





# FARMLAND HEALTH CHECK-UP

**PRODUCER NAME** 

**CONSULTANT NAME** 

**DATE OF COMPLETION** 









#### FARMLAND HEALTH CHECK UP

Welcome to the Farmland Health Check-Up workbook. Working through this check-up will help you explore both the successes and the challenges of soil and pollinator health on your farm.

#### **BEFORE YOU START**

The Farmland Health Check-Up asks for information from the last five years. A little preparation will allow for maximum discussion time with your Certified Crop Advisor. Before your Farmland Health Check-Up visit with your CCA/PAg, please gather the following:

$\bigcirc$	YOUR MOST RECENT VERSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN (EFP)*
$\bigcirc$	TWO MOST RECENT SOIL TEST RESULTS (EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT PARTICULARLY RECENT)
$\bigcirc$	PLANTING, FERTILIZATION, TILLAGE, MANURE APPLICATION, WEED AND PEST MANAGEMENT RECORDS
$\bigcirc$	YIELD DATA
$\bigcirc$	CROP ROTATION AND COVER CROP INFORMATION
$\bigcirc$	ANY RECORDS OF CROP FAILURES, SEVERE WEATHER, ETC.
$\bigcirc$	FIELD, SOIL OR OTHER USEFUL MAPS
$\bigcirc$	NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS
$\bigcirc$	ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT SOIL OR POLLINATOR HEALTH TOPICS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS AT THIS TIME

\*Your EFP, if you have completed one, has a lot of the basic soil information needed to start this assessment.

If you have not completed a 4th edition EFP workshop and had your EFP Action Plan verified complete, you will need to complete one to be eligible for select cost-share opportunities.

Information about the EFP is available on the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association's website, at www.ontariosoilcrop.org.

YOUR CCA/PAG WILL COMPLETE
AN ASSESSMENT OF YOUR SOIL
AND POLLINATOR HEALTH USING A
DETAILED SYSTEM, AND DEVELOP
A LIST OF BEST MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES THAT ARE TARGETED
FOR YOUR OPERATION.

**GENERAL INFORMATION** 

#### FARMLAND HEALTH CHECK UP

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ADDRESS (LINE 1)
FARM BUSINESS NAME		ADDRESS (LINE 2)
PRIMARY PHONE	SECONDARY PHONE	CITY/TOWN
OWNED ACRES	RENTED ACRES	PROVINCE POSTAL CODE
PRIMARY COMMODITY		EMAIL ADDRESS
SECONDARY COMMODITY		LOT CONCESSION
THE FIELDS USED IN THIS C	HECK-UP WERE PART OF:	TOWNSHIP
1. ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN WORKSHOP	2. VERIFIED ACTION PLAN COMPLETED IN THE LAST 5 YEARS	COUNTY
YES NO	YES NO	

#### FIELD INFORMATION FIELD 2 NAME FIELD 3 NAME FIELD 1 NAME (LEAST CHALLENGING) (CHALLENGING) (MOST CHALLENGING) OWNED OWNED OWNED **RENTED RENTED RENTED NUMBER OF YEARS NUMBER OF YEARS NUMBER OF YEARS** MANAGING MANAGING MANAGING **NUMBER OF ACRES NUMBER OF ACRES NUMBER OF ACRES** MAJOR WATERSHED **MAJOR WATERSHED MAJOR WATERSHED** SUB-WATERSHED **SUB-WATERSHED** SUB-WATERSHED **GPS COORDINATES\* GPS COORDINATES\* GPS COORDINATES\*** LONGITUDE LATITUDE LATITUDE LONGITUDE LATITUDE LONGITUDE **REASON FOR SELECTION REASON FOR SELECTION REASON FOR SELECTION**

<sup>\*</sup>GPS COORDINATES FOR THE MOST NORTH-WEST CORNER OF THE FIELD

SECTION 2: SOIL HEALTH WHY DID YOU IDENTIFY THESE FIELDS AS BEING CHALLENGING?	GENERAL SOIL INFORMATION WHAT HAS CHANGED IN THE LAST 5 YEARS ON EACH FIELD AND YOUR FARM AS A WHOLE?		
WHY DID YOU IDENTIFY FIELD 3 AS THE MOST CHALLENGING FIELD?	WHAT DO YOU THINK MAY BE THE CAUSE OF LOWER YIELDS?		
ARE THESE ISSUES SOMETHING YOU CAN CHANGE OR DID THEY COME WITH THE FARM?	ARE THERE FARMING PRACTICES OR A BMP THAT YOU HAVE TRIED AND DISCONTINUED? WHY?		

