

# Small Farm Network



## **SURVEY FOR LANDHOLDERS**

*All the questions in this survey are optional.*

*If you'd prefer not to respond to particular questions, please just leave those spaces blank.*

**NAME:**

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:**

**POSTAL ADDRESS:**

**PHONE (best contact):**

**MOBILE:**

**EMAIL:**

## Section A. PROPERTY DETAILS

**1. Area** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Lot/DP number** \_\_\_\_\_

*(to help us place your property in the landscape and provide mapping services if required)*

**3. Land description**, ie number of hectares (acres), or percentage of

*(please tick one or more)*

\_\_\_\_ cleared pasture - what approx. area \_\_\_\_\_? Is it improved pasture? YES / NO

\_\_\_\_ wetland

\_\_\_\_ woodland

\_\_\_\_ rainforest

\_\_\_\_ native grassland

\_\_\_\_ (all of the above as) native vegetation

\_\_\_\_ km waterways – rivers, creeks, etc

\_\_\_\_ riparian vegetation

**4. Land use – eg 60% grazing, 10% fodder crops, 30% native bush.**

\_\_\_\_\_ *(please specify)*

## Section B. ENTERPRISE DETAILS

**5. Does your farm earn income?**

YES / NO

**IF YES**

**6. Do you rely solely on farm income?**

YES / NO

**7. Are you registered as a Primary Producer?**

YES / NO

**8. Farm enterprise type** – please include both commercial & non-commercial enterprises.  
(please tick one or more)

\_\_\_\_ grazing: eg cattle, sheep, other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(please specify animal type/s and numbers)

\_\_\_\_ cropping: \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

\_\_\_\_ dairy

\_\_\_\_ orchard: \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

\_\_\_\_ farm forestry: native and or exotic \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

\_\_\_\_ stud farm: eg cattle, horses, other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

\_\_\_\_ accommodation: eg farm stay, cabins \_\_\_\_\_ (specify if desired)

\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

\_\_\_\_ horticulture - *there is a section specifically for details on these enterprises at Q. 10*

**9. Have you found adequate, relevant support and extension services for your enterprise(s)**

**a) In this region?** Eg. local office of govt agencies, extension officers, local industry associations, etc.

YES / NO

\_\_\_\_\_  
(please specify what type)

**b) Across a wider area?** Eg. State and Federal govt services, national industry bodies, etc.  
YES / NO

\_\_\_\_\_  
(please specify what type)

**c) How did you find out about these services?** Eg. phone, internet, local press, word of mouth, etc

\_\_\_\_\_  
(please specify)

**10. Do you grow fresh produce (ie fruit and/or vegetables) for commercial or semi-commercial purposes?**

YES / NO

***If NO go to Question 21. – Section C. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT***

**11. What produce do you grow? Eg bananas, leafy greens, citrus**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

**12. When is/are your main planting period/s?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

**13. When is/are your main harvesting season/s?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

**14. Do you sell your produce to?** (please tick one or more)

\_\_\_\_ local wholesalers

\_\_\_\_ local retailers

\_\_\_\_ Sydney/Brisbane markets

\_\_\_\_ supermarkets

\_\_\_\_ other? \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

**15. Do you do market your own produce?**

YES / NO

**16. a) Do you do any value adding to your product? Eg turn some of your berries into jam.**

YES/NO

***If YES***

**b) What sort of value adding?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

*The following questions are made in response to a perceived demand for information and training in alternative horticultural practices.*

**17. Is your enterprise**

\_\_\_\_ organic

\_\_\_\_ biodynamic

\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

**18. If so is it certified?**

\_\_\_ certified: \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify certifying body)

\_\_\_ in conversion: \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify certifying body)

\_\_\_ non-certified organic

**19. If not, are you considering moving towards organic, biological, biodynamic or any other form of non-conventional farming/horticultural practice?**

YES / NO

\_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

**20. As a grower, are there any areas of your enterprise where you might seek outside assistance?**

\_\_\_ marketing

\_\_\_ business management/bookkeeping

\_\_\_ labour – for planting, weeding, picking, etc

\_\_\_ transport

\_\_\_ packing/storage

\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

**Section C. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLANNING & SUPPORT**

**21. Would you be interested in support services or extension (ie farm visit) for any of the following land management and primary production issues?**

\_\_\_ land capability assessment

\_\_\_ weed control – environmental and/or agricultural?

\_\_\_ tree planting

\_\_\_ bush regeneration

\_\_\_ native vegetation management and/or conservation

\_\_\_ biodiversity assessment & monitoring

\_\_\_ soil testing and management

\_\_\_ erosion

\_\_\_ pasture assessment and management

\_\_\_ grazing management and infrastructure

\_\_\_ stock watering systems

\_\_\_ animal health

\_\_\_ water quality and riparian management

- \_\_\_ farm business planning/management
- \_\_\_ farm taxation
- \_\_\_ produce marketing
- \_\_\_ on-farm OH&S
- \_\_\_ time management, eg annual farm work plans.
- \_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

**22. a) Would you be interested in a Landcare Community Support officer and/or other land management advisor visiting your property?**

YES / NO

\_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

**b) What advice, specific to your property, would you like them to provide?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

**23. Are you interested in property management planning?**

YES / NO

**24. Would you undertake a Property Management Planning workshop or course?**

YES / NO

**25. Do you have an aerial photo of your property?**

YES / NO Is it a digital or hardcopy? \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

**If YES**

**26. a) Do you use it for planning purposes?**

YES / NO

**If NO**

**b) Would you consider getting an aerial photo to use for property management planning?**

**27. Do you any of the following software for land use planning?**

\_\_\_ Google Earth

\_\_\_ Farm Keeper

\_\_\_ other GIS software: \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

## Section E. LOCAL SMALL FARM NETWORK

**28. Are you interested in attending workshops and training days?**

YES / NO

**If YES**

**29. What workshop and training topics would like to see offered?**

\_\_\_ weed id and control

\_\_\_ fencing

\_\_\_ marketing and value adding

\_\_\_ organic farming

\_\_\_ farm business management

\_\_\_ animal health

\_\_\_ soil testing and management

\_\_\_ water use – efficiency and management

\_\_\_ riparian management

\_\_\_ on-farm energy use – auditing and efficiency

\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

**30. Would you use a Small Farm website?**

YES / NO

**31. What sort of content would like to see on a Small Farm website?**

\_\_\_ land management fact sheets

\_\_\_ agricultural fact sheets

\_\_\_ current research

\_\_\_ events – workshops, training days, forums, etc

\_\_\_ new resources

\_\_\_ contact details for service and support providers

\_\_\_ feed back form

\_\_\_ links to other relevant websites

\_\_\_ interactive forum or “chat room” allowing landholders to connect with one another

\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

**32. Are there any specific support services that you would like to see offered by a local Small Farm Network?**

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*(please specify)*

**33. Would you like to be on a regular Small Farm Network CONTACT LIST**

YES / NO

**a) To receive**

\_\_\_\_ quarterly "Small Farm" newsletter

\_\_\_\_ and/or regular email updates

**b) Would you prefer to receive information by**

\_\_\_\_ email

\_\_\_\_ post

**34. What other support services or networks are you aware of?**

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*(please specify)*

**35. Do you use or belong to any of these?**

YES / NO

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*(please specify)*

**If you would like to make additional comments, please feel free to add these below, or include your own page.**