Consent Form

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This study involves social research. The purpose of this study is to identify the motivations and practices of Texas’ alternative agriculturalists. Individuals who have been asked to participate in this study have been identified as having present experiential knowledge in alternative agricultural practices.

Participation in this study will include the video documentation of both personal interviews, as well as on-site documentation of relevant agricultural practices when possible.

Video interviews can last anywhere from 30 minutes to 5 hours, and may conclude any time the participant wishes. You will be asked to answer a number of questions related to alternative agriculture on videotape. The recording may be utilized in the production of a documentary. You will be asked at a later time if you are open to the tape being used in this documentary film. The tape produced today will not be used in a film without your explicit permission.

There are no specific direct benefits for participating in this study, but it is believed that a greater understanding of alternative agriculturalists will lead to growth and development in the alternative agricultural community.

Participation is voluntary and participants may withdraw from the study at any time without prejudice or jeopardy to their standing with the University and any other relevant organization/entity with which the participant is associated.

Participants may choose to not answer any question(s) for any reason.

Pertinent questions about the research, research participants’ rights, and/or research-related injuries to participants should be directed to the IRB chair, Dr. Jon Lasser (512-245-3413 – [lasser@txstate.edu](mailto:lasser@txstate.edu)), or to Ms. Becky Northcut, Compliance Specialist (512-245-2102).

The information provided for the purposes of this study will be confidential.

All data concerning this study will be maintained in a locked location only accessible to the researcher.

All data, to include videotapes, involved in this study, will be under the positive control of the researcher in a secured location only accessible to the researcher for a time not to exceed ten years.

A potential for the secondary use of video documentation in the production of an informative instructional documentary film does exist. Those willing or interested in participating in this secondary function will be asked to complete a second consent form for those purposes. Choosing to, or not to participate in this secondary function in no way affects or inhibits this research studies primary objective.

A summary of the findings will be provided to participants upon completion of the study, if requested. Requests may be submitted to the researcher either by telephone or email.

IRB Approval #XXXXX

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