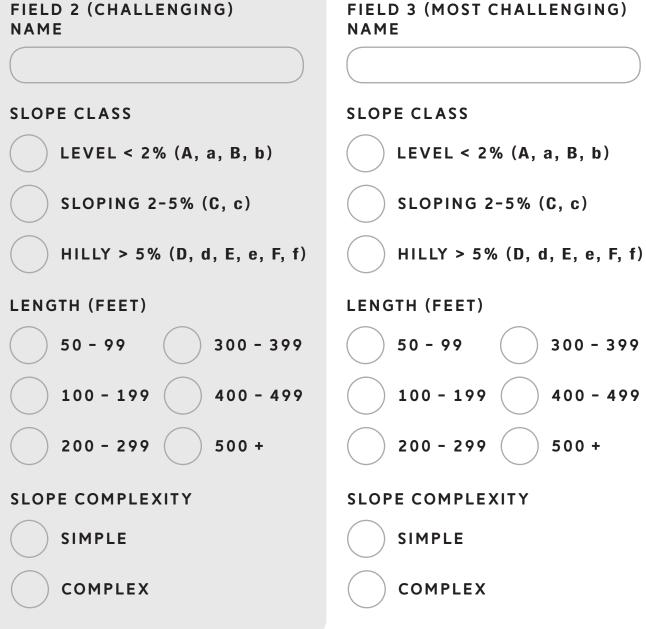
#### **SOIL INFORMATION**

FIELD 1 (LEAST CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 2 (CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 3 (MO NAME
SOIL MAP UNIT SYMBOL	SOIL MAP UNIT SYMBOL	SOIL MAP U
SURFACE TEXTURE	SURFACE TEXTURE	SURFACE TE
HYDROLOGIC SOIL GROUP	HYDROLOGIC SOIL GROUP	HYDROLOGI
NATURAL DRAINAGE CLASS	NATURAL DRAINAGE CLASS	NATURAL DR
EROSION FACTOR	EROSION FACTOR	EROSION FA
1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1
SOIL COMPACTION POTENTIAL	SOIL COMPACTION POTENTIAL	SOIL COMPA
LOW MED HIGH	LOW MED HIGH	O LOW (
TILE DRAINAGE	TILE DRAINAGE	TILE DRAINA

FIELD 3 (MOST CHALLENGING) NAME
SOIL MAP UNIT SYMBOL
SURFACE TEXTURE
HYDROLOGIC SOIL GROUP
NATURAL DRAINAGE CLASS
EROSION FACTOR
1 2 3 4
SOIL COMPACTION POTENTIAL
LOW MED HIGH
TILE DRAINAGE

#### **SLOPE INFORMATION**

FIELD 1 (LEAST CHALLENGING) NAME				
SLOPE CLASS				
LEVEL < 2% (A, a, B, b)				
SLOPING 2-5% (C, c)				
HILLY > 5% (D, d, E, e, F, f)				
LENGTH (FEET)				
50 - 99 300 - 399				
100 - 199				
200 - 299 500 +				
SLOPE COMPLEXITY				
SIMPLE				
COMPLEX				



### CROP ROTATION - 5 YEARS - FIELD 1 (LEAST CHALLENGING)

YEAR CROP	YIELD YIELD UNITS COUNTY AVG. UNITS
COVER CROP	COVER CROP NUMBER OF SPECIES SINGLE SPECIES TYPE
	1 2-3 4-6 7+
COVER CROP GOAL	TIMING: # SPRING PASSES # FALL PASSES
	INTER- AFTER HARVEST
TILLAGE	
	% SOIL COVER: GOING INTO AFTER PLANTING
VEAD	YIELD YIELD UNITS COUNTY AVG. UNITS
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COVER CROP	COVER CROP NUMBER OF SPECIES SINGLE SPECIES TYPE
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COVER CROP GOAL	TIMING: # SPRING PASSES # FALL PASSES
	INTER- SEEDED AFTER HARVEST
TILLAGE	
	% SOIL COVER: GOING INTO AFTER PLANTING

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		INTER- AFTER HARVEST
TILLAGE		
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		INTER- AFTER HARVEST
TILLAGE		
		% SOIL COVER: GOING INTO AFTER PLANTING

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YEAR	CROP	YIELD	YIELD UNITS (	COUNTY AVG.	UNITS
COVER CROP		COVER CROP NUMBER (	OF SPECIES SING	GLE SPECIES T	YPE
		1 2-3	4-6 7+		
COVER CROP	GOAL	TIMING:	# SPRING	PASSES # FA	ALL PASSES
			TER ARVEST		
TILLAGE					
		% SOIL COVER: GOING WINTE		AFTER PLANTING	

### CROP ROTATION - 5 YEARS - FIELD 2 (CHALLENGING)

CROP	YIELD YIELD UNITS COUNTY AVG. UNITS
	COVER CROP NUMBER OF SPECIES SINGLE SPECIES TYPE
	1 2-3 4-6 7+
GOAL	TIMING: # SPRING PASSES # FALL PASSES
	INTER- AFTER HARVEST
	% SOIL COVER: GOING INTO AFTER PLANTING
CROP	YIELD YIELD UNITS COUNTY AVG. UNITS
	COVER CROP NUMBER OF SPECIES SINGLE SPECIES TYPE
	1 2-3 4-6 7+
- O A I	TIMING. # CDDING DACCES # FALL DACCES
JOAL	TIMING: # SPRING PASSES # FALL PASSES
JOAL	INTER- SEEDED AFTER HARVEST # SPRING PASSES # FALL PASSES
JOAL	INTER- AFTER
	CROP

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		1 2-3 4-6 7+
COVER CROP	GOAL	TIMING: # SPRING PASSES # FALL PASSES
		INTER- AFTER HARVEST
TILLAGE		
		% SOIL COVER: GOING INTO AFTER PLANTING
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COVER CROP		COVER CROP NUMBER OF SPECIES SINGLE SPECIES TYPE
		1 2-3 4-6 7+
COVER CROP	GOAL	TIMING: # SPRING PASSES # FALL PASSES
		INTER- AFTER HARVEST
TILLAGE		
		% SOIL COVER: GOING INTO AFTER PLANTING

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YEAR	CROP	YIEL	LD YIELD UN	ITS COUNTY	AVG. UNITS
COVER CROP		COVER CROP NUMBE	R OF SPECIES	SINGLE SPEC	CIES TYPE
		1 2-3	4-6 7+		
COVER CROP	PGOAL	TIMING:	# SP	RING PASSES	# FALL PASSES
		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	AFTER HARVEST		
TILLAGE					
		% SUIL COVER.	NG INTO	AFTER PLANTING	G

