

Farm Plan # 1- Apple Farmers from Niagara!

Hey Farmers...

It's apple season in Ontario and it's time to make some tough choices! Complete the following farm plan and be prepared to discuss the implications of each choice with the group

Where do you sell your product?

1. I sell at farmer's market and restaurants downtown Toronto
2. I sell to the Loblaws corporation to be sold throughout Canada
3. I sell to the first place I can find, usually to the international market

How do you grow your product?

1. I avoid using chemicals and find other ways of dealing with pests
2. I use a limited amount of chemicals and pesticides, only when needed
3. I spray what ever I can to keep the pests away

Is your farm energy efficient?

1. I installed high-efficiency light bulbs in the house and farm buildings
2. I have changed them in our house, but not the barn
3. I am not sure what kind of light bulbs I use, but usually the cheapest

How do you treat farm employees?

1. I pay my employees a fair wage, which is consistent with regulations
2. I pay my employees well, when I have the extra money
3. I pay myself first, and give our employees the leftovers

How do you treat the surrounding ecosystem?

1. I use irrigation that does not disrupt wildlife habitat
2. I move my irrigation system around so that I can water where needed
3. I cut down the forests to make room for my irrigation

Add up your points:

For example, if you checked 1 + 2 + 1 + 3 + 3 – your total score is 10.

_____ = Total Score

