

**Carver Agricultural Commission  
2006 Farmer/Landowner Survey**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1 – General information**

1) Are you a farmer\_\_\_\_, landowner\_\_\_\_, or both\_\_\_\_?

2) How many acres do you own?

	<u>In Carver:</u>	<u>In other towns:</u>
Total Acres:	_____	_____
Tillable Acres:	_____	_____
Wooded Acres:	_____	_____
Pasture:	_____	_____
Farmstead:	_____	_____

3) If you do not actively farm, do you rent your tillable acreage to another farmer?

\_\_\_\_ Yes    Name/address of tenant: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ No

Rental Rate (per acre): \_\_\_\_\_

4) Have you harvested timber in the past ten years from woodlots owned in Carver?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes:        From how many acres?        \_\_\_\_\_ acres  
What was total timber value (past 10 yrs)?    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5) Have you sold the development rights on any of your land?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

If Yes:        Number of acres: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Permanant Easement    or    \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary (for \_\_\_\_\_ years)

**Section 2 – Please complete if you are actively farming**

6) Please rank the following in the order of priority in which they pose a problem or concern to you relative to the operation of your farm:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Hiring help
- \_\_\_\_\_ Trespassing/vandalism
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pilfering/theft
- \_\_\_\_\_ Availability of fertilizers/pesticides
- \_\_\_\_\_ Availability of machinery/parts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Availability of veterinary services
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complaints from neighbors concerning farming operations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Regulations affecting farm operations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Marketing your farm production
- \_\_\_\_\_ Availability of technical assistance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other issues (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

7) Please summarize how you used your farm acreage in 2005:

	In Carver:	Other:
Acres owned	_____	_____
Acres rented	_____	_____
Total acres farmed	_____	_____

Land Rental Rates (if you rent land, please indicate rental rates/range per acre)

Cranberry Bog	_____	per acre
Orchard	_____	per acre
Nursery Stock	_____	per acre
Crop Land	_____	per acre
Other:		
_____	_____	per acre
_____	_____	per acre

Crops grown (please list each crop/acreage – use separate sheet if needed):

Cranberries	_____	_____
Forage Crops (corn & hay)	_____	_____
Pasture	_____	_____
Vegetables	_____	_____
Orchard	_____	_____
Sod	_____	_____
Nursery Stock	_____	_____
Grain Crops (corn, soybeans, etc.)	_____	_____
Other:		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

8) What were the gross sales from your farm in 2005? (nearest thousand dollars)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

9) How much of your total expenditures in 2005 were paid to local vendors (within a 25-mile radius of your farm)? (nearest thousand dollars)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

10) Please indicate the number of workers on your farm in 2005:

Owners	_____
Unpaid family help	_____
Full-time employees (including paid family members)	_____
Part-time employees	_____
Seasonal employees	_____
TOTAL number of workers -	_____

10) What was your gross payroll expense in 2005?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

11) How do you market your farm products? (check all that apply)

_____ Farmstand	_____ Farmer's Markets
_____ Cooperative	_____ Individual Sales at Farm
_____ Pick-Your-Own	_____ Direct Sales to Stores
_____ Direct Sales to Restaurants	_____ Community Supported Ag
_____ Wholesale	_____ Other (please explain)
_____ Not Applicable	

11) What were your total capital purchases for 2005?

(purchase of depreciable farm assets such as buildings, equipment, motor vehicles, etc.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

12) What is the age of the primary operator of your farm?

\_\_\_\_\_ years old

13) Do you have a "next generation" interested in operating the farm?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

14) How long do you and/or your family plan to continue farming?  
(please check one)

- Less than 5 years
- 5 to 10 years
- 10 to 20 years
- More than 20 years

15) Do you have plans to expand or diversify your farm?

Yes  No

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3 – Please complete if your farm includes  
a livestock enterprise:**

16) Check the type(s) of livestock enterprises that you have at your farm:

	<u># Head Owned</u>	<u># Head Boarded</u>	<u># Stalls</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Horses	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle	_____		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheep	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe _____			