### CROP ROTATION - 5 YEARS - FIELD 3 (MOST CHALLENGING)

YEAR	CROP	YIELD YIELD UNITS COUNTY AVG. UNITS
COVER CROP		COVER CROP NUMBER OF SPECIES SINGLE SPECIES TYPE
		1 2-3 4-6 7+
COVER CROP G	OAL	TIMING: # SPRING PASSES # FALL PASSES
		INTER- SEEDED AFTER HARVEST
TILLAGE		
		% SOIL COVER: GOING INTO AFTER PLANTING
YEAR	CROP	YIELD YIELD UNITS COUNTY AVG. UNITS
COVER CROP		COVER CROP NUMBER OF SPECIES SINGLE SPECIES TYPE
		1 2-3 4-6 7+
COVER CROP G	OAL	TIMING: # SPRING PASSES # FALL PASSES
		INTER- SEEDED AFTER HARVEST
TILLAGE		
		% SOIL COVER: GOING INTO AFTER PLANTING

### CROP ROTATION - FIVE YEARS - FIELD 3 (MOST CHALLENGING)

YEAR	CROP	YIELD YIELD UNITS COUNTY AVG. UNITS
COVER CRO	P	COVER CROP NUMBER OF SPECIES SINGLE SPECIES TYPE
		1 2-3 4-6 7+
COVER CRO	P GOAL	TIMING: # SPRING PASSES # FALL PASSES
		INTER- AFTER HARVEST
TILLAGE		
		% SOIL COVER: GOING INTO AFTER PLANTING
YEAR	CROP	YIELD YIELD UNITS COUNTY AVG. UNITS
COVER CRO	P	COVER CROP NUMBER OF SPECIES SINGLE SPECIES TYPE
		1 2-3 4-6 7+
COVER CRO	P GOAL	TIMING: # SPRING PASSES # FALL PASSES
		INTER- AFTER HARVEST
TILLAGE		
		% SOIL COVER: GOING INTO AFTER PLANTING

### CROP ROTATION - 5 YEARS - FIELD 3 (MOST CHALLENGING)

YEAR	CROP	YIEL	D YIELD UNI	TS COUNTY A	AVG. UNITS
COVER CROP		COVER CROP NUMBER	OF SPECIES	SINGLE SPEC	IES TYPE
		1 2-3	4-6 7+		
COVER CROP	GOAL	TIMING:	# SPF	RING PASSES	# FALL PASSES
		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	AFTER HARVEST		
TILLAGE					
		% SOIL COVER: GOII	NG INTO TER	AFTER PLANTING	G

#### SOIL CRUSTING INFORMATION

FIELD 1 (LEAST CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 2 (CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 3 (MOST CHALLENGING) NAME
NUMBER OF TIMES CRUSTING WAS OBSERVED	NUMBER OF TIMES CRUSTING WAS OBSERVED	NUMBER OF TIMES CRUSTING WAS OBSERVED
0 2 4	0 2 4	0 2 4
1 3 5	1 3 5	1 3 5
IMPACT ON EMERGENCE	IMPACT ON EMERGENCE	IMPACT ON EMERGENCE
LOCATION	LOCATION	LOCATION
% OF FIELD IMPACTED	% OF FIELD IMPACTED	% OF FIELD IMPACTED
<25%	<25%	<25%
26-50%	26-50%	26-50%
51-75%	51-75%	51-75%
>76%	>76%	>76%

### SOIL EROSION INFORMATION

NAME	-	EASI	CHALLENGING)	FIELD 2 (CHAL NAME	LENGI	NG)		NAME
OVER	THE	LAST	5 YEARS, HAS THE	RE BEEN EVIDEN	CE OF	EROS	ION O	N FIELDS 1, 2 OR 3?
1	2	3			1	2	3	
			SUBSOIL IS EXPO	SED ON THE				DIRTY SNOW OBSERVED
1	2	3	KNOLLS ARE A D COLOUR THAN THE THE FIELD		1	2	3	BLOWING SOIL IS OBSERVED DURING WINDY CONDITIONS
1	2	3	CROP GROWTH IS	S INCONSISTENT, THE KNOLLS	1	2	3	IN THE SPRING, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SOIL HAS BEEN CARRIED INTO THE DITCHES
1	2	3	RILLS AND/OR G	ULLIES EXIST	1	2	3	STREAMBANK EROSION
1	2	3	SOIL ACCUMULA SURFACE WATER LOW AREAS OF T AFTER A HEAVY	RUNOFF IN HE FIELD	1	2	3	THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF EROSION
1	2	3	OTHER:					

#### CONSERVATION PRACTICE INFORMATION

WHICH OF THESE CONSERVATION PRACTICES ALREADY EXIST ON YOUR FIELDS?

