



PROMPTING DISCUSSION



As one large group or multiple smaller groups, spend some time exploring people's thoughts about forming a local network. Below are some examples of questions that might help prompt discussion. As a facilitator, don't be afraid to add your thoughts to, but make sure that you give everyone a chance to think and share. It may be helpful to write down people's responses on a chalkboard or large piece of paper for everyone to see (and to have a record of later). Feel free to pick and choose from these examples, or come up with your own!

- What are the biggest challenges that you face in your operation?
- What are ways that farmers in our area can collaborate to our mutual benefit?
- What are some activities/projects you'd like to see a network take on in the next year? In the next five?
- What are some concerns you might have about forming a network? What might make it difficult for you to participate in a network?
- What do you want to get out of a network personally? (eg. sense of community, learning, professional networking, business partnerships.....)
- What do we want/need in order to have a more resilient and profitable farming community?