

# LAND ACCESS AND OWNERSHIP

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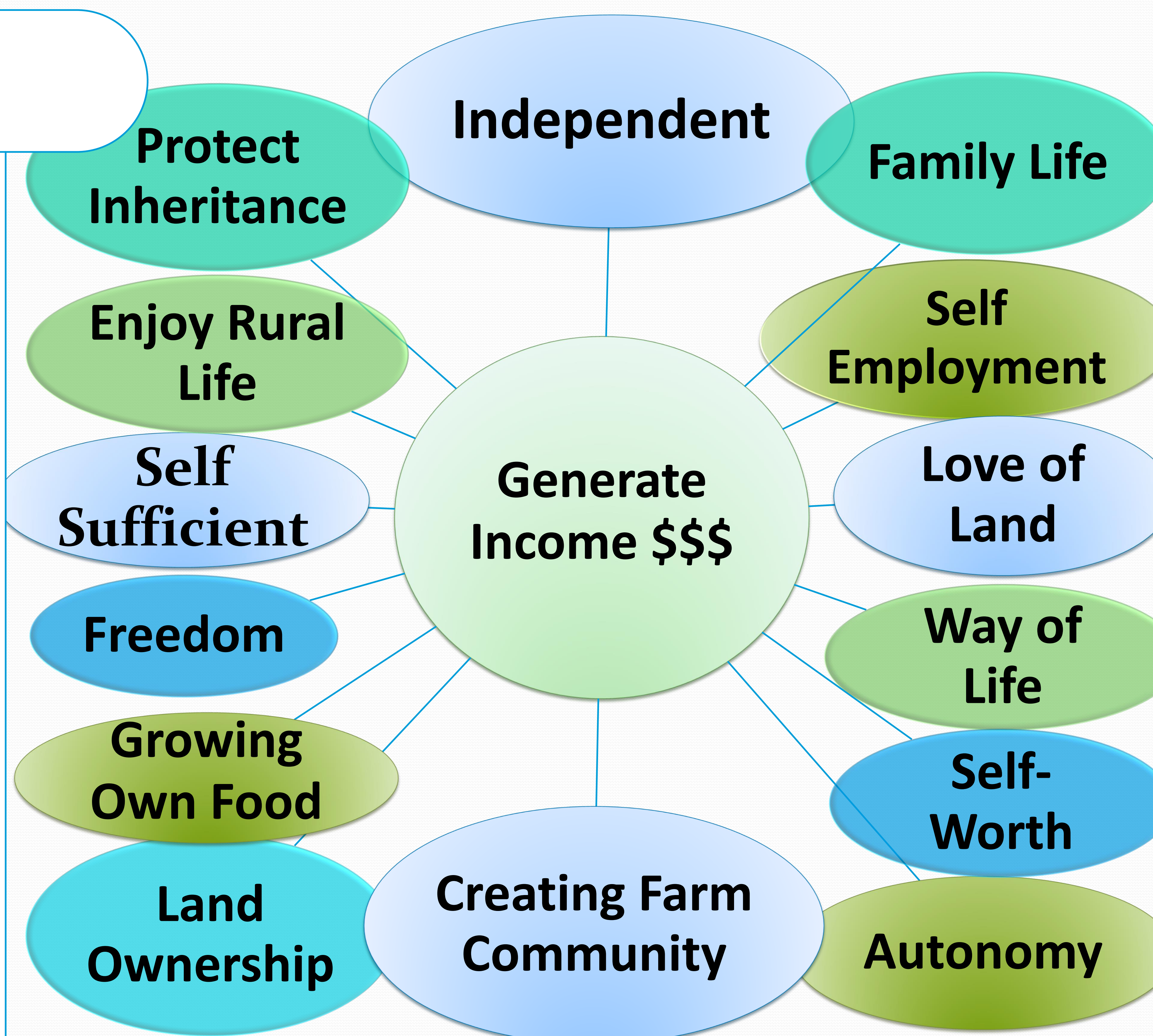
## Opportunities in Tennessee



**Introduction:** In 2017, there were 908,274 young producers in the U. S. with 23,179 new and beginning farmers in TN. About 16,310 farmed as principal operators for  $\leq 10$  years.

**Objective:** Identify issues and opportunities in land access, tenure, and ownership.

**Methodology:** Project uses existing data, local, state, farmers, leaders, advisors, researchers, private, public partners, and volunteers teams up to help participants. Electronic tools, mail, interviews, surveys, agents, outreach, and contacts are used to identify, recruit mentors and project advisors.



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**Results:** Show lack of access, capital, skills, land, labor, finances, interest, planning, experience, mentors, training, and succession among other problems. Farming offers several opportunities in access, ownership, employment, income, independence, self-esteem, fulfillment in doing what is loved, rural life and more!

**Conclusion:** Needs exist for user-friendly curriculum, training, technical assistance, mentors, policies for farmers and individuals seeking to access agricultural land.