FIEL	D		FIELD	
1	2 3		1 2 3	
		COVER CROPS - WINTER HARDY OVER WINTERED	BUFFER STRIPS AI WATER FEATURES	LONG SURFACE
1	2 3	COVER CROPS - FALL/WINTER TERMINATED UNDISTURBED	1 2 3 GRASSED WATERW	/AYS
1	2 3	COVER CROPS - TARGETED	1 2 3 TREE WINDBREAK SHELTERBELTS	S AND/OR
1	2 3	COVER CROPS - WIND STRIPS	1 2 3 TILE OUTLET PROT	rection .
1	2 3	COVER CROPS - FALL INCORPORATED	1 2 3 DROP STRUCTURE	S
1	2 3	CROSS SLOPE OR CONTOUR CROPPING (WHOLE FIELD)	1 2 3 TERRACES/DIVER	SION TERRACES
1	2 3	STRIP CROPPING - CROSS SLOPE OR CONTOUR	1 2 3 WASCOBS (WATER CONTROL BASINS)	
1	2 3	OTHER:		

#### EARTHWORM ACTIVITY + WATER INFILTRATION INFORMATION

FIELD 1 (LEAST CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 2 (CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 3 (MOST CHALLENGING) NAME
INDICATION OF EARTHWORM ACTIVITY	INDICATION OF EARTHWORM ACTIVITY	INDICATION OF EARTHWORM ACTIVITY
NO VISIBLE SIGNS, OR UNSURE OF SIGNS	NO VISIBLE SIGNS, OR UNSURE OF SIGNS	NO VISIBLE SIGNS, OR UNSURE OF SIGNS
SOME VISIBLE SIGNS (E.G. A FEW HOLES, CASTS OR MIDDENS)	SOME VISIBLE SIGNS (E.G. A FEW HOLES, CASTS OR MIDDENS)	SOME VISIBLE SIGNS (E.G. A FEW HOLES, CASTS OR MIDDENS)
MANY VISIBLE SIGNS (E.G. MORE THAN 15 MIDDENS/M2)	MANY VISIBLE SIGNS (E.G. MORE THAN 15 MIDDENS/M2)	MANY VISIBLE SIGNS (E.G. MORE THAN 15 MIDDENS/M2)
HOW LONG DOES WATER ON THE SOIL SURFACE POND FOR AFTER A HEAVY RAINFALL DURING THE GROWING SEASON?	HOW LONG DOES WATER ON THE SOIL SURFACE POND FOR AFTER A HEAVY RAINFALL DURING THE GROWING SEASON?	HOW LONG DOES WATER ON THE SOIL SURFACE POND FOR AFTER A HEAVY RAINFALL DURING THE GROWING SEASON?
NEVER OVER 24 HOURS	NEVER OVER 24 HOURS	NEVER OVER 24 HOURS
UP TO UNSURE	UP TO UNSURE	UP TO UNSURE
UP TO 24 HOURS	UP TO 24 HOURS	UP TO 24 HOURS

#### **CROP GROWTH INFORMATION**

FIELD 1 (LEAST CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 2 (CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 3 (MOST CHALLENGING) NAME
AFTER ESTABLISHED, HOW EVENLY DOES THE CROP GROW ACROSS THE FIELD?	AFTER ESTABLISHED, HOW EVENLY DOES THE CROP GROW ACROSS THE FIELD?	AFTER ESTABLISHED, HOW EVENLY DOES THE CROP GROW ACROSS THE FIELD?
GROWTH IS UNIFORM	GROWTH IS UNIFORM	GROWTH IS UNIFORM
SOME PARTS HAVE POOR GROWTH	SOME PARTS HAVE POOR GROWTH	SOME PARTS HAVE POOR GROWTH
NO DISCERNABLE PATTERN (VARIABLE BY YEAR OR SPATIALLY)	NO DISCERNABLE PATTERN (VARIABLE BY YEAR OR SPATIALLY)	NO DISCERNABLE PATTERN (VARIABLE BY YEAR OR SPATIALLY)
SHOULDER SLOPE/KNOLL IN A DRY YEAR	SHOULDER SLOPE/KNOLL IN A DRY YEAR	SHOULDER SLOPE/KNOLL IN A DRY YEAR
LOW AREA	LOW AREA	LOW AREA
UNSURE	UNSURE	UNSURE
WHERE DID THIS OCCUR?	WHERE DID THIS OCCUR?	WHERE DID THIS OCCUR?

#### SOIL COMPACTION INFORMATION

FIELD 1 (LEAST CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 2 (CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 3 (MOST CHALLENGING) NAME
IS THERE SOIL COMPACTION?	IS THERE SOIL COMPACTION?	IS THERE SOIL COMPACTION?
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
LOCATION OF COMPACTION	LOCATION OF COMPACTION	LOCATION OF COMPACTION
IS IT HAVING AN IMPACT ON:	IS IT HAVING AN IMPACT ON:	IS IT HAVING AN IMPACT ON:
DRAINAGE/INFILTRATION	DRAINAGE/INFILTRATION	DRAINAGE/INFILTRATION
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
CROP GROWTH	CROP GROWTH	CROP GROWTH
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
YIELD REDUCTION	YIELD REDUCTION	YIELD REDUCTION
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO

