



# GROW YOUR KNOWLEDGE: WHAT TO READ WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING

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*Change your mindset from “stuck at home” to “safe at home” and use this time to beef up your ag knowledge...or just read a great book. Here are a few ideas to get you started.*

While many farmers are getting out in the fields and folks in other essential industries continue to get out there and do their jobs, the Tillable team is dedicated to following local stay-at-home guidelines...and staying out of their way. As always, we're grateful to all the people who are continuing to go out and help take care of all Americans—thank you!

One silver lining to having more time at home is that it's a great opportunity to tackle your reading list: learn something new, challenge yourself, or just read something for fun. If you're not sure where to start, here are a few ideas:

## **Beef up your ag knowledge**

This is a great opportunity, especially for non-operating landowners, to dig into the details of farming and land ownership. We humbly offer these resources from our own site:

### **American Farmland: Always A Good Investment**

You already know what a valuable asset farmland can be. But determining its value and understanding the farmland investment market can be difficult. This report provides a great overview of who owns America's farmland; what makes evaluating the sale

and rental value of farmland a challenge; and how landowners can use data to better understand the value and performance of their land. [Download it free here.](#)

### **The ABCs of Farmland Ownership**

At Tillable, we are working hard to help every landowner feel as informed as possible about their land. That includes getting a handle on the vocabulary related to farming and farm leasing, so you can have more productive and meaningful conversations with the folks who help you take care of your farm. That's why we've included all the terms you need to know—from the easy ones like “cash rent” and “flex lease” to the lesser-known ones like “biodynamic agriculture” and “pivot irrigation”—in one place. [It's another free download; get it here.](#)

### **The Guide to Farmland Inheritance**

Inheriting farmland can be overwhelming, especially when you factor in the emotions and family dynamics during such times of transition. Our new guide gives you a place to get started, sharing the first steps to take and helpful information about ownership and rental structures. You'll even learn tips for navigating a shared inheritance, so you and your family can work together to help your farmland thrive. [Read it here—no download required.](#)

### **25 Free Resources Every Farmland Owner Can Use**

Whether you're new to agriculture or you've been around farming all your life, there are many free resources you can use to make educated decisions about your land. In one of our most popular articles, we've collected 25 free resources from a variety of providers to help with finances, sustainability, general ag knowledge, legal questions and local considerations. Use them to direct you through important choices about your farmland's health, productivity and efficiency. [Read the full list—and potentially go down a rabbit hole—here.](#)

And of course, you'll find lots of other [great resources and insights on our blog](#). Almost every article is also available for download in PDF format, too.

### **Your farm-related reading list**

Back in 2018, AgDaily published “[29 great farm books for your reading list](#)” and it's worth revisiting if you have some time on your hands. Compiled based on the recommendations of a dozen farmers and ag professionals, there's something for everyone: non-fiction commentaries on the state of the food industry, how-to guides to help improve your farm, biographies and memoirs, farm histories, even a little fiction.

### **If you're looking for historical perspective...**

Forbes has a series underway that highlights classic novels to read while you're quarantined, starting with “[classic 18th- and 19th-century chronicles of plague and pestilence](#)” and moving on to [20th century classics](#). Bonus: each book selection comes with a suggested wine pairing, if you're into that sort of thing. And if you're not, you can enjoy the drink of your choice while taking inspiration from tales from years gone by.

## What the Tillable team is reading

If you're really looking for eclectic suggestions, check out a few of the titles the Tillable team is currently devouring, when we're taking breaks from helping landowners and farmers however we possibly can:

- Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
- Deep Work by Cal Newport
- Infinite Jest by David Foster Wallace
- The Great War by Peter Hart
- Hard Labor by Sam Smith
- The Cartel by Don Winslow
- Boundaries for Leaders by Henry Cloud
- Team of Teams by Gen. Stanley McChrystal
- The Creature from Jekyll Island by G. Edward Griffin

Whatever you choose to read or do to pass the time, we hope you stay safe and healthy! If there's anything at all we can do to help during this time—or anytime—give us a call at (833) 845-5225.

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