



Dear Friend,

Before I ever picked up a guitar, I was picking cotton in a small town in Texas. And no matter where my music career has taken me, I've never let go of my love of the land and my respect for the proud people who farm it.

Family farmers love the land they work, and they take the best possible care of the soil and water because they eat the food they produce and drink the water beneath their fields. They make decisions around a kitchen table, not a boardroom table far from the fields.

I started Farm Aid in 1985 as a way to help keep family farmers on the land. While the struggles have changed over the years, farmers still aren't getting a fair chance to make a living.

That's why I'm asking for your help today. For more information on how you can help the cause, please visit [www.farmaid.org](http://www.farmaid.org). You can support Farm Aid's hotline for farmers in crisis and provide emergency assistance to farm families who are on the verge of losing their land, their homes, and their livelihoods.

Thanks for your time and thanks for helping to support America's family farmers.

Stay strong and positive,

Willie Nelson