

THIS IS IT

We have reached an important moment in our effort to protect Young's Family Farm from development and preserve our agriculture heritage forever! The Trust for Public Land (TPL) and The Central Arizona Land Trust (CALT) are applying for a matching grant from the Farmland Protection Program (FPP). Funding for this program comes from the 2002 Farm Bill just passed by Congress and signed by The President. We need letters to pour into the office of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) IMMEDIATELY, supporting this grant application; letters from you, your family, your clubs, your organizations, your local government and governmental representatives and your children. What a great family project, and hopefully, one your children can look back on with pride, perhaps when they bring their children to enjoy the farm.

I am available to make a fifteen to thirty minute presentation to any interested group explaining our Save the Farm effort and answer any questions.

Please, take the time to help.

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As a small family farm, trying to survive, we urge you to seriously consider changing the focus of Americas farm policy away from crop subsidy payments and toward the conservation and preservation of our rich heritage of prime farmland now being consumed so rapidly by growth and development. How can we convey the sense of urgency and the importance of this issue when so few legislators or voters have experienced living, working, and producing food and fiber on a family farm? Understanding **where our food comes from** intellectually can be so academic... sterile, compared to understanding with your hands, heart and soul.

We strongly recommend the Purchase of Development Rights from all willing sellers to preserve our best farmland throughout America. Let the ownership of our most valuable natural resource go to those who want to farm and away from those who want to speculate the next housing development.

Please help to change **WHO GETS THE MONEY** by changing the focus of the farm bill currently under consideration in congress.