

AGRICULTURE SURVEY



AG1 Which of the following best describes your agricultural business? **(Select all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock (see below) | <input type="checkbox"/> On-farm processing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry (see below) | <input type="checkbox"/> On-farm retail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field crops | <input type="checkbox"/> Direct to consumer (e.g. Community Shared Agriculture or farmers markets) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture | <input type="checkbox"/> Custom work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agri-entertainment (e.g. corn maze) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agri-education (e.g. school tours) | |

If other, please specify:

If *Livestock*, please specify type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Steers and Slaughter Heifers | <input type="checkbox"/> Hogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calves | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep and Lambs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

If other, please specify:

If *Livestock*, please specify herd size:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 50 | <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - 150 | <input type="checkbox"/> 151 - 250 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 250 |
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If *Poultry*, please specify type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chickens | <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey | <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
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If other, please specify:

If *Poultry*, please specify flock size:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 99 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000 - 4,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100 - 999 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5,000 - 9,999 | |

AG2 Please indicate the workable acreage of your farm: **(owned and rented)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - 100 | <input type="checkbox"/> 201 - 500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 1,000 acres |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 50 | <input type="checkbox"/> 101 - 200 | <input type="checkbox"/> 501 - 1,000 | |

AG3 Please estimate the breakdown of your gross sales by the following:

	N/A	<25%	25 - 50%	50 - 75%	>75%
Other farmers / primary producers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agriculture related business (eg elevators, processor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wholesale / retail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Direct to consumer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AG4 Which of the following adjectives could be used to describe your farming activities? (select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial agricultural production | <input type="checkbox"/> Free range or free run |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified organic | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated pest management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corn-fed | <input type="checkbox"/> Local fair trade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grass-fed | <input type="checkbox"/> Functional food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage breeds / heirloom | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

If other, please specify:

AG5 How would you rate the following factors of doing business in this community?

NA = Do not know / Not Applicable 1 = Poor 2 = Fair 3 = Good 4 = Excellent

	NA	1	2	3	4
Minimum distance separation for expanding your operation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nutrient Management Regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife Damage Compensation Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Line Fences Act	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weed Control Act	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veterinary Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Health Unit inspections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provincial inspections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water taking permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agri-business advisory services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to value chain opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food traceability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Municipal drains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AG6 During the next 18 months, how important will each of the following factors be to your business?

	No response	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Very important
Land use issues.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall cost of doing business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Securing financing for operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Securing financing for expansions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public concern/awareness of industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
International/national competition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technological changes.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AG7 Listed below are a number of organizations that assist in agriculture related businesses. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the services provided.

NC = No contact 1 = Poor 2 = Fair 3 = Good 4 = Excellent

	NC	1	2	3	4
Local Federation of Agriculture.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Christian Farmers Federation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local National Farmers Union.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Agricultural Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local/Regional Economic Development Department.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commodity Organizations (e.g. Grain Farmers of Ontario)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marketing Organizations (e.g. Egg farmers of Ontario)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AG8 Are there assets or infrastructure that you would like to see developed to support agriculture? (select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local abattoir | <input type="checkbox"/> Processing facility (see below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural gas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Better access to transportation links (road, rail, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Local food hub |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

If processing facility, please specify:

If other, please specify:

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AG9 Have you considered pursuing any niche / specialty market opportunities?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify:

AG10 Have you changed your production practices in response to climate / environmental changes?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify: (select all that apply)

- Cover cropping New equipment
 Water usage adjustments Other

If other, please specify:

AG11 Do you anticipate changing your production practices to respond to climate / environmental changes?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify: (select all that apply)

- Cover cropping New equipment
 Water usage adjustments Other

If other, please specify:

AG12 Does your business include on farm retail or farm gate sales?

- Yes No

AG13 Do you feel there are barriers in your community to on farm retail or farm gate sales?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify: (select all that apply)

- Red tape Location (e.g. remote) Competition
 Regulations Cost Other

If other, please specify:

Thank you for your participation in the Huron County Business Retention & Expansion Project