find resources for **Landowners** at: FarmlandAccessHub.org/Landowners

► To see our **Partners** or learn about joining the network, visit: FarmlandAccessHub.org/Partners

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