ASPIRING FARMER CHECKLIST







☐ EVALUATE THE LAND	N.C. A&T STATE UNIVERSITY	NC STATE UNIVERSITY	
☐ Soil			
☐ Water			
☐ Topography			
☐ Infrastructure			
☐ Utilities			
☐ Distance to market(s)			
☐ Vehicle access			
☐ VISIT/CONTACT RESOURCE AGENCIES			
☐ N.C. Cooperative Extension			
☐ USDA Farm Service Agency			
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Serv	rice		
☐ Soil & Water Conservation Service			
□ NC Forest Service			
☐ DECIDE WHAT TO PRODUCE			
☐ RECORD INCOME AND EXPENSES			
☐ APPLY FOR PRESENT USE TAX (IF/WHEN IT'S BE	ENEFICIAL)		
☐ APPLY FOR SALES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION	TE (IF/WHEN IT'S BENEFIC	IAL)	
☐ TOPICS TO RESEARCH			
Collecting sales tax on products sold			
☐ Applicable rules/regulations			
☐ DEVELOP A BUSINESS PLAN (ENROLL IN NC FA	RM SCHOOL)		
☐ IDENTIFY/MITIGATE RISKS			
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	information, political affiliati		

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