

Farmland Access Hub

The **Farmland Access Navigator Program** pairs land-seeking farmers with an advocate who can provide mentorship and resources and help steer them through their land access journey. Referred to as “navigators,” these individuals offer support, help beginning farmers assess their readiness and help them find durable and fair land tenure that meets their goals. Navigators have extensive training, use proven techniques for supporting beginning farmers and meet regularly to discuss opportunities and hurdles farmers face to better serve them.

Many navigators have their own land access story. This experience means they understand the struggle in starting out and finding land. It also means they are aware of the many resources available to young and beginning farmers.

Get support from a farmland access navigator by filling out this intake form.

Farmland access navigators are part of the Farmland Access Hub’s work to increase farmland access for beginning farmers in the Upper Midwest. Designed by a broad group of interested parties, the hub was launched in 2017 with 16 partners. Today, 26 partners are involved in the hub’s work. Partners are actively engaged, agree to share the hub’s resources with beginning farmers and offer their own expertise and resources.

The Farmland Access Hub encompasses a large network of agricultural organizations, policymakers, advocates and service providers who are working together to solve the issue of land access. Hub partners are exploring alternative land-access models, working to influence policy changes, and developing farmland access programs.

Click here to see the Farmland Access Hub’s network.