**FARMERS’ RIGHTS**

We sustainable farmers understand that we do not own life. We believe that famers should have the right:

* To good food
* To food sovereignty
* To grow and share seed year to year, generation to generation
* To the free exchange of genetic material among ourselves
* To define our own agricultural policies
* To choose diversity

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* To grow what we choose in the manner we choose without being subject to chemical overspray, pollution residue, coal, ash, and genetic drift
* To sell what we grow, as long as it’s safe, in the manner we see fit
* To sell fresh, raw milk
* To a food distribution system that does not displace families, farmers, animals, or wipe out indigenous peoples, landraces\*, or food customs

\*Landrace - A domesticated, locally adapted, traditional variety of a species of animal or plant that has developed over time, through adaptation to its natural and cultural environment of agriculture and pastoralism.

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* To offer leftover food to gleaners
* To be free of regulations sponsored by Big Ag designed to put us out of business
* To be protected from sprawl and other development that threatens to swallow our farms
* To economic security