

Markum Farms - Temporary Farm/Family Goal

Quality of Life

Markum Farms will be a financially profitable business that allows us to create a fulfilling life, on and off the farm.

We enjoy a happy fulfilling life so that family and free time are considered in everyone's lives.

We value harmonious relationships with our family, workers and friends, and feel proud of what we contribute to the local community and causes we support.

We enjoy a low stress environment and all who live and work on the farm will feel valued.

The land will continue to support farming for the next generation.

We enjoy learning new things and improving our farming skills, especially in ways that increase the farm's profitability and improves the functioning of the ecosystem processes.

What we must Produce

We will be creative and efficient in our use of our resources to produce quality products for sale. We will keep accurate and up to date records, and monitor our finances regularly.

We will produce time for non-farm related things such as family, recreation, hobbies, and community

We will implement a communication system where people feel heard and respected. We will be good listeners and respect each other's opinions. We will look to create synergy with others and respect all in the community.

We will encourage freedom of expression, mutual respect for all, and make sure all employees feel valued.

We will regenerate the environment through our use of the land and monitor it closely, keeping records to see changes that result from our farming practices.

We will study, investigate and implement good management practices that are sound from a financial, ecological and social perspective.

What Future must be like

The land on Markum Farms has effectively functioning water cycling through minimizing bare ground, efficient mineral cycling supported through soil amendments and strengthened with cropping and conservation practices. Steady increases in organic matter result from improved biological activity and improved structure of our soil. Our cropping practices maximize the capture of solar energy and encourage increased biodiversity over monoculture.

Our farm owners and employees are seen as respectful, honest, and good land stewards by those in our community. We are viewed as valuable and contributing members of our community and local organizations. We are always seen as generous and trustworthy paying off all debts and other obligations.

Our community has good schools and comprehensive municipal services, is low in crime and supportive of agriculture.