How do I gain access to farmland and farming opportunities in Virginia?

Existing programs in Virginia:

- **Virginia Farm Link Database**
  - **Description:** Part of the VA Farm Link Program administered by the VA Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, this online database contains a listing of available farmland in Virginia and is designed to link farm owners interested in exiting agriculture with those seeking farms and farm businesses.
  - **More info:** vafarmlink.org

- **Certified Farm Seekers Program**
  - **Description:** Part of the VA Farm Link Program, CFS provides individuals seeking farming opportunities with a method to demonstrate their farming commitment and vision to interested farm or farm business owners by developing a farm business plan and resume and demonstrating on-farm experience.
  - **More info:** https://farmlink.va-vdacs.com/CertifiedFarmSeekerProgram.aspx

- **Virginia Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coalition**
  - **Description:** The coalition’s goal is to improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers to establish and sustain viable agricultural operations and communities in Virginia. A “Whole Farm Planning” curriculum and worksheets are available to help beginning farmers evaluate goals and resources.
  - **More info:** http://www.vabeginningfarmer.alce.vt.edu/

- **Small Farm Outreach Program**
  - **Description:** The goal of the program is to encourage and assist limited-resource and socially-disadvantaged producers, veterans, and ranchers. It provides a wide range of outreach and technical assistance for production management, financial management, and marketing.
  - **More info:** https://www.ext.vsu.edu/small-farm-outreach-program/

- **Focusing on Land Transfer to Generation “Next”**
  - **Description:** Sponsored by VA Cooperative Extension and VA Department of Forestry, this 2-day workshop is designed to assist forest families in planning for transfer of land.
  - **More info:** https://ext.vt.edu/natural-resources/legacy-planning/training.html

- **Fauquier Farm Link**
  - **Description:** This is an online listing of farm buildings and available to rent in Fauquier County that also allows land seekers to post what they are looking for.
  - **More info:** http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-a-g/agricultural-development/fauquier-farm-link

For information from the US Department of Agriculture, including resources for new farmers, women in agriculture, youth, and veterans, visit https://newfarmers.usda.gov/