#### SOIL COMPACTION REDUCTION PRACTICES INFORMATION

FIELD 1 (LEAST CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 2 (CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 3 (MOST CHALLENGING) NAME
WHAT PRACTICES DO YOU USE TO REDUCE SOIL COMPACTION?	WHAT PRACTICES DO YOU USE TO REDUCE SOIL COMPACTION?	WHAT PRACTICES DO YOU USE TO REDUCE SOIL COMPACTION?
LIMIT FREQUENCY OF TRAFFIC	LIMIT FREQUENCY OF TRAFFIC	LIMIT FREQUENCY OF TRAFFIC
LIMIT TRAFFIC TO SPECIFIC AREAS (E.G. TRAMLINES)	LIMIT TRAFFIC TO SPECIFIC AREAS (E.G. TRAMLINES)	LIMIT TRAFFIC TO SPECIFIC AREAS (E.G. TRAMLINES)
AVOID TRAFFIC IN THE FIELD WHEN CONDITIONS ARE NOT SUITABLE	AVOID TRAFFIC IN THE FIELD WHEN CONDITIONS ARE NOT SUITABLE	AVOID TRAFFIC IN THE FIELD WHEN CONDITIONS ARE NOT SUITABLE
LIMIT LOAD TO < 5 TONNES PER AXEL	LIMIT LOAD TO < 5 TONNES PER AXEL	LIMIT LOAD TO < 5 TONNES PER AXEL
USE OF RADIAL/LARGE DIAMETER TIRES, DUALS OR A TRACK SYSTEM	USE OF RADIAL/LARGE DIAMETER TIRES, DUALS OR A TRACK SYSTEM	USE OF RADIAL/LARGE DIAMETER TIRES, DUALS OR A TRACK SYSTEM
REDUCE TIRE PRESSURE IN THE FIELD	REDUCE TIRE PRESSURE IN THE FIELD	REDUCE TIRE PRESSURE IN THE FIELD
TRUCKS/WAGONS ARE OFF THE FIELD, OR LIMITED TO HEADLANDS	TRUCKS/WAGONS ARE OFF THE FIELD, OR LIMITED TO HEADLANDS	TRUCKS/WAGONS ARE OFF THE FIELD, OR LIMITED TO HEADLANDS
OTHER:	OTHER:	OTHER:

#### SECTION 3: WATER QUALITY + NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

SOIL SAMPLING PROTOCOL	CAMPLED ADEAC ARE DIVIDED DAGED ON
I HIRE SOMEONE AND UNSURE OF PROTOCOL	SAMPLED AREAS ARE DIVIDED BASED ON
NO CONSISTENT STRATEGY FOLLOWED	SIMILAR SIZED AREAS
SOIL IS SAMPLED EVERY	SOIL TYPES/TOPOGRAPHY
	CROP PERFORMANCE
YEAR	
2-3 YEARS	WHEN ARE SAMPLES TAKEN?
4-5 YEARS	WHENEVER I HAVE TIME
	AROUND THE SAME TIME OF YEAR (E.G. ALWAYS EARLY SEPTEMBER)
ROTATION CYCLE	AT THE SAME STAGE OF THE ROTATION
INFREQUENTLY (6+ YEARS)	(E.G ALWAYS AFTER WHEAT)
OIL SAMPLES REPRESENT	AT THE SAME TIME OF YEAR AND THE SAME STAGE OF ROTATION
EACH FIELD 25 AC (10 HA)	SOIL SAMPLES ARE SUBMITTED TO AN
Z5 AC (10 HA)	OMAFRA ACCREDITED LAB FOR ANALYSIS
HALF A FIELD LESS THAN 25 AC (10 HA)	YES NO

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#### **SOIL TEST RESULTS**

FIELD 1 (LEAST CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 2 (CHALLENGING) NAME	FIELD 3 (MOST CHALLENGING) NAME
SOIL TEST DATE	SOIL TEST DATE	SOIL TEST DATE
ORGANIC MATTER PERCENTAGE AVG. MIN. MAX.	ORGANIC MATTER PERCENTAGE AVG. MIN. MAX.	ORGANIC MATTER PERCENTAGE AVG. MIN. MAX.
PHOSPHORUS (BICARB TEST) AVERAGE AMOUNT (PPM)	PHOSPHORUS (BICARB TEST) AVERAGE AMOUNT (PPM)	PHOSPHORUS (BICARB TEST) AVERAGE AMOUNT (PPM)
AVG. MIN. MAX.	AVG. MIN. MAX.	AVG. MIN. MAX.
PH LEVEL	PH LEVEL	PH LEVEL
AVG. MIN. MAX.	AVG. MIN. MAX.	AVG. MIN. MAX.

#### FERTILIZER APPLICATION INFORMATION

WHICH FACTORS INFORM YOUR DECISION ON THE AMOUNT OF FERTILIZER NITROGEN TO APPLY?

FIEL	D			FIEL	.D		
1	2	3	OMAFRA RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR OTHER ACCREDITED AGRONOMIC ADVICE	1	2	3	ADJUSTMENTS FOR MANURE AND/OR BIOSOLIDS AND/OR COMPOST
1	2	3	TISSUE ANALYSIS	1	2	3	ADJUSTMENTS FOR LEGUMES IN ROTATION
1	2	3	PRE SIDEDRESS NITROGEN TEST IS USED TO DETERMINE SIDE-DRESS APPLICATION FOR CORN OR BARLEY	1	2	3	YIELD HISTORY
1	2	3	TOOLS AND/OR MODELS (E.G. N CALCULATOR, EFFIGIS, NDVI, IR)		2	3	RECENT AND/OR ANTICIPATED WEATHER
1	2	3	CROP REMOVAL DATA	1	2	3	NOT SURE
1	2	3	APPLY THE SAME AMOUNT EVERY YEAR	1	2	3	OTHER:
1	2	3	CROP GROWTH STAGE				

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CROP REMOVAL DATA
APPLY THE SAME AMOUNT EVERY YEAR
ADJUSTMENTS FOR MANURE AND/OR BIOSOLIDS AND/OR COMPOST
ADJUSTMENTS FOR LEGUMES IN ROTATION
YIELD HISTORY
RECENT AND/OR ANTICIPATED WEATHER
NOT SURE
OTHER:

