

Guidelines for Family Farm Snapshots

For website <http://familyfarms.enviroed4all.com.au/>



2014-2015 Family Farming snapshots sharing family farming experiences of *Feeding the world; Caring for the Earth*



Are you a family farmer? Yes, if:

- Your family grows or gathers some food. You may eat some and sell some –animal, plant, fish.
- You produce fibre or timber for some of your family's needs. You may sell some too.
 - location doesn't matter eg rural, coastal, urban, all countries, family farmers anywhere
 - size does not matter - eg from a backyard fruit tree, to full-time production

For a fuller description, see <http://www.fao.org/family-farming-2014/home/en/>

The aim of this collection is to become an educational resource on the diversity of family farming in the world, from first hand experiences, showing what the theme *feeding the world caring for the earth* means in reality.

It aims to **collect** from across the world and share with the world.

It is to be **accessible** by anyone on the web, regardless of the quality of their connection, which means pdfs of up to 3 MB and use of photos and text as the standard.

It aims to respect **privacy** of the farmers, so that names and personal photos and exact locations are not needed, but may be used if desired.

Information needed in contributions:

It is **written in the first person** – ie from your experience.

What **words or phrase** do you use to **greet** people to your farm/ land?

It has four sections, each with questions below. Not all may be relevant to you, so leave those blank:

- **Our Family** =
 - 1 How many people in your family live on your 'farm'? Do other people work here too?
 - 2 What roles do these people have in the family and farm work? (No names to respect privacy)
- **Our Farm** =
 - 1 A general 'jpg' view of your farm (could be a photo or a drawing) and others may be suggested by me after reading this
 - 2 What sort of a farm do you have? eg sheep, permaculture, backyard vegie garden, etc
 - 3 About how big is your farm? Big, average or small for your region?

- 4 Do you 'live off' your farm, or have to have additional sources of income? If so, from what?
- 5 Name the nearest main town for buying/selling food. About how far is it? (not directions)



- 6 As 2015 is the IY Soils, what is the soil type is on your farm, and what do you see as its good and bad features? (photo if possible) Anything else about your soil, you'd like to add?
- 6 What is the environment's other key features here? (eg landform, climate, vegetation)
- 7 If you have a website for your farm, you may add a web address or logo if you would like it on your snapshot

- **How we are 'Feeding the world' =**

- 1 What does your farm produce – consider animals, plants, fish?

With some images (could be photos or drawings scanned) - may include meals from them

Animals

Plants

Trees

- 2 What does your family eat of your farm produce ? (include gardens)
- 3 Does your farm produce anything for sale? If so, What ? and answer, if you can,
 - 4 Where does it go to?– location of sale and further on-selling, if you know
 - 5 What does it become as a food or fibre product, after sale?

- **How we are 'Caring for the Earth' =**

- 1 At least one image ('jpg' photo or drawing) please to show some aspect of caring for the Earth –might be Nature
- 2 What else lives/grows on your farmland, i.e. plants and creatures of Nature?



- 3 Can you give an example of something done on your farm to look after or improve:
 - soil,
 - water,
 - air,
 - Nature (plants and creatures of all sizes)
 - Anything else that matters to you? (eg all contribute low food miles, low carbon footprints, storing C and making O2, acting locally – thinking globally, etc)
- 4 Any big challenges for 'caring for the Earth' for your farm that you would like to share?

- As this will be an on-line resource, I need a **permission statement from you** that
 - Names the author of any drawings or photos you have used, - done by you and/or others.
 - and you give me, Jeanie Clark, permission to use your information and photos/drawings
- You share your information under a Creative Commons (cc) intellectual property licence

Procedure :

1 You send this information in to enviroed4all@gmail.com as the text in an email or a doc file. The jpgs are sent here also – I will compress them to under 1 Mb so you don't need to send large MB versions

2 I take your information above and draft and edit it into the snapshot format.

3 I send the draft back and may ask you for more information or pictures about things so that this builds up the educational aspects of the snapshot.

4 You return that to me to finish setting up snapshot.

5 When we are both happy with the snapshot, I will ask you to confirm that it is ok to publish and will then publish it in the snapshots section of the <http://familyfarms.enviroed4all.com.au/> website . I will also email my networks to tell them about your snapshot joining the collection and what is special about it in adding diversity to the collection . I hope you pass it on in your networks too!

Hoping to hear from you about your family farming experience,

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