

## CHAPTER SIX: GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS AND SERVICES

### SETTLING ON A FARM

#### Regulations and Requirements

The earlier you can learn about the red tape affecting your farm, the sounder your decisions will be.

#### Regulations and Requirements Assessment Form

Mark "Y" or "N" in the boxes provided or answer the question in the space provided on the form.

<b>Are permits required for ...</b>	Building		Driveway access		Driveway construction		Retail		Septic	
	Well		Small business		Timber removal		Other:			
<b>Land-use regulation</b>	Minimum lot size in effect?				Size:					
	Zoning in effect?				What Zoning District is property in?					
<b>Land-use planning: <i>Are there plans for the future?</i></b>	Road construction or expansion				Mining		Rezoning		CAFOs	
	Powerline corridors				Other:					
<b>Property taxes</b> <i>(average per acre)</i>	Farmland:				Forestland:		Other:			
	10-yr. Avg. annual increase:				Use value taxation?		Other tax programs?			
<b>Environmental restrictions on land</b>	Endangered or threatened species present?				Wetlands present?		Natural heritage site?		Other:	
<b>Is land enrolled in any conservation programs?</b>	CRP		CREP		Other:					
	Contract expiration date:				Were GMO seeds used?		Were pesticides used?		Other:	
<b>Road to property</b>	Private		Town		County		State			
<b>Road quality</b>	Circle one: Poor OK Excellent				Notes:					
<b>Government services: sheriff, ambulance, fire</b> <i>(response time and overall coverage):</i>	Circle one: Poor OK Excellent				Notes:					
<b>Schools:</b>	Circle one: Poor OK Excellent				Bus service available		Notes:			

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