Instructions

- This survey is intended for all owners of agricultural land, not just farmers. Even if you don't farm yourself, please complete the survey. We need to hear from you.

- The person or people at this address who typically make decisions about your agricultural land should fill out this survey.

- You can use a pen or a pencil to mark your answers.
These questions ask about your attitudes toward and experience with wind energy.

1.1 How strongly do you agree or disagree with each statement about wind turbines?

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<th>Wind turbines…</th>
<th>Strongly Agree</th>
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<td>…disrupt bird migration.</td>
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<td>…create noise pollution.</td>
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<td>…produce visual or aesthetic problems.</td>
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<td>…provide revenues for land owners.</td>
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<td>…disrupt local weather patterns.</td>
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<td>…cause human health problems.</td>
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<td>…preserve rural land.</td>
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<td>…help limit climate change.</td>
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<td>…reduce nearby property values.</td>
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1.2 How much authority should each of these groups have for deciding where wind turbines are sited?

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<th>A Great Deal of Authority</th>
<th>Some Authority</th>
<th>No Authority</th>
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<td>Land-owners</td>
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1.3 Can you see any wind turbines from your property in Huron County?

☐ Yes  ☐ No (GO TO Question 1.5)

1.4 About how many turbines can you see from your property?

_______ TURBINES

1.5 Can you hear any wind turbine(s) from your property?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

1.6 Do you lease any land to a wind developer?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

1.7 Did you receive any royalties from a wind energy project in 2013?

☐ Yes  ☐ No (GO TO PAGE 5, “YOUR COMMUNITY”)

1.8 About how much did you receive in wind energy royalties in 2013?

☐ $ 0 - 99  ☐ $ 100 - 499  ☐ $ 500 – 999  ☐ $ 1,000 – 1,999  ☐ $ 2,000 – 2,999  ☐ $ 3,000 or more
1.9 How does this royalty income affect your farm business?

1.10 Are any wind turbines sited on your property?

☐ Yes  ☐ No (GO TO PAGE 5, "YOUR COMMUNITY")

1.11 Are fields with turbines easier or more difficult to farm?

☐ Easier to farm  ☐ More difficult to farm
☐ Both easier AND more difficult to farm  ☐ No difference (GO TO PAGE 5, “YOUR COMMUNITY”)

1.12 How is it easier or more difficult to farm?


### YOUR COMMUNITY

These questions ask about how you feel about population growth in Huron County, and how it affects you.

2.1 How strongly do you agree or disagree with each statement?

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<td>Development is happening too quickly in Huron County.</td>
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<td>Huron County is losing its rural character.</td>
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<td>Huron County’s most productive farmland should be preserved for agriculture.</td>
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<td>Development in Huron County is making life better.</td>
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<td>There should be limits on where development can occur in Huron County to protect local farmland.</td>
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<td>I am satisfied with Huron County as a place to live.</td>
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2.2 Did you personally grow crops or raise livestock in Huron County in 2013?

☐ Yes  ☐ No (GO TO PAGE 7, “FUTURE PLANS”)

2.3 How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of this statement?

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<td>I am satisfied with Huron County as a place to have an agricultural operation.</td>
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2.4 Have you experienced any of the following in the last five years?

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<th>Difficulty</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>No</th>
<th>Not Applicable</th>
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<td>Difficulty in purchasing farmland because of escalating land prices.</td>
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<td>Difficulty in obtaining new rental land in this area.</td>
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<td>Difficulty in retaining existing rental land.</td>
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FUTURE PLANS

These questions are about what you think might happen to your farmland in the future.

3.1 For how much longer do you think you will own any farmland in Huron County?

☐ 1 to 10 years  ☐ 21 to 30 years
☐ 11 to 20 years  ☐ More than 30 years

3.2 Do you have a succession plan in place for your land?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

3.3 How do you think most of your land in Huron County will be used when you sell it?

☐ Farmed by a family member
☐ Farmed by a non-family member
☐ Converted to a housing development / subdivision
☐ Convert to an industrial, commercial, or retail use
☐ Idle—neither farmed nor developed
☐ Other (please explain): _______________________________

3.4 If you had been asked question 3.3 five years ago, do you think you would have answered the same way?

☐ Yes (GO TO PAGE 8, “ON-FARM INVESTMENT”)  ☐ No

Why not?
These questions ask about the investments that you might be making on your farm.

