1. How many years have you farmed?
* Less than one year
* 1-5 years
* 6-10 years
* 11-20 years
* 21-30 years
* Over 30 years
1. What are the current uses of your farm? (Please select all that apply)
* Growing crops
* Producing hay
* Raising livestock
* Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
1. What is the total acreage of the land you farm?
* None (Skip to Question 27)
* 1-10 acres
* 11-20 acres
* 21-50 acres
* 51-100 acres
* 101-200 acres
1. How many of those acres do you own?
* None (Skip to Question 7)
* 1-10 acres
* 11-20 acres
* 21-50 acres
* 51-100 acres
* 101-200 acres
1. How much of the farmland you own is conserved?
* None (Skip to Question 7)
* 1-10 acres
* 11-20 acres
* 21-50 acres
* 51-100 acres
* 101-200 acres
* Over 200 acres

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| 1. Did you (or your spouse) place the easement on this property?
 | O Yes | O No  |

1. How many acres of the land you farm are leased?
* None (Skip to Question 21)
* 1-10 acres
* 11-20 acres
* 21-50 acres
* 51-100 acres
* 101-200 acres
* Over 200 acres
1. How many of the leased acres are conserved?
* None (Skip to Question 10)
* 1-10 acres
* 11-20 acres
* 21-50 acres
* 51-100 acres
* 101-200 acres
* Over 200 acres
1. How well do you understand the agricultural provisions of the easement on the conserved land you lease?

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| O Very Well | O Somewhat | O Not At All |
| 1. Do you have a written agreement such as a lease for the land you farm?
 | O Yes | O No |
| 1. Does the lease or other agreement include buildings?
 | O Yes | O No |

1. What is the length of the lease term?

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| O 1-5 years | * O 6-10 years
 | O 11-20 years | O 21-30 years | O More than 30 years |

1. Is housing included?
* Yes, it's included in the farm lease
* Yes, but it's a separate agreement or contract from the agricultural lease
* No
1. Do you pay rent for use of the land or any existing buildings?
* Yes
* No (Skip to Question 16)
1. How is the rent paid? (Please select all that apply)
* Cash
* Services, farm products, etc.
* Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
1. What's working well with your lease arrangement? (Please select all that apply)
* Good communications
* Landowner supports/approves of my farming and land management practices
* Financial aspects (e.g., manageable rent)
* Adequate control and flexibility
* Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
1. Do you have any comments or details about what’s working well with your lease arrangement?
2. What's NOT working well with your lease arrangement? (Please select all that apply)
* Good communications
* Landowner supports/approves of my farming and land management practices
* Financial aspects (e.g., manageable rent)
* Adequate control and flexibility
* Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
1. Do you have any comments or details about what’s NOT working well with your lease arrangement?

1. Overall, how satisfied are you with the arrangement? (Answer Question 20 then skip to Question 22)

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| O Very Satisfied | O Somewhat Satisfied | O Somewhat Dissatisfied | O Very Dissatisfied |

1. If you are NOT currently leasing land for farming, why not? (Please select all that apply)
* Don’t need additional land
* Can’t find land
* Concerned about landlord ‘hassles’
* Cost
* Inadequate Security
* Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
1. Are you interested in leasing farmland (or more farmland)?
* Yes
* No (Skip to Question 24)
1. How much land would you be interested in leasing? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Would you consider leasing conserved land?
* Yes (Skip to Question 26)
* No
1. Why wouldn’t you consider leasing conserved land? (Please select all that apply)
* Too many restrictions
* Management practices potentially too restrictive
* Bureaucracy of permissions
* Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
1. How supportive/friendly do you believe easements are for farming?
* Too Restrictive
* Neutral
* Supportive
* Very Friendly

1. Whether or not you are currently leasing land for farming, what support would you find helpful?
(Please select all that apply)
* Information on leasing
* Lease examples
* Legal assistance
* Other technical assistance
* Help finding farmland
* Talking with other farmers
* Negotiating the agreement
* Determining fair rent
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
1. If you are interested in additional information or assistance from any of the following groups, please check below and provide your contact information.
* Cheshire County Conservation District
* Land For Good
* Monadnock Conservancy

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Thank you for your participation in this survey!  The results will inform our educational programming over the next year around the topic of land access and farming on conservation easements.  For more information please do not hesitate to contact the Cheshire County Conservation District at 603-756-2988 ext. 116 or amanda@cheshireconservation.org .

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