



## **HELP US** get this **Virginia Constitutional Amendment Passed**

“ That the people shall have a right to acquire, for their own consumption, farm-produced food directly at the Farm from the Farmer who produced it. ”

### **Did You Know...**

- 1) Because of increased food poisoning outbreaks in large, commercial food production operations, as well as poor food quality in general, there is a tsunami demand from consumers for local, farm-produced food.
- 2) It is not possible to buy raw milk or fresh raw milk cheese for your own consumption from a farmer on his own farm.
- 3) It is illegal for a farmer to slaughter a beef or pig on his farm and sell the meat to you, unless onerous prohibitive regulations as to processing are enforced.
- 4) Unreasonable regulations are strangling small local farmers even with respect to other farm-produced food such as fruits, vegetables, and farm-produced food products.
- 5) This amendment is needed as it is very difficult, if not impossible, to enact statutory relief from the massive labyrinth of laws and regulations oppressing Virginia farmers.
- 6) Surely the right for a person to contract for his own food at the farm directly from the farmer who produced it is a fundamental right.

### **What You Can Do**

- 1) Meet with or contact your local state Delegate and Senator this summer or early fall and ask him or her to please support this important legislation.
- 2) Sign up for our Action Alert list so that, during session, you may receive timely notices to call legislators when the Amendment comes up in the committee or on the floor.
- 3) Volunteer to work the information table that we are planning to take to various events around the Commonwealth this summer and fall.

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