

Rural Justice
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Recommended Books

- Wendell Berry. *The Unsettling of America* (Berkeley, CA: Counterpoint Press, 1977).
- Leah Penniman. *Farming While Black* (White River Junction, VT: Chelsea Green, 2018).
- Ted Rosengarten. *All God's Dangers: The Life of Nate Shaw* (New York: Vintage Books, 1974).
- Daniel Rothenberg. *With These Hands* (Berkeley: University of California, 1998).
- Charlie Thompson. *Going Over Home: A Search for Rural Justice in an Unsettled Land* (White River Junction, VT: Chelsea Green, 2019).
- Charlie Thompson and Melinda Wiggins. *The Human Cost of Food: Farmworker Lives, Labor, and Advocacy* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2002).

Films by Charlie Thompson

- *Faces of Time/Rostros del Tiempo* (see Charlie's website)
- *Homeplace Under Fire* (Farm Aid)
- *The Guestworker* (Filmmakers Library)

Organizations to Check Out

- Beginning Farmers (beginningfarmers.org)
- Farm Aid (farmaid.org)
- Greenhorns (greenhorns.org)
- Land Loss Prevention Project (landloss.org)
- Young Farmers Coalition (youngfarmers.org)

Issues (Farm Aid website: <https://www.farmaid.org/issues/>)

- Corporate power (lobbying, dominance in policy, trade)
- Family Farm Food (challenges of local food awareness)
- Farm Economy in Crisis (century of squeezing out the small farm)
- Farm Policy (especially Farm Bill)
- GMOs (diversity, ownership, and control)
- Industrial Agriculture (and contract farming)
- Farmer Stress and Suicide (psychological toll of the economy)
- Lack of access to Land (discrimination by race, gender, age, etc.)
- Soil, Water, Climate crises (Nature under siege)