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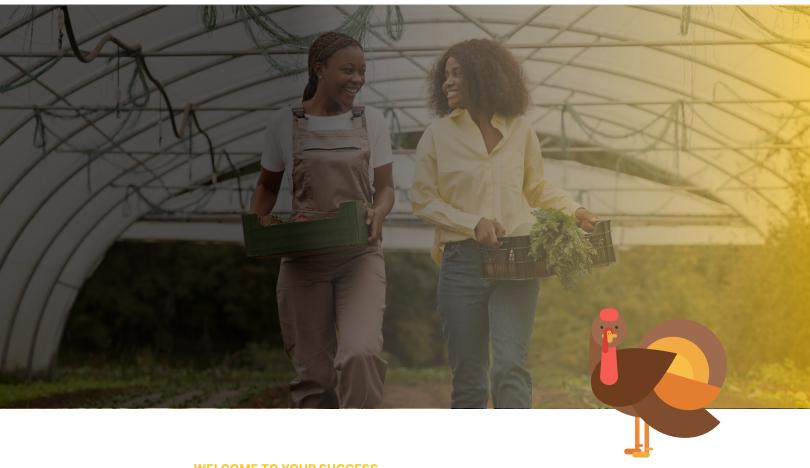
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**GETTING STARTED** INTRODUCTION VER 2025.02.05

# **How to Write a Business Plan for Your Agriculture Venture in Canada**



# **WELCOME TO YOUR SUCCESS**

#### Introduction

Starting a business in a new country can be daunting, but with the right preparation, you can set yourself up for success. By following this guide, you'll be able to focus on your goals and simplify the process of securing financing and loans.

### What You'll Find in This Guide

We provide a step-by-step approach to building a credible business plan tailored to your needs. At the end of this guide, you'll find a sample business plan and a template to start your journey.

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# **Executive Summary**

# **OVERVIEW**

#### **Key Questions to Address**

- 1. Who Are You? Introduce yourself and your business background.
- 2. What is Your Business? Describe what your agriculture business will do in Canada.
- 3. Opportunities Explain what specific opportunities in the Canadian market you aim to capture.
- **4. Goals** What are your key business goals, including your timeline to achieve them and expected income?
- **5. Current Business** Briefly discuss any existing products or services, sales levels, and key personnel.

### Summary

In your summary, use the information gathered in this plan to highlight:

- · Your main products or services
- Current sales levels
- Funding needs for your business
- · Key team members and their expertise
- A quick overview of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT)

This summary will serve as the gateway to your detailed business plan, providing a snapshot to potential investors or partners.

- Why every farm needs a mission and vision statement and how to write one: https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/knowledge/farm-mission-vision-statement
- Business Plan Videos | Executive Summary: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfloah5MunA



# **Goals and Objectives**

#### **PURPOSE OF YOUR BUSINESS PLAN**

This section outlines why you are creating a business plan and how it will guide your business. A clear plan articulates your vision for the business and sets a foundation for your financial success.

### **Key Areas to Address**

#### 1. Project Nature and Purpose:

- Define the core purpose of your agriculture business.
- Outline your main strategies for the next one to three years.

#### 2. Opportunities:

· Identify market opportunities you plan to seize.

#### 3. Business Timeline and Revenue Goals:

- Set clear timelines for achieving specific milestones.
- Define your revenue targets within these timelines.

#### Strategic and Financial Objectives

#### Strategic Objectives:

- Discuss potential advancements through technology in your farm operations.
- Explain how you will enhance your market knowledge to produce top-quality products that meet market demands.
- Describe your approach to risk management, including how you will identify, evaluate, and manage potential risks.

#### • Financial Objectives:

- Ensure your farm's financial health, allowing it to thrive despite market fluctuations.
- Detail your financial strategies for achieving short-term and long-term growth.
- Explain your overall financial goals, including how you plan to manage liquidity and handle potential financial shortfalls.

By setting clear strategic and financial objectives, you pave the way for a prosperous agricultural business in Canada.

# **EXTERNAL RESOURCES**

#### SMART Goals:

https://www.mindtools.com/a4wo118/smart-goals

# Developing Goals for the Agricultural Business:

https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/anr-45

### • 5 Main Objectives of Farm Management:

https://tracextech.com/farm-management/5-main-objectives-of-farm-management/

# **Farming Background and History**

### **UNDERSTANDING YOUR FARM'S ROOTS**

This section delves into the origins and evolution of your farm. It's crucial to communicate how your business fits within the current market and how it has adapted over time.

