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## ROOTED AND GROUNDED: Helping Georgia Farmers Protect Their Business, Property & Family

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### ***Rooted and Grounded: A Georgia Legal Handbook for Small Farmers and Their Land***

to help farmers make informed decisions to protect these assets for future generations.



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education, and prevention and resolution of Heirs Property. This manual is one step towards meeting this commitment."

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***Rooted and Grounded*** is available [here](#)

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## YPC SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT SPELLS S-U-C-C-E-S-S

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