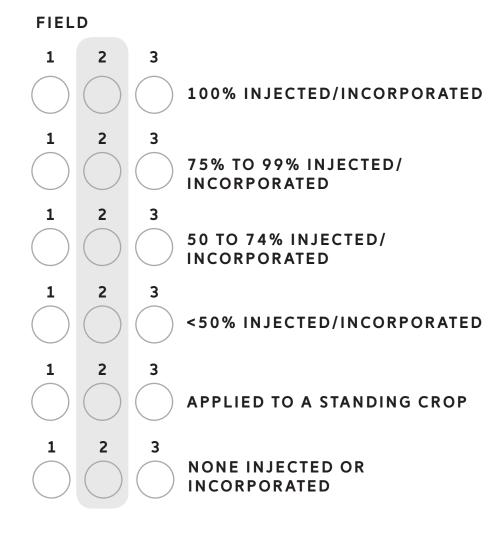
WHICH FACTORS INFORM YOUR DECISION ON THE AMOUNT OF FERTILIZER PHOSPHORUS TO APPLY?
OMAFRA RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR OTHER ACCREDITED AGRONOMIC ADVICE
CROP REMOVAL DATA
APPLY THE SAME AMOUNT EVERY YEAR
ADJUSTMENTS FOR MANURE AND/OR BIOSOLIDS AND/OR COMPOST
YIELD HISTORY
NOT SURE
OTHER:

#### NITROGEN FERTILIZER APPLICATION INFORMATION

WHEN DID YOU APPLY INORGANIC NITROGEN FERTILIZER?

FIELD 1 2 3 **ALL PRE-PLANT** 1 2 3 **ALL AT PLANTING** 1 2 ALL AT EARLY VEGETATIVE **GROWTH STAGE** 1 2 3 PRE-PLANT AND PLANTING 2 1 PRE-PLANT AND VEGETATIVE **GROWTH STAGE** 1 2 PLANTING AND VEGETATIVE **GROWTH STAGE** 1 2 3 THROUGHOUT CROP SEASON

HOW DID YOU APPLY INORGANIC NITROGEN FERTILIZER?



#### PHOSPHORUS FERTILIZER APPLICATION INFORMATION

IN THE LAST CROPPING YEAR, HOW AND WHEN DID YOU APPLY INORGANIC FERTILIZER PHOSPHORUS?

SPRING	FALL
FIELD	FIELD
1 2 3	1 2 3
WITH SEED / POP UP	BROADCAST IN A LIVING CROP
1 2 3 BANDED AT PLANTING	1 2 3 BANDED
1 2 3 BROADCAST AND INCORPORATED	1 2 3 BROADCAST AND INCORPORATED
1 2 3 BROADCAST, BUT NOT INCORPORATED	1 2 3 BROADCAST, BUT NOT INCORPORATED
1 2 3 OTHER:	1 2 3 OTHER:

#### SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER PROTECTION INFORMATION

IN WHICH WAYS DO YOU PREVENT NUTRIENTS, SUCH AS NITROGEN AND PHOSPHOROUS, FROM ENTERING SURFACE OR GROUNDWATER?

FIELD				FIEL	FIELD		
1	2	3		1	2	3	
			MAINTAIN AT LEAST A 3 METER BUFFER TO SURFACE WATER				APPLY ONLY TO LAND WITH SIGNIFICANT RESIDUE COVER
1	2	3	MAINTAIN AN APPROPRIATE SETBACK FROM ANY SURFACE INLET (E.G. CATCH BASIN)	1	2	3	NO WINTER SPREADING (FROZEN OR SNOW COVERED GROUND)
			PLACE BELOW THE SOIL SURFACE (E.G. INJECTION OR BANDING)				NOVEL FERTILIZER TECHNOLOGY (E.G. SLOW RELEASE/N INHIBITOR)
1	2	3	APPLY TO LIVING CROPS (I.E. A COVER CROP, OR DURING THE GROWING SEASON)	1	2	3	COVER CROPS AFTER HARVEST TO CATCH NITROGEN
			SURFACE APPLY ONLY ON SLOPES THAT ARE LESS THAN 5%				DO NOT APPLY OVER RECOMMENDED RATE
1	2	3	INCORPORATE ALL MATERIALS WITH NITROGEN AND PHOSPHOROUS WITHIN 24 HOURS OF APPLICATION	1	2	3	OTHER:

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#### ORGANIC AMENDMENTS INFORMATION

NAMI	•	EASI	CHALLENGING)	NAME			NAME	
			OLLOWING BEST ANIC AMENDMEN	MANAGEMENT PRA TS?	ACTICE	S DO	YOU	USE FOR MANURE
1	2	3	NUTRIENT VALUE AMENDMENTS AF	E OF THE ORGANIC RE CONSIDERED	1	2	3	FIELDS ARE USUALLY IN GOOD CONDITION TO SPREAD ON (LOW COMPACTION RISK)
1	2	3	FERTILIZER AMO REDUCED APPRO		1	2	3	TILE DRAINS ARE MONITORED AFTER LIQUID APPLICATIONS
1	2	3	ORGANIC AMEND	OMENTS ARE ERNATING FIELDS	1	2	3	ORGANIC AMENDMENTS ARE INCORPORATED WITHIN 24 HOURS
1	2	3	LIQUIDS STAY WI	THIN ONE METER F APPLICATION	1	2	3	AVOID SPREADING MANURE BEFORE HEAVY RAINFALL
1	2	3	APPROPRIATE SE WELLS AND SURI	FACE WATER				

