



Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund[®]



*Defending the Right to Buy and Protecting the Right to Sell
Nutritious Food Directly from the Farm & Artisan Producers*

Mission Statement

The Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund (FTCLDF) is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization whose members are joining together and pooling resources to:

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

The objective of FTCLDF is to defend the rights of sustainable family farms and artisan food producers to make their products available to consumers in a manner that protects, preserves and enhances the environment and its natural resources.

Membership is Open to

Consumers, Farmers, Artisan Food Producers and Affiliate Communities (like CSAs, farmers markets, food co-ops and clubs) throughout the United States. FTCLDF also offers non-member consulting agreements to provide all other services except legal representation.

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Protect Your Farmer. Protect Your Artisan. Protect Your Food!



Our Services

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Services include an educational website, information updates, and a members' website with access to business and cooperative models as well as a legal clearinghouse.

POLITICAL ACTION SERVICES

The Fund builds grass-roots activism through legislative alerts, petitions, and lobbying for laws and regulations favorable to direct-to-consumer distribution, raw dairy, on-farm processing, grass-based livestock operations, and sustainable vegetable & crop production.

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

LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Members can request 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.

Benefits

Membership in the Fund provides consumers, farmers, food artisans and affiliate groups with:

FREEDOM

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

SECURITY

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

SOUND ADVICE

Advice on federal, state and local agriculture and health department regulations affecting direct distribution of farm & artisan products.

ACCURATE INFORMATION

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

LEGAL DEFENSE

Potential legal representation to defend distribution of raw milk and other farm products as well as artisan foods directly to the consumer.

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