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Connecticut Department of Agriculture Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group *Access to Secure Land Tenure*

Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 16, 2022

11:00AM-12:00 PM

Will be held virtually- please use information below to participate.

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1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. New Business
 - a. Discuss supporting alternative land ownership and tenure models.
 - i. What support would be needed for a shared ownership/cooperative model? What are the resources currently available? Are there organizations or properties that could serve as an initial pilot or hub?
 - ii. How do farmers "graduate" out of the incubator and what is needed in terms of a pipeline of land for expansion or longer-term tenure? Ensuring maximum access for new farmers while giving farmers enough runway in the incubator.
 - iii. How to ensure there is asset/wealth-building as part of the arrangement? Is this an important component? What about ground leases or cooperative/condominium/HOA model? For-profit vs. non-profit?
 - iv. What are existing models that we can draw on? (See for example ALBA - www.albafarmers.org)
3. Public Comment
4. Next Steps
5. Adjourn