#### ORGANIC AMENDMENTS INFORMATION

FIELI NAM	•	EAST	CHALLENGING)	FIELD 2 (CHALI NAME	_ENGING)	FIELD 3 (MOST CHALLENGING) NAME	
			DO YOU DETERMII IALS?	NE THE NUTRIENT	CONTENT OF MANU	JRE OR OTHER	
1	2	3					
			NO NUTRIENT VA	LUE IS GIVEN TO	THE APPLIED MANU	IRE OR ORGANIC MATERIALS	
1	2	3	SAMPLE EACH TII	ME STORAGE IS EI	MPTIED		
1	2	3	SAMPLE ANNUAL	LY			
1	2	3	SAMPLE PERIODI	CALLY			
1	2	3	MANURE OR ORG OMAFRA ACCRED		NALYSIS IS DONE A	AT A LAB THAT PROVIDES	
1	2	3					
			ESTIMATE NUTRIE	ENT VALUE BASED	ON REPORTED RES	SULTS (I.E. NMAN SOFTWARE)	

#### ORGANIC AMENDMENT USE INFORMATION - 5 YEARS

FIELD 1 (LEAST CHALLENGING)

YEAR:	YEAR:		
SOURCE:	SOURCE:		
LIQUID OR SOLID	LIQUID OR SOLID		
LIQUID SOLID	LIQUID SOLID		
SEASON - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY WINTER (GOOD APPLICATION CONDITIONS)	SEASON - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY WINTER (GOOD APPLICATION CONDITIONS)		
WINTER (FROZEN OR SNOW COVERED SOIL)	WINTER (FROZEN OR SNOW COVERED SOIL)		
SPRING	SPRING		
SUMMER (WITH GROWING CROP)	SUMMER (WITH GROWING CROP)		
SUMMER (BARE SOIL)	SUMMER (BARE SOIL)		
EARLY FALL (I.E. AFTER SOYBEAN HARVEST)	EARLY FALL (I.E. AFTER SOYBEAN HARVEST)		
LATE FALL (I.E. AFTER CORN HARVEST)	LATE FALL (I.E. AFTER CORN HARVEST)		
METHOD	METHOD		

#### ORGANIC AMENDMENT USE INFORMATION - 5 YEARS - FIELD 1

YEAR:	YEAR:	YEAR:
SOURCE:	SOURCE:	SOURCE:
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SPRING	SPRING	SPRING
SUMMER (WITH GROWING CROP)	SUMMER (WITH GROWING CROP)	SUMMER (WITH GROWING CROP)
SUMMER (BARE SOIL)	SUMMER (BARE SOIL)	SUMMER (BARE SOIL)
EARLY FALL (I.E. AFTER SOYBEAN HARVEST)	EARLY FALL (I.E. AFTER SOYBEAN HARVEST)	EARLY FALL (I.E. AFTER SOYBEAN HARVEST)
LATE FALL (I.E. AFTER CORN HARVEST)	LATE FALL (I.E. AFTER CORN HARVEST)	LATE FALL (I.E. AFTER CORN HARVEST)
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#### ORGANIC AMENDMENT USE INFORMATION - 5 YEARS

FIELD 2 (CHALLENGING)

YEAR:	YEAR:		
SOURCE:	SOURCE:		
LIQUID OR SOLID	LIQUID OR SOLID		
LIQUID SOLID	LIQUID SOLID		
SEASON - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY WINTER (GOOD APPLICATION CONDITIONS)	SEASON - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY WINTER (GOOD APPLICATION CONDITIONS)		
WINTER (FROZEN OR SNOW COVERED SOIL)	WINTER (FROZEN OR SNOW COVERED SOIL)		
SPRING	SPRING		
SUMMER (WITH GROWING CROP)	SUMMER (WITH GROWING CROP)		
SUMMER (BARE SOIL)	SUMMER (BARE SOIL)		
EARLY FALL (I.E. AFTER SOYBEAN HARVEST)	EARLY FALL (I.E. AFTER SOYBEAN HARVEST)		
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#### ORGANIC AMENDMENT USE INFORMATION - 5 YEARS - FIELD 2

YEAR:	YEAR:	YEAR:
SOURCE:	SOURCE:	SOURCE:
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LIQUID SOLID	LIQUID SOLID	LIQUID SOLID
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SUMMER (WITH GROWING CROP)	SUMMER (WITH GROWING CROP)	SUMMER (WITH GROWING CROP)
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METHOD	METHOD	METHOD

#### ORGANIC AMENDMENT USE INFORMATION - 5 YEARS

FIELD 3 (MOST CHALLENGING)

YEAR:	YEAR:		
SOURCE:	SOURCE:		
LIQUID OR SOLID	LIQUID OR SOLID		
LIQUID SOLID	LIQUID SOLID		
SEASON - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY WINTER (GOOD APPLICATION CONDITIONS)	SEASON - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY WINTER (GOOD APPLICATION CONDITIONS)		
WINTER (FROZEN OR SNOW COVERED SOIL)	WINTER (FROZEN OR SNOW COVERED SOIL)		
SPRING	SPRING		
SUMMER (WITH GROWING CROP)	SUMMER (WITH GROWING CROP)		
SUMMER (BARE SOIL)	SUMMER (BARE SOIL)		
EARLY FALL (I.E. AFTER SOYBEAN HARVEST)	EARLY FALL (I.E. AFTER SOYBEAN HARVEST)		
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METHOD	METHOD		

#### ORGANIC AMENDMENT USE INFORMATION - 5 YEARS - FIELD 3

YEAR:	YEAR:	YEAR:
SOURCE:	SOURCE:	SOURCE:
LIQUID OR SOLID	LIQUID OR SOLID	LIQUID OR SOLID
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#### **SECTION 4: POLLINATOR HEALTH**

THIS SECTION CONSIDERS YOUR WHOLE FARM, INCLUDING THE THREE FIELDS YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO REVIEW, CONSIDER HOW THE MANAGEMENT AND TYPES OF HABITAT AVAILABLE ON YOUR FARM MAY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR POLLINATORS.

