

QUESTIONS FOR FARMERS AND ARTISANS

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

Yes No If yes, explain on a separate page.

What is produced at your farm/facility? (check all that apply)

- Dairy Beef Poultry
 Pork Lamb Row Crops
 Fruits Herbs Vegetables
 Baked Goods Sweeteners Eggs
 Lacto-Fermented Foods /Beverages
 Other (specify): _____

Is your farm/facility licensed by a government agency?

Yes No If yes, by whom and for what? Explain on a separate page.

QUESTIONS FOR FARMERS

Number of livestock on your farm.

Cattle: _____ Poultry: _____ Swine: _____

Sheep: _____ Goat: _____

Other (specify): _____

Total acres utilized by livestock? _____

Total acres in crops? _____

Do you use NATURAL, NON-TOXIC, SUSTAINABLE farming practices? (i.e., refrain from using herbicides, pesticides, GMO seeds/feeds; routine use of antibiotics, hormones; and following CAFO practices.)

Yes No If no, please explain on a separate page.

QUESTIONS FOR ARTISANS

Where is your food produced?

- Home Kitchen Commercial Kitchen
 On-Farm Other (specify): _____

How do you market your food?

- Internet Catering Food Co-op
 Farmers Markets Retail Stores Other (specify): _____

OUR MEMBERS*

Gift memberships are also available

FARMERS who engage in grass-based and/or non-toxic farming practices that neither endanger the environment nor harm the health of others

ARTISAN FOOD PRODUCERS such as cheesemakers, bakers and those producing lacto-fermented foods who provide products directly to consumers

CONSUMERS who engage in direct commerce with such farmers and artisan food producers

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

To apply, complete and return the enclosed application.

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

NON-MEMBER CONSULTING AGREEMENTS

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

Enjoy all member benefits except possible legal representation. Agreements are renewable and are for a minimum term of one year with the same fee per category as memberships.

**Membership is currently limited to the United States*

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



**Farm-to-Consumer
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**LEGAL REPRESENTATION
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OUR MISSION

The Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund (FTCLDF) is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization [501(c)(4)] designed to:

- ★ Protect the constitutional right of the nation's family farms and artisan food producers to provide, through any legal means, unprocessed and processed foods directly to consumers.
- ★ Protect the constitutional right of consumers to obtain unprocessed and processed foods directly from 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 the 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.

PROTECTING

- ★ Direct-to-consumer distribution
- ★ Sustainable family farms
- ★ Consumer choice
- ★ Access to raw milk
- ★ On-farm processing

PROMOTING

- ★ Fresh farm & artisan food commerce
- ★ Access to nutrient-dense foods
- ★ GMO-free foods
- ★ Local food self-sufficiency

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 an evolving legal clearinghouse.

POLITICAL ACTION SERVICES

FTCLDF builds grassroots 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 and crop production.

FTCLDF 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.

FTCLDF also provides access to legal advice and a 24-hour toll-free hotline for emergencies.

FTCLDF 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, other food producers and families.



BENEFITS

FTCLDF provides the following benefits to members:

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

Unlimited consultation with FTCLDF attorneys on matters within our mission. Consult about your farm/club/artisan operations, too.

ACCURATE INFORMATION

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

LEGAL DEFENSE*

Potential legal representation to defend access to and distribution of raw milk and other food products directly to the consumer.

DISCOUNT

Enjoy a 15% discount on all regular-priced purchases from our Online Store.

RESOURCES

Receive booklet(s) and access the Members Only website for online recordings and more.

*See "Membership Disclaimer" on the application.

FARM-TO-CONSUMER LEGAL DEFENSE FUND APPLICATION

For Affiliate Community membership, apply online or call 703-208-FARM(3276)

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

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Farm / Organization / Facility Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Check One: Consumer Farmer Artisan

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Referred by: _____

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 FTCLDF for enforcement or administrative purposes against FTCLDF or any of its members.

Please sign here →

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ECO-FRIENDLY OPTIONS

I opt out of receiving: Welcome Letter (send an email instead)
 Membership Handbook (available on-line)
 Magnet with 24/7 Hotline Number

Send me this membership gift (check one): Raw Milk Production Handbook
 Raw Milk Safe Handling Guide
 Neither

Send your application and payment to:
 Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund
 8116 Arlington Blvd., #263, Falls Church, VA 22042
 We cannot accept faxed applications.
 To apply online, go to www.farmtoconsumer.org
If you have any questions, please call:
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ANNUAL FEES

\$50 – **Consumer** \$125 – **Farmer** \$125 – **Artisan Food Producer** Other/Fee \$ _____

Make this a **Non-Member Consulting Agreement** Make this a **Gift** from: _____

Pay in Full (\$50/125) OR **Payment Plan** (credit/debit card only): Quarterly (\$13.75/32.50) Monthly (\$5.75/11.50)

Credit/Debit card (all fields required below) **Check or Money Order** (payable to FTCLDF) # _____

Auto-Renew (option for card only; required for payment plans) Security Code: _____

Card No.: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____ (3-digit code on back; 4-digit on front AmEx)

Name on Card: _____

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 AND ARTISAN FOOD PRODUCERS, PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE BACK OF FORM →