

**Succeeding Generations
Building Farming's Next Generation
Mentoring Program**

Young Farmer Application Form

Name:			
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By completing and signing this Form, you apply to participate in the Succeeding Generations Mentoring program established by Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI).

The Mentoring Program

1. Succeeding Generations is a new millennium approach to assist young producers to manage viable farm operations while addressing the needs of retiring producers. One of the components of Succeeding Generations is a Mentoring program.
2. This Form sets out the basic terms of the Mentoring program and asks applicants to provide background information to be used in considering your application.

Purpose of the Mentoring Program

3. The purpose of the Mentoring program is to provide you with information and knowledge that may assist you in your farm business.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Young and Beginning Farmer Participant

4. As a young and beginning farmer participant within the Mentoring program, you must:
 - Work effectively with the mentor to establish what you expect of the program and what information you need from the program.
 - Complete an initial evaluation and analysis of your farm situation for discussion with MAFRI staff and the mentor.
 - Participate in one-on-one sessions with the mentor to identify problems, analyze options and develop potential solutions.
 - Seek feedback and information from all sources, including following up on opportunities provided to you by the mentor.

- Maintain and respect the confidentiality of all information shared by the mentor.
 - Follow any other policies or procedures that Manitoba establishes for the operation of the Mentorship program.
5. The mentor is not a business or legal adviser but can refer you to appropriate professionals for resources and advice. You are solely responsible for all decisions made while participating in the program. Neither the mentor nor the administration of Succeeding Generations Mentorship program is liable for the consequences of those decisions.

Your Background

6. Describe your farm (acres farmed, types of crops and livestock, workers, etc.) as well as major successes or challenges that you have experienced.

7. Briefly describe your future plans and goals including any production, marketing, family and lifestyle, resource management or other new ventures you are interested in exploring.

8. What assistance are you seeking from a mentor? Please include specific questions or issues on which you would like advice and assistance from a mentor.

9. Outline educational and training courses that you have completed to date and comment on your most effective learning experience.

10. How many years have you actively managed (i.e., made some or all of the production and/or financial management decisions) a farm business? _____ years

Privacy of Your Personal Information

- 11. MAFRI, its corporations and agencies respects your privacy. This personal information relates directly to the operation of the Succeeding Generations Mentorship program and is being collected for that purpose.
- 12. MAFRI will use the information to match qualified farm operators (mentors) with beginning and young farmers to plan and implement farm development and business strategies. MAFRI will also use the information to develop, offer, and manage present and future programs and services within the department.
- 13. MAFRI may disclose the information to prospective mentors to be used only for program purposes.
- 14. Your personal information will not be used or disclosed for any other purposes, unless permitted by The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).
- 15. Your personal information is protected by the Protection of Privacy provision of FIPPA. If you have any questions about the collection of your personal information please contact the:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Coordinator
Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives
809 – 401 York Ave, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0P8
Tel: (204) 945-3439

If you accept and understand the terms and wish to participate – please sign below. We review all applications to find an appropriate match based on a number of factors such as background, experience and needs. A representative from MAFRI will call after your application has been reviewed.

SIGNATURE		DATE