



## APPENDIX 2

# CHECKLIST

## Site Assessment

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### Location

**Your notes:**

- Zoning
- Council area
- Past use
- Access
- Connected and available utilities
- Visibility
- Local and state regulations
- Any restrictions (e.g. easements, public access requirements)
- Delivery access

### Land

- Farm layout
- Site size/acreage
- Boundaries
- Topography
- Soil type
- Soil testing results
- Previous land management practices
- Wind breaks
- Water source
- Water quality
- Water testing results
- Conservation areas
- Riparian buffers
- Watershed areas
- Productive capacity
- Vegetation
- Weeds
- Invasive species
- Environmental history (e.g. underground tanks)
- Predator pressure

### Climate

- Average rainfall
- Season lengths
- Micro-climate
- Prevailing wind & weather direction
- Recent climate events



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#### Infrastructure

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- Access \_\_\_\_\_
- Roads \_\_\_\_\_
- Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Sheds \_\_\_\_\_
- Animal shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_
- Food processing / wash and pack \_\_\_\_\_
- Power source - grid/solar \_\_\_\_\_
- Irrigation & water distribution \_\_\_\_\_
- Fences, gates & cattle grids \_\_\_\_\_

#### Housing

- Existing dwelling \_\_\_\_\_
- Potential house sites \_\_\_\_\_
- Types of dwellings permitted \_\_\_\_\_
- Apprentice/farm labor housing \_\_\_\_\_
- Nearby housing opportunities \_\_\_\_\_

#### Community

- Regional community info \_\_\_\_\_
- Neighbours \_\_\_\_\_
- Distance from community services \_\_\_\_\_
- Distance from Ag supply or delivery center \_\_\_\_\_
- Proximity to markets \_\_\_\_\_
- Proximity to existing agri-tourism/Airbnb/anything that might increase traffic \_\_\_\_\_