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**Our Mission:** To promote and preserve unregulated direct farmer-to-consumer trade that fosters availability of locally grown or home-produced food products

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## Proposed Constitutional Amendment Will Be Tweaked To Accommodate Concerns Of Certain Farmers

By: Christine Solem

It has come to our attention that certain farmers are afraid that the proposed Virginia Constitutional Amendment will force them to sell to persons who wish to acquire, for their own consumption, farm produced food at their farms.

The intent of this Amendment is neither to force farmers to sell nor to interfere in any way with relationships that they may have established in agribusiness channels.

As such, for clarification purposes, the proposed Amendment will be tweaked to read as follows (new language in *italics*):

**"That the people shall have a right to acquire, for their own consumption, farm produced food directly at the farm with agreement from the farmer who produced it"**

It bears reiterating that the intent of this Amendment is to establish in Virginia that persons have a fundamental right to acquire food that they have decided is more wholesome and fresh at local farms. The Amendment also provides a mechanism by which local farmers, who may wish to sell direct at the farm, may throw off oppressive regulations, unnecessary at this level, and earn all of the retail dollar instead of losing a good portion of it to the middleman.

Thank you to the farmers who brought this matter to our attention: the result is a stronger proposed Virginia Constitutional Amendment! ■