WHICH RANGE BEST DESCRIBES THE AMOUNT OF NATURAL, SEMI-NATURAL, OR MAINTAINED VEGETATED AREAS ON YOUR FARM PROPERTY?



VEGETATED AREAS INCLUDE MANAGED OR UNMANAGED WOODLOTS, GRASSLANDS, RIPARIAN AREAS, BUFFER STRIPS, WETLANDS, FIELD MARGINS, AND SHELTERBELTS; BUT DO NOT INCLUDE CROPPED ACRES, GRASSED LAWN AREAS OR OVER-GRAZED PASTURES.

#### POLLINATOR FORAGE INFORMATION

IS YOUR FARM ALREADY PROVIDING FORAGE FOR POLLINATORS? CONSIDER YOUR WHOLE FARM, HOW ABUNDANT ARE THESE POLLINATOR FORAGE SOURCES?

MANY – COMMONLY OCCURS ACROSS MORE THAN HALF OF THE FARMLAND SOME – CAN BE FOUND IN SELECTED/SMALL AREAS ONLY NONE – THIS VEGETATION IS NOT TYPICALLY SEEN ON THE FARM

NATIVE HERBACEOUS PLANTS (INCLUDING BUTTERFLY WEED, SWAMP MILKWEED, ASTER, FIREWEED, COMMON VETCH, ETC.)	MANY SOME NONE
WEEDS AND HEIRLOOM PLANT VARIETIES (INCLUDING SWEET CLOVER, GOLDENROD, ETC.)	MANY SOME NONE
SHRUBS (INCLUDING ELDERBERRY, STAGHORN SUMAC, FLOWERING DOGWOOD, ETC.)	MANY SOME NONE
BLUEBERRIES, AND OTHER SMALL FRUIT SHRUBS	MANY SOME NONE
AROMATIC HERBS (INCLUDING THYME, BORAGE AND OREGANO, ETC.)	MANY SOME NONE
FRUIT TREES (INCLUDING APPLE, PLUM, PEAR AND SOUR CHERRY)	MANY SOME NONE
OTHER TREES FOR POLLEN, NECTAR, AND RESIN (ALDERS, WILLOWS, AND RED MAPLES)	MANY SOME NONE
COVER CROPS THAT ARE ALLOWED TO FLOWER (WHITE CLOVER, RED CLOVER, COWPEA, LUPIN, SUN HEMP, VETCH, PHACELIA, SUNFLOWER, BUCKWHEAT, RADISH, MUSTARDS, ETC.)	MANY SOME NONE

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#### POLLINATOR NESTING SITE INFORMATION

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING NESTING SITES ARE PRESENT	ON YOUR FARM? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY).
UNTILLED, WELL-DRAINED BARE SOIL, OR WITH SPARSE VEGETATION THROUGHOUT THE GROWING SEASON	AREAS WITH UNDISTURBED NATIVE BUNCH GRASSES (I.E. CLUMP-FORMING GRASSES)
AREAS WITH SANDY TO SANDY LOAM SOIL	FENCEROWS
AREAS WITH BARE BUT COMPACTED SOIL THROUGHOUT THE GROWING SEASON	PILES OF FIELD STONES
SHRUBS WITH PITHY TWIGS (E.G. SUMAC, CANE FRUIT, ETC.)	DEAD WOOD, BRUSH PILES, OR STANDING DEAD TREES
OTHER:	

#### POLLINATOR SUPPORTING BEST MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

WHAT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES DO YOU USE TO SUPPORT POLLINATORS (CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY)?

INCREASE FLOWER DIVERSITY IN SURROUNDING CROPLANDS AND ORCHARDS BY PLANTING WILDFLOWERS AND NATIVE PLANTS. WHERE FEASIBLE PLANT WILDFLOWERS AND NATIVE PERENNIALS IN HEDGEROWS, FIELD MARGINS AND BUFFER STRIPS TO PROVIDE NESTING AND NON-CROP FORAGE SITES CHOOSE NATIVE PERENNIALS THAT BLOOM BEFORE AND AFTER ORCHARD BLOSSOMS TO ESTABLISH POLLINATORS IN THE AREA INSTALL ARTIFICIAL NESTING BOXES SUCH AS TRAP NESTS OR "BEE HOTELS" TO PROVIDE ALTERNATE NESTING SITES FOR POLLINATORS MINIMIZE MOWING OF ROADSIDES AND MARGINAL LANDS TO INCREASE **AVAILABILITY OF FLOWERS** MAINTAIN NATURAL AND SEMI-NATURAL LAND ADJACENT TO CROP LANDS. WHERE POSSIBLE

# WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING A FOLLOW-UP VISIT (E.G. IN 3-5 YEARS) TO REVIEW AND UPDATE YOUR FARMLAND HEALTH CHECK-UP?

Documenting how this program has influenced Ontario agriculture is critical to being able to continue to deliver these types of programs. Selecting yes does not

the purpos	ER NAME (PRINT)	SIGNATURE	DATE
	es of evaluating both the program and the informa-		
	may be used to help determine eligibility for selec-	t cost-share programs. Your data will be us ation gathered through the program.	ed/reported as an aggregated data series for
( ) M	UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL E Y EXPERIENCE WITH THE FA EEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO	ARMLAND HEALTH CHEC	K-UP. I RECOGNIZE THAT MY
N	O, I AM NOT INTERESTED IN REPI	EATING THE CHECK-UP.	
	ES, I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONTAC	TED IN 3-5 YEARS TO DISCU	JSS REPEATING THIS CHECK-UP.
YE			