

Discussion Group: Farmland & Preservation

Assets

- Beauty in Natural Resources
- Awareness of losing farmland
- Climate to support specialty/niche crops, cool weather crops
- People power and money power
- Numerous small farms
- Biodiversity/rare and endangered to protect land from development
- Tourism
- Water
- Education
- ASU not land grant
- Mixed development, on campus housing, transportation issues
- Sustainable tourism (Eco-, Cultural, Agri-, Heritage)
- Appal Cart - mass transit

Barriers

- Tourism
- Education
- Monoculture
- Price/value of land
- Taxation
- Profitability
- Unjust labor cost
- ASU increase in enrollment

- Limited on campus housing
- Urban sprawl

Questions

- How can ASU students be engaged in practical application of classroom theory?
- What sustainable Econ Models exist to learn from?
- Tax policies - open spaces vs. residential
- What kind of specialty niche crops can be grown to support farms? Retention of land.
- How do we change tax system?
- What would be the next best place/system to preserve land?
- Can breaks be given to farmers?
- How can tourists be taxed?
- What government (county or otherwise) ordinances exist to keep locally produced goods in the region?
- Is it possible fro ASU to have condensed more on campus housing? Rather than purchasing new lands?
- How can transportation systems develop so that new lands aren't paved?
- What incentives to preserve/restore barns? "Barn Again" program.