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# Farm Succession Roundtables provide support and options

### The Land Connection invites land owners and inheritors to share their questions and learn more about farm transition options

Champaign, April 10, 2014: The Land Connection, a Champaign-based educational nonprofit, is hosting a series of farm transition and succession roundtables across Central Illinois to assist farmers and land inheritors with the many concerns that emerge around farm transitions.

Land Connection founder Terra Brockman acknowledges that farm transition and succession are complicated topics, financially and emotionally. “We often hear people say, ‘I know I should think about our farm’s future, but I’m just not sure how to get started’,” Brockman said.

The Land Connection’s Executive Director Cara Cummings adds, “We held our first farm transition roundtable in February, and had a terrific response. People found the roundtable an easy way to start the important conversation about options for their farm.”

At the roundtables, The Land Connection provides worksheets and exercises to assist with goals clarification, and succession self-assessment. Attendees will have the opportunity to get information and feedback about their farmland situation, and offer feedback to others.

“Everyone will go home with a few specific next steps, and resource handouts that will assist them with the next steps,” said Brockman.

The May 13 Roundtable will be held from 6 to 8 pm at The Land Connection, 505 W. University, Champaign, IL. Doors open at 5:30, and a light supper featuring local foods will be served.

Future farm transition roundtables will be held in Peoria on June 17, Bloomington on September 23, and Springfield on December 2.

Seats at the roundtables are limited and advance registration is required. You can sign up at http://thelandconnection.org/farmland/legacy/roundtables, or by calling Magdalena at 217-840-2128. The $20 registration fee covers a light supper and materials.

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**About The Land Connection**

The Land Connection is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting farmland, training sustainable and organic farmers, and promoting a vibrant local food system. For more information visit [www.thelandconnection.org](http://www.thelandconnection.org) and <http://thelandconnection.org/farmland/access/workshops>