

## Advance praise for *A Nation of Farmers*

Sharon Astyk is one of the most interesting writers on the environment today. I strongly urge you to read her book.

— George Monbiot,  
author of *Heat*,  
[www.monbiot.com](http://www.monbiot.com)

A hundred million new farmers! It's a daunting and invigorating challenge, and it's a damned good thing that someone is thinking about how it might actually happen. This book is more exuberant than scary, thank heaven — it's just what we need.

— Bill McKibben,  
author of *Deep Economy*

This comprehensive, mega-look at America's biggest challenges in a refreshingly positive spirit, *A Nation of Farmers* should be required reading for every high schooler. We don't have to wait on politicians or Wall Street to "get it." This book empowers every person with an action plan that is revolutionary in its simplicity and effectiveness.

— Joel Salatin, farmer, Polyface Farm,  
and author of *You Can Farm* and  
*Everything I Want to Do is Illegal*,  
[www.polyface.com](http://www.polyface.com)

*A Nation of Farmers* offers an elegantly clear path to understanding how we have strayed so far from living within the Earth's limits, and also to finding simple ways to move into a prosperous life that regenerates, rather than depletes, this beautiful planet's bounty. Sharon and Aaron are to be congratulated on teasing apart, and then masterfully reassembling, complex issues of food, land, and livelihood. This book gives us tangible steps we can take to quiet our fears and live gracefully and in abundance at the end of the Oil Age.

— Toby Hemenway,  
author of *Gaia's Garden*,  
[www.patternliteracy.com](http://www.patternliteracy.com)

Whether you are a full-time farmer or a backyard hobbyist, a city dweller or a budding back to the lander, *A Nation of Farmers* belongs on your bookshelf. If you eat, you need to read it.

— Kathy Harrison,  
author of *Just In Case: How to be  
Self-sufficient When the Unexpected Happens*

The world is sleepwalking into a food scarcity fiasco. Those Americans who want to continue eating regularly will have to take more responsibility for growing it themselves. This book is a forceful, sensible, and comprehensive treasure trove of knowledge about where food comes from and what to do with it.

— James Howard Kunstler  
author of *World Made By Hand*  
and *The Long Emergency*