# **Key Questions to Consider:**

- Achievements and Growth Plans: What have you achieved so far, and what are your plans for expanding your business?
- Market Position: How does your farm align with and respond to current market demands?
- **Location and Initiatives:** Where is your farm located, and what major projects are you currently undertaking?
- Customer Solutions: What unique solutions does your farm provide to its customers?
- **History and Changes:** How long has your farm been operating, and what significant changes have occurred since its inception?

#### **EXTERNAL RESOURCES**

3 things to include in your farm background:
 https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/knowledge/business-plan-farm-background



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# **Ownership, Management & Human Resources**

### **BUILDING A STRONG TEAM**

Even if you don't have hired workers at the moment, it's important to plan for your labor needs. This section addresses the structure of your farm's management and personnel needs.

#### **Key Aspects to Address:**

- Ownership Structure: Outline the ownership setup of your farm business.
- Key Executives and Advisors: Identify the main leaders in your farm and their roles.
- Essential Personnel: List the key personnel needed for successful operation and their qualifications.
- **Management Structure:** Describe how your farm's management is organized and how information flows within the organization.
- **Labor Policy and Transition Plans:** Discuss your labor requirements, potential risks, and any plans for ownership or management transitions in the future.

By thoroughly understanding and planning the structural and human resource aspects of your farm, you set a foundation for effective management and growth.

- How HR planning can maximize farm employee performance:
   https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/knowledge/how-hr-planning-can-maximize-farm-employee-performance
- Human Resource Management for Agriculture Organizations:
   https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/industry-leadership/board-operations/pubs/hr-manual.pdf
- Farm business structure: proprietor, partnership or corporation?:

  https://www.bakertilly.ca/en/btc/publications/farmalert-farm-business-structure-proprietor-partnership-or-corporation



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# **Products, Services and Target Market**

# **DEFINING WHAT YOU OFFER AND WHO YOU SERVE**

This section helps you clarify the products or services your farm offers and identifies the customers who will benefit from them.

#### **Product and Services**

- Current Offerings: Describe the products or services you currently sell.
- Competitive Advantage: Explain what sets your products apart from others in the market. Why should customers choose you?

#### **Target Market**

- Market Fit: How do your products or services meet the needs of the market?
- Market Evolution: Discuss how your offerings could evolve in response to market changes.
- **Ideal Customer:** Describe your ideal customer. What are their needs? How are their purchasing behaviors changing?

#### **Pricing Strategy**

- Strategy Overview: What is your pricing strategy? How does it enhance your competitive edge?
- **Risks and Opportunities:** Identify any risks that could impact your pricing and the opportunities for achieving the best margins.

By clearly defining your products, services, and target market, you will better understand how to position your business effectively within the Canadian agricultural sector.

- Market segmentation: Definition, types, benefits, & best practices:
   https://www.qualtrics.com/experience-management/brand/what-is-market-segmentation/
- How to Define and Analyze Your Target Market:
   https://squareup.com/ca/en/townsquare/how-to-define-analyze-your-target-market
- How to Define Your Target Market:
   https://www.bplans.com/business-planning/how-to-write/market-analysis/target-market/
- Cost of goods sold (COGS):
   https://www.bdc.ca/en/articles-tools/entrepreneur-toolkit/templates-business-guides/glossary/cost-of-goods-sold
- Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) Explained With Methods to Calculate It: https://www.investopedia.com/terms/c/cogs.asp

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# **Sales and Marketing**

#### **CRAFT YOUR MARKETING STRATEGY**

In this section, you'll learn how to create a marketing plan that reaches your customers effectively and optimizes your product distribution in Canada.

#### Plan Your Marketing Approach

- 1. **Identify Your Customers and Suppliers:** Clearly list who they are. This will help you understand your supply chain and customer base.
- **2. Develop a Promotional Plan:** Outline specific actions you will take to promote your products. This includes advertising, online presence, and direct sales tactics.
- **3. Analyze Your Competition:** Understand who your competitors are and what makes your products or services better. Use this knowledge to refine your marketing strategy.

#### **Engage and Expand Your Customer Base**

- Attract New Customers: Describe the steps you will take to attract new customers, such as special promotions or partnerships.
- Retain Current Customers: Explain how you will keep your existing customers coming back, perhaps through excellent customer service or loyalty programs.

By following these steps, you'll build a strong marketing foundation that supports your agriculture business in Canada, ensuring you reach and maintain a solid customer base without needing to seek additional information.

