

FARMERS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Have you ever been charged with a violation of law or sued for any activity related to your farming operation?

Yes No If so, explain: _____

What do you produce on your farm? (check all that apply)

Dairy Beef Poultry

Pork Lamb Row Crops

Fruits Herbs Vegetables

Baked Goods Sweeteners Eggs

Lacto-Fermented Foods /Beverages

Other (specify): _____

Does your farm have a current license by the state?

Yes No

If yes, what is it for: _____

Indicate types and number of livestock on your farm.

Cattle: _____ Poultry: _____

Swine: _____ Sheep: _____

Goat: _____

Other (specify): _____

How many acres do you farm? _____

Do you use NON-TOXIC, NATURAL, SUSTAINABLE farming practices? Yes No

If no, please explain on a separate page. (our members do not use herbicides/pesticides, GMO seeds/feeds, routine use of antibiotics/hormones or CAFO livestock operations)

In order to better serve farmers and consumers of many faiths, the Fund offers a new category of service...

NON-MEMBER CONSULTING AGREEMENTS

A Consulting Agreement is for farmers and consumers who have a philosophical objection to becoming members in an organization that engages in litigation. Examples of persons requesting Consulting Agreements include those of the Mennonite, Amish or other Anabaptist faiths.

Non-Member Consulting Agreements provide access to qualified legal and operations advice about direct-to-consumer sales/distribution.

Agreements are renewable, and for a minimum term of one year. The fee is \$125 and includes, for farmers, a copy of the *Raw Milk Production Handbook* by Tim Wightman.

To apply, complete and return the enclosed application.



*For Farmers and Consumers
Defending the Right to Buy and
Protecting the Right to Sell
Nutritious Food
Directly from the Farm*



Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund®

LEGAL REPRESENTATION
POLITICAL ACTION ★ EDUCATION

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OUR MISSION

The Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund is a non-profit organization made up of farmers, consumers and affiliate groups joining together and pooling resources to:

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

OUR MEMBERS

FARMERS who engage in grass-based, non-toxic, sustainable farming methods

CONSUMERS who engage in commerce with these farmers

AFFILIATE GROUPS that promote or engage in direct-to-consumer sales such as advocacy associations, farmer's markets, CSAs, buying clubs, food co-ops and share operations

** To become an Affiliate Member, apply online or call 703-208-FARM(3276) for details.*

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 farmers, consumers 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 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 directly to the consumer.

PROTECTING

- ★ Direct-to-Consumer Distribution
- ★ Sustainable Family Farms
- ★ Consumer Choice
- ★ Access to Raw Milk
- ★ On-farm Processing

FIGHTING

- ★ Restrictions on Direct Sales
- ★ Interstate Raw Milk Ban
- ★ Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)

FARM-TO-CONSUMER LEGAL DEFENSE FUND APPLICATION

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Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Mr. & Mrs. Other: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Farm or Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Check One: I am a Farmer I am a Consumer

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

By signing this application, I certify, under penalty of law that the information presented on this application, to the best of my knowledge, is true, accurate and complete and that I am not an employee of any governmental agency, or if I am, I will not use any of the information obtained or derived from the Fund for enforcement or administrative purposes against the Fund or any of its members.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ECO-FRIENDLY OPTIONS

Please don't send the following:

- Welcome Letter (send an e-mail instead)
- Membership Handbook (available on-line)
- Magnet With Fund Phone Numbers
- Raw Milk Production Handbook (for farmers)

ANNUAL FEES

- \$50 - Consumer Membership \$125 - Farmer Membership
- \$125 - Non-Member Consulting Agreement

Check or money order payable to FTCLDF Credit card (all fields required)    

I want to auto-renew. (credit card only)

Card No. _____

Name on card: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____ Security Code: _____

Signature _____ Today's Date: _____

MEMBERSHIP DISCLAIMER

FTCLDF reserves the right not to approve any membership application and the right to revoke membership for cause, including but not limited to the misrepresentation of any information. If your application cannot be approved, we will return your payment along with a letter of explanation. FTCLDF does not provide legal representation for members in matters involving personal liability where those matters are unrelated to FTCLDF's mission statement. Consistent with the Internal Revenue Service regulations, FTCLDF cannot guarantee representation in every case and reserves the right to refuse or limit the scope of its representation in all cases. Membership fees paid to FTCLDF are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Consult with your tax advisor or attorney to determine whether membership fees paid to FTCLDF may be deductible as a business expense.

FARMERS, PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE BACK OF FORM →