4.1 Since 2008, have you purchased any additional farmland?

☐ Yes  ☐ No (GO TO Question 4.3)

4.2 How many acres did you buy?

☐ 0 – 19 acres
☐ 20 – 39 acres
☐ 40 – 79 acres
☐ 80 acres or more

4.3 Since 2008, have you sold any farmland?

☐ Yes  ☐ No (GO TO PAGE 9, Question 4.7)

4.4 How many acres did you sell?

☐ 0 – 20 acres
☐ 20 – 39 acres
☐ 40 – 79 acres
☐ 80 acres or more

4.5 To whom did you sell the land? (CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ A relative for farming
☐ A relative for non-farming
☐ A non-relative for farming
☐ A non-relative for non-farming.
☐ Other (PLEASE EXPLAIN) ____________________________

4.6 Why did you sell this land?

________________________________________________________________________
4.7 Since 2008, about how much money have you spent on improvements to your **home** (even if that home is not in Huron County)?

- [ ] Less than $10,000
- [ ] $10,000 – 49,999
- [ ] $50,000 – 99,999
- [ ] $100,000 – 149,999
- [ ] $150,000 – 199,999
- [ ] $200,000 – 249,999
- [ ] $250,000 – 299,999
- [ ] $300,000 – 399,999
- [ ] More than $300,000

4.8 Since 2008, about how much money have you spent on improvements to your **outbuildings, including grain storage**?

- [ ] Less than $10,000
- [ ] $10,000 – 49,999
- [ ] $50,000 – 99,999
- [ ] $100,000 – 149,999
- [ ] $150,000 – 199,999
- [ ] $200,000 – 249,999
- [ ] $250,000 – 299,999
- [ ] More than $300,000

4.9 Since 2008, about how much money have you spent on improvements to your **field drainage and irrigation**?

- [ ] Less than $10,000
- [ ] $10,000 – 49,999
- [ ] $50,000 – 99,999
- [ ] $100,000 – 149,999
- [ ] $150,000 – 199,999
- [ ] $200,000 – 249,999
- [ ] $250,000 – 299,999
- [ ] More than $300,000

4.10 Since 2008, about how much money have you spent on purchasing **new or used farm equipment** including trucks, tractors or other farm machinery?

- [ ] Less than $10,000
- [ ] $10,000 – 99,999
- [ ] $100,000 – 199,999
- [ ] $200,000 – 299,999
- [ ] $300,000 – 399,999
- [ ] $400,000 – 499,999
- [ ] $500,000 – 599,999
- [ ] $600,000 – 699,999
- [ ] $700,000 – 799,999
- [ ] More than $800,000
YOUR HOUSEHOLD

These questions ask about your household—that is, the people that live with you.

5.1 Is farming the primary occupation for anyone in your household?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

5.2 About how much of your household income comes from farming?

☐ 0 – 24%  ☐ 51 – 75%
☐ 25 – 50%  ☐ 76 – 100%

5.3 About how many total acres of farmland do you currently own? Include all land that is tillable or suitable for livestock, regardless of whether or not it was planted in 2013.

☐ 0 – 19 acres  ☐ 250 – 499 acres
☐ 20 – 59 acres  ☐ 500+ acres
☐ 60 – 249 acres

5.4 How much of your land did someone else farm in 2013 [either through a lease or sharecropping]?

☐ None  ☐ 60 – 249 acres
☐ 1 – 19 acres  ☐ 250+ acres
☐ 20 – 59 acres

5.5 How much land did you lease or sharecrop from someone else in 2013?

☐ None  ☐ 60 – 249 acres
☐ 1 – 19 acres  ☐ 250 – 499 acres
☐ 20 – 59 acres  ☐ 500+ acres

RESEARCH RESULTS

As a small token of thanks, we’d be happy to send you the results of our study.

6.1 How would you like to receive the research results from this survey?

☐ U.S. Mail
☐ Email. My email address is: ________________________________________________
☐ Neither. No need to send me the results.
Thanks again for completing this survey!

If you have any additional thoughts about wind energy and farming, please share them.

ID: XXXX  This ID number is used so that we don’t bother you again once you return the survey. Your survey answers will remain completely anonymous. See project information sheet for more details.