

Rehoboth Farms Needs Survey Report

**APPENDIX**

The following tables address the question: "Are farms that engage in a particular type of agriculture (as defined by farm products/activities) more likely to be familiar with the selected organizations?"

**Type of Farm by Product/Activity** X **Degree of Involvement with (selected) Ag Organization**

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES (MDAR)**

Type of Farm by Product/Activity	Have attended their events/programs	Receive information from them	Not familiar with this organization	Total Responding
vegetables	4	7	7	18
orchard fruit		1	1	2
berries	1	3	4	8
hay	3	1	6	10
flowers/nursery	1	3		4
stable rental	1	2	10	13
riding instruction	1	1	3	5
milk/dairy	1			1
forest products	1	1	1	3
livestock (meat/fiber)	3	5	4	12
U-pick		3		3
farm stand	3	5	1	9
visitor activities (hayrides,etc.)	2	3	1	6
Christmas trees	1	1	1	3
equine - family only			6	6
beekeeping			3	3
equine - breeding/sales		2	4	6
other	6	3	6	15

**BRISTOL COUNTY FARM BUREAU**

Type of Farm by Product/Activity	Have attended their events/programs	Receive information from them	Not familiar with this organization	Total Responding
vegetables	6	9	4	19
orchard fruit		2	1	3
berries	1	4	3	8
hay	3	3	3	9
flowers/nursery	2	2		4
stable rental	3	4	7	14
riding instruction	1	2	2	5
milk/dairy	1			1
forest products	1	2		3
livestock (meat/fiber)	3	7	2	12
U-pick	1	2		3
farm stand	4	5		9
visitor activities (hayrides,etc.)	4	1	1	6
Christmas trees	2	1	1	4
equine - family only		1	5	6
beekeeping		2	1	3
equine - breeding/sales		2	4	6
other	6	3	5	14

## SOUTHEASTERN MASS AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP (SEMAP)

Type of Farm by Product/Activity	Have attended their events/programs	Receive information from them	Not familiar with this organization	Total Responding
vegetables	8	3	7	18
orchard fruit	1	1	1	3
berries	2	2	4	8
hay	4	1	5	10
flowers/nursery	3	1		4
stable rental	3	3	10	16
riding instruction		1	4	5
milk/dairy	1			1
forest products	2	1		3
livestock (meat/fiber)	3	5	4	12
U-pick	2	1		3
farm stand	5	2	1	8
visitor activities (hayrides,etc.)	4	1	1	6
Christmas trees	2	1	1	4
equine - family only			6	6
beekeeping			3	3
equine - breeding/sales		1	5	6
other	5	4	6	15

## BRISTOL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Type of Farm by Product/Activity	Have attended their events/programs	Receive information from them	Not familiar with this organization	Total Responding
vegetables	4	5	8	17
orchard fruit		2	1	3
berries	1	3	4	8
hay	3	1	5	9
flowers/nursery	2	2		4
stable rental	1		12	13
riding instruction	1		4	5
milk/dairy		1		1
forest products	1	1	1	3
livestock (meat/fiber)	2	6	3	11
U-pick		3		3
farm stand	3	4	1	8
visitor activities (hayrides,etc.)	2	3	1	6
Christmas trees	1	1	2	4
equine - family only			6	6
beekeeping			3	3
equine - breeding/sales		3	3	6
other	3	4	8	15

## NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Type of Farm by Product/Activity	Have attended their events/programs	Receive information from them	Not familiar with this organization	Total Responding
vegetables	4	5	8	17
orchard fruit		2	1	3
berries	1	2	5	8
hay	3	2	5	10
flowers/nursery	2	2		4
stable rental	1	1	11	13
riding instruction	1	1	3	5
milk/dairy		1		1
forest products	1	2	1	4
livestock (meat/fiber)	2	3	6	11
U-pick		3		3
farm stand	3	3	2	8
visitor activities (hayrides,etc.)	3	2	1	6
Christmas trees	1	1	2	4
equine - family only			6	6
beekeeping			3	3
equine - breeding/sales		1	5	6
other	4	3	8	15

## PILGRIM R C & D

Type of Farm by Product/Activity	Have attended their events/programs	Receive information from them	Not familiar with this organization	Total Responding
vegetables	3	2	12	17
orchard fruit			3	3
berries	1		7	8
hay	2		7	9
flowers/nursery	2		2	4
stable rental			13	13
riding instruction	1		4	5
milk/dairy			1	1
forest products	1	1	1	3
livestock (meat/fiber)	1		9	10
U-pick			3	3
farm stand	2		6	8
visitor activities (hayrides,etc.)	3		3	6
Christmas trees	1		3	4
equine - family only			6	6
beekeeping			3	3
equine - breeding/sales			6	6
other	4		10	14

### BRISTOL COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY

Type of Farm by Product/Activity	Have attended their events/programs	Receive information from them	Not familiar with this organization	Total Responding
vegetables	7	3	7	17
orchard fruit		2	1	3
berries	2	3	3	8
hay	3	1	5	9
flowers/nursery	3	1		4
stable rental	1	1	11	13
riding instruction	1		4	5
milk/dairy		1		1
forest products	1	2		3
livestock (meat/fiber)	4	4	3	11
U-pick	2	1		3
farm stand	5	2	1	8
visitor activities (hayrides,etc.)	4	1	1	6
Christmas trees	2	1	1	4
equine - family only			6	6
beekeeping			3	3
equine - breeding/sales		1	5	6
other	6	3	6	15

