

Basic Farm-Level Assessment Script

Use This as a guide while Recording with a Voice Note. Use The Farm Level Assessment Score Card for Paper Notes.

- **Intro:**
"Let's start with farm details."
- What is the farm name?
- What is today's date?
- Who is the assessor?
- What are the current weather conditions?
- How much rainfall have you received year-to-date?
- What is your average annual rainfall?

Pillar 4 — Biodiversity

- What biodiversity elements are present? (Shelter belts, ponds, pollinator habitat, etc.)
- For each element: Is it visible, not visible, or planned? If planned, what date?
- What wildlife did you observe?
- How many elements are implemented and functioning? Not visible? Planned?
- Any additional notes?

Pillar 5 — Input Management

- What herbicides do you currently use?
- What weeds are most problematic?
- Do you use insecticides or fungicides? If yes, which ones and when?
- Do you apply synthetic fertilizers or synthetic nitrogen?
- Are you using any OMRI-listed or organic pest control products?
- What input-related challenges are you facing?
- Do you see evidence of natural pest control?
- Last season: What pest/disease challenges did you have? What IPM strategies did you use? What reductions were achieved?
- Current season: What improvements are planned? Target reductions? New strategies?
- Observable evidence: crop injury, weed pressure, biodiversity support, equipment changes?

- Assign an Input Management score (1–5).
- Additional notes?

Pillar 7 — Livestock Integration

- Is livestock applicable?
- If yes: Do animals have outdoor access, shelter, shade, clean water?
- Is there evidence of rotational grazing, proper stocking density, and pasture recovery?
- Are riparian areas protected?
- Assign a Grazing Impact score (1–5).
- Additional notes?