

Property Protection Checklist

This checklist helps rural landowners safeguard their land and plan for long-term stewardship.

1. Title & Deed

- Verify that your property deed is accurate and recorded.
- Confirm any easements or right-of-way agreements.

2. Boundaries & Surveys

- Update your property survey every 5–10 years.
- Maintain clear markers and fencing.

3. Insurance Coverage

- Review liability and property coverage annually.
- Ensure farm structures and equipment are listed.

4. Resource Rights

- Document water, mineral, and timber rights.
- Keep well logs and water rights certificates.

5. Succession Planning

- Establish a will or trust.
- Discuss goals with family and professional advisors.

6. Conservation & Tax Programs

- Explore USDA or state programs that reduce taxes or preserve land.