1. **Land Market Values** Some areas have seen farmland market values go up fourfold in just 15 years.

2. **Water Pollution** Ag is the biggest polluter of rivers and streams, 2nd for wetlands and 3rd for lakes.

3. **Soil Erosion** The US is losing topsoil 10 times faster than it is being replenished.

4. **Biodiversity Loss** Industrial ag depletes variety not just in crops, but also in surrounding ecosystems.

5. **Inequity** 98% of farmland is held by white people, yet 70% of farm workers are people of color.

6. **Climate Instability** Ag accounts for almost 10% of the nation’s greenhouse gas emissions.

7. **Age Demographics** More than a third of US principal farm operators are over 65 years old.

8. **Consolidation** 41% of US farmland is held by the largest 8% of farms.

9. **Human Loss** Agricultural managers have among the highest suicide rates of all professions.

10. **Farmland Loss** Over 30 million acres of US farmland were lost to development from 1992 to 2012.
Agrarian Trust, a national nonprofit, empowers community ownership and governance of agricultural lands and infrastructure for long-term equitable access and ecological regenerative stewardship by supporting a network of independent Agrarian Commons. Each is founded with one to two properties and structured to hold from four to twelve agrarian properties to create human-scale sustainability, local representation and control. The Commons are joined in a national network across the US, supported by Agrarian Trust, which is part of a larger alliance of community-focused land movements internationally. This model is unique in the US.

Agrarian Commons are built with three-party shared responsibility (national Trust, local Stakeholders, and leasehold Farmers) for soil, water and ecosystem health, acting on agriculture’s unique potential to mitigate the climate crisis. Diversified philanthropic and investment capital allows the Trust to decommodify land, engage broad-based community investment and create revolving capital to support farm and ranch viability, ecological regeneration, and energy transformation.