### RI CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL PROMOTION & EDUCATION (RICAPE)

Type of Farm by Product/Activity	Have attended their events/programs	Receive information from them	Not familiar with this organization	Total Responding
vegetables		1	15	16
orchard fruit			3	3
berries			7	7
hay			8	8
flowers/nursery		1	2	3
stable rental		1	12	13
riding instruction	1		4	5
milk/dairy			1	1
forest products		2		2
livestock (meat/fiber)			11	11
U-pick			3	3
farm stand	1		6	7
visitor activities (hayrides,etc.)	1	1	3	5
Christmas trees			3	3
equine - family only			6	6
beekeeping			3	3
equine - breeding/sales			6	6
other	2	1	11	14

## OPEN ENDED QUESTION:

### 8. What are the 3 greatest challenges your farm has faced in Rehoboth?

#### VERBATIM RESPONSE

cost of feed/supplies  
keeping costs down  
rising cost of hay, grain, & shavings  
rising expenses  
economy  
increase of feed costs  
feed is expensive  
costs more to run farm than you make in profits  
input costs - especially energy  
paying taxes  
cost of fuel  
cost of feed/supplies  
cost of insurance  
cost of feed  
cost of fertilizer  
cost of labor  
costs  
encroaching development  
subdivision loss of rental land  
development  
loss of prime farmland  
decrease of acquiring land to plant - rent  
development in area  
producing enough vegetables to make a living  
competing with large farm operations  
finding the right places for our marketing efforts/dollars  
balancing cash flow as costs go up  
tax rate  
marketing beef cattle  
keeping the horses from getting out and ruining the neighbors' lawns  
neighbors who don't mind their business  
vandalism to farm equipment out in field  
neighbor's dog killing my livestock  
neighbors  
rats  
neighbors  
vandalism  
nieghbors  
nieghbor (new)  
fear of lawsuits by trespassers who may be hurt  
worrying what neighbors think or say about aroma  
dealing with city people  
city slicker neighbors  
growth  
time  
health  
size  
no land for enlarging production  
not enough land to plant on farm itself  
people dumping (land is not connected to house)  
horse racing has been poor --- no slots  
street traffic  
need more space  
health insurance  
available land  
riding trails  
equine liability  
finding places available to ride  
speeding traffic and horses on road -- under saddle or cart  
cleaning it up  
revitalizing it

OPEN ENDED QUESTION:

**9. What are the 3 best things about having Rehoboth as a location for your farm?**

VERBATIM RESPONSE

convenient to urban areas (Providence, Attleboro)  
close to everything  
location to customers  
highway access  
close to markets  
easy access from Rte 95  
feed store close by  
centrally located  
location  
lots of hay suppliers  
location  
proximity to Providence  
close to large population areas  
near Providence  
close to Providence  
close proximity to Providence  
location to hay and grain suppliers  
location to veterinarian  
near cities eg prov/fall river/taunton etc. eg. Location  
good market area for local farm products  
good location at our residence Rte 118  
close to everything within reason  
location to highway  
location - close enough to larger cities  
farming community  
farm-friendly community  
farm friendly  
recognized as a right-to-farm town  
right to farm community  
good agricultural environment  
farm friendly town  
this is a right to farm community  
farm friendly town  
a local population that's on the whole appreciative of agriculture  
supported by town - farming respected by town  
a right to farm community  
right to farm  
neighbors are pro-farm  
positive attitude about farming  
the town people support farming  
the interest in preserving agriculture  
farming - Agricultural - community supports use  
farm friendly neighbors  
so many other small backyard farms in town  
Rehoboth respects the "right to farm"

**9. What are the 3 best things about having Rehoboth as a location for your farm? (cont.)**

farming community  
farm-friendly  
the many farms in the area  
right to farm  
right to farm  
It's where I happen to live  
We live here and have the acreage  
still here after 3 generations  
many horse owners in area  
land  
no leash law  
rich fertile soil  
proximity to ocean currents  
I love it here  
an economically stable community to support our product  
ample space and by-laws to conduct business  
other Rehoboth farmers  
family business  
my farm is in Rehoboth due to inheritance  
nice neighbors  
good water supply  
good soil  
water use is independent (no water bans)  
lots of great people to ask questions/answer questions  
availability of land  
customer base - everyone has backyard animals  
My grandfather had a dairy farm in this town and I always enjoyed the farm life and area  
family lives and runs farm in Rehoboth  
consumers  
common interests shared with many residents  
the people/residents  
great soil and water  
affordable taxes  
well run town and local schools  
low taxes  
saving the land  
still rural atmosphere  
quiet streets for carriage driving  
open space community  
peaceful  
quiet  
still considered a rural area  
the town is rural  
It's a beautiful town with still a lot of open space  
rural setting  
25 years of beautiful landscape & wildlife  
rural atmosphere  
It's rural character  
its open land & beauty  
rural atmosphere  
beautiful land  
rural - still - let's keep it that way  
rural yet close to conveniences  
keeping Rehoboth rural and a farm town  
trails nearby for horseback riding  
trails  
able to ride locally  
access to a few horse trails

**Responses provided under "other" farm products/services in Question 5:**

herbs

CSA

pet care services (dog grooming)

turkey farm

turkeys

ag equipment repair

eggs

poultry

game birds

llamas, deer

personal use only

fresh eggs

CSA

layer hens

horses & goats