

OFA Member Online Survey: *Farmland Rental Agreement Conditions*

This OFA Member survey identifies farmland rental conditions imposed by landlords on tenant farmers.

* 1. This survey was open to OFA Members only from March 9-18, 2015.

2. In the previous year, did you farm any rented/leased, or sharecropped land?

- **YES – 359**
- NO – 163 (Those answering “no” were not asked further questions).

3. Which crops did you grow in 2014? Specify all crops grown on all lands (rented and/or owned). Please check all that apply.

Specified Crop	Respondents indicating they grew it
Soybeans	263
Corn	233
Wheat	172
Forage/Hay	171
Pasture	78
Spring Grain	56
Fruits/Vegetables	34
Canola	7

(Respondents also specified other crops if applicable).

4. How many acres did you own, rent/lease, and/or sharecrop last year (2014)?

Total Acres Owned	103,549	45.9%
Total Acres Rented/Leased	105,315	46.7%
Total Acres Sharecropped	16,694	7.4%
Total	<u>225,558</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

5. How many landlords (including landlord sharecroppers) do you have arrangements with?

a) Cash Rent Arrangement: total 1400 arrangements indicated by 303 farmers (Avg. 4.6 arrangements per farmer)

b) Sharecropping Arrangement: total 155 arrangements indicated by 76 farmers (Avg. 2 arrangements per farmer)

c) Other (example - rent free, exchange of other goods or services): total 135 arrangements indicated by 64 farmers (Avg. 2.1 arrangements per farmer)

6. Are these arrangements verbal/written or both?

Verbal	179	49.9%
Written	61	17.0%
Both (Some written & some verbal)	117	32.6%
No response	2	0.5%
Total	359	100.0%

7. Conditions in your rental/lease/sharecropping agreement:

In the first column, please indicate if your landlord(s) has imposed any special conditions. In the second column, please indicate if you would farm differently if this rental condition was removed? (check all that apply or leave blank if 'no')

	At least one of my landlords has stipulated this condition	I would farm differently if this rental condition was removed
Restrictions on when you can access the land to farm it	30	13 of 30
Restrictions on type or amount of tillage	37	13 of 37
Restrictions on choice of crops grown	81	31 of 81
Requirement to plant a cover crop	19	2 of 19
Specifies or restricts how weeds and pests can be managed	35	16 of 35
Restricts when pesticides can be applied	25	8 of 25
Restrictions on applying fertilizer (including manure)	46	25 of 46
Specifies the amount of fertilizer to be applied	8	2 of 8
Requires soil sample test results be shared with the landlord	24	1 of 24

8. Do any of your landlords require you to maintain their land’s farm status in the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program?

Yes	237	66.0%
No	116	32.3%
No response	6	1.7%
Total	359	100.0%

9. Do any of your landlords require you to avoid crops and/or cropping practices that could result in habitat for Bobolink, Meadow Lark, and/or other provincially designated species-at-risk?

Yes	23	6.4%
No	324	90.3%
No response	12	3.3%
Total	359	100.0%

10. If you owned your currently rented farmland, would you make additional productivity improvement investments to the farmland?

Yes	268	74.6%
No	84	23.4%
No response	7	2.0%
Total	359	100.0%

11. If you owned your currently rented farmland, would you change your farming practices on the land?

Yes	118	32.9%
No	232	64.6%
No response	9	2.5%
Total	359	100.0%

12. If you answered “yes” to either (or both) question 10 or 11, what farming practices and/or investments would you make if you owned your currently rented farmland?

- Tile drainage was the most frequent response.