



INCUBATOR PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Instructions:

Only one application form is needed per farm. Make sure to document everyone's farming skills and experiences who are part of the farm. Attach to this application your Business Plan and Projected Cash Flow.

Submit finished applications to Leah Jurman by email @ leah.jurman@tufts.edu or mail to our office with attn to Leah Jurman.

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Contact Information

Provide, name, address, email, and phone number for each farm partner.



Application Questions

1.	Briefly summarize your proposed farm business. Include enterprises, crops, markets, scale, and anything that might be important.
2.	List the owners of your farm business, their roles, and their expected contributions.
3.	What is your farm's current or proposed business structure (e.g., sole proprietorship, LLC, s-corp)?
4.	What are the financial, quality of life, and other goals you seek to achieve with this farm business?
5.	Describe your background in farming and business.
6.	What personal qualities, skills, or knowledge do you possess that will help you to be a successful farmer?
7.	Where will you sell your products?



8.	How do you plan to sustain yourself financially while you are building your new farm business? What contingency plan do you have to supplement your farm income?
9.	What do you project to be your on farm availability throughout the season? Do you feel you have an appropriate amount of time available to you weekly to manage your plot?
10	. What does sustainable farming mean to you? What "sustainable" practices will your farm utilize?
11.	. What steps will you take to ensure soil fertility and improve soil health?
12.	. Make sure to review the most recent Farmer's Manual. What aspects of the program would be the most challenging for you?