

Assessing Land for Agricultural Suitability

- Access (location and condition of property, gates, driveways, parking areas for vehicle, tractors, larger equipment)
- Cell phone reception (degree of adequacy)
- Equipment (any machinery on property that can be utilized)
- Fencing (any in place or consideration of installing)
- History of the land (previous use and what impact would that have on future land use either good or bad)
- Housing (accommodation on land or consideration of developing)
- Location of the farm (proximity to market, resources such as feed store, labour pool etc.)
- Noise/Smell/Visuals (degree of concern of what exists on land or might be implemented on land)
- Outbuildings (greenhouses, barn, feed storage, product storage, etc. or consideration of developing)
- Potable water for washing produce (on site or need to have system implemented)
- Power supply (degree of adequacy)
- Proximity to sanitary facilities (degree of adequacy)
- Restrictions / Restricted Uses (conditions and concerns)
- Security and Privacy (to secure equipment and prohibit access to land, also relation with neighbours)
- Soil (texture on spectrum from sandy-clay as well as soil pH)
- Topography & orientation (elevation, aspect, sun and wind exposure as well as any microclimates, frost pockets etc.)
- Vegetation (degree of noxious/invasive weed presence)
- Water for irrigation (adequate supply, water rights, well supply, projected cost for city water etc.)