- 7 Ps of Marketing and How They Apply to Your Marketing Mix: https://www.entrepreneur.com/growing-a-business/marketing-business-the-7-ps-of-marketing/70824
- Brand Positioning: A Guide to Strategies & Frameworks for Demonstrating Value: https://www.semrush.com/blog/brand-positioning-a-value-based-approach
- How to Write a Lean Marketing Plan:

  https://business.tutsplus.com/tutorials/how-to-write-a-lean-marketing-plan--cms-26069



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# S.W.O.T. Analysis

### STRATEGIZE FOR SUCCESS IN CANADIAN AGRICULTURE

SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. This analysis is crucial for understanding your farm's position and planning effectively.

#### **Complete Your SWOT Analysis**

# 1. Strengths:

• What does your farm do best? Identify and list your farm's strong points, such as efficient processes, skilled labor, or innovative products.

#### 2. Weaknesses:

- Where can your farm improve? Consider areas like dependency on rental land or outdated technology.
- · How will you address these weaknesses to reduce risks?

#### 3. Opportunities:

 What market trends or technological advances can you leverage? Identify opportunities that can lead to growth and expansion.

# 4. Threats:

 What challenges could harm your business? This could include new competitors, changes in agriculture regulations, or economic shifts affecting interest rates and market prices.

#### **Plan Your Actions:**

- Internal Factors: How will you enhance your farm's strengths and address its weaknesses?
   Outline specific steps.
- External Factors: Prepare strategies to seize opportunities and mitigate threats. Detail how you will adapt to changes and protect your business.

By analyzing these elements, you will equip your farm with a solid strategy to thrive in Canada's agricultural sector, ensuring you are ready to face both challenges and opportunities.

- How to Perform a SWOT Analysis:
  https://www.investopedia.com/terms/s/swot.asp
- SWOT Analysis: How To Do One: https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/swot-analysis



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# **Industry Analysis**

#### **EVALUATE YOUR AGRICULTURAL MARKET**

This section guides you through a detailed look at the agricultural industry in Canada, focusing on competitive and market dynamics that impact your business.

#### Key Questions to Address in Your Analysis

- 1. Who Are Your Competitors?
  - · List your main competitors in the market.
  - Assess their strengths and weaknesses compared to yours.
- 2. What Is the Current State of the Industry?
  - Describe the current market conditions.
  - Explain how these conditions could positively or negatively affect your farm.
- 3. How Large Is Your Sector?
  - Determine the overall size of your sector.
- 4. What Are the Growth Stages of Your Sector?
  - · Identify the growth stages within your sector.
- 5. What Market Trends Are Emerging?
  - · Have you seen increased demand for your products?
  - · Are there changes in the demographics of your customers?
  - Are your products at risk of becoming obsolete due to market changes?
- 6. What New Challenges Are Emerging?
  - · Have new competitors entered the market?
  - Could new regulations, taxes, or trade laws impact your business?
- 7. How Are You Adapting?
  - Describe how you are adjusting your production to respond to industry changes and customer needs.

By addressing these points directly and clearly, you'll gain a comprehensive understanding of your position within the industry and be better equipped to make strategic decisions for your agricultural business in Canada.

#### **EXTERNAL RESOURCES**

- Food processing industry Information AAFC:
  - https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/sector/food-processing-industry
- Food & Beverage Report FCC:

https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/knowledge/economics/food-and-beverage-report



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# **Risk Identification and Evaluation**

#### MANAGERISK TO SECURE YOUR FARM'S FUTURE

Understanding and managing risks is crucial for the stability and growth of your agricultural business in Canada. This section helps you identify potential risks and develop effective strategies to mitigate them.

#### **Detailed Risk Assessment**

### 1. Competitor Analysis:

- List your primary competitors within the market.
- Compare their strengths and weaknesses to yours, identifying areas where your business may be vulnerable.

#### 2. Identifying Risks:

- Biggest Risks: What are the major risks your farm faces? How do you detect these risks?
- Cash Flow Risks: Are there any threats that could disrupt your farm's cash flow? How can you prepare for these disruptions?

#### 3. Developing Contingency Plans:

- **Personal and Operational Risks:** What is your plan for dealing with unexpected personal events such as death, disability, or other critical changes affecting leadership?
- **Business Disagreements:** How will you handle disagreements within management or with partners?
- **Financial Shortfalls**: What steps will you take if your project is underway but you face financial shortfalls?

# 4. Risk Management Tools:

Detail the tools and processes you have in place to manage identified risks. This might
include insurance policies, emergency funds, or contractual agreements that protect
your business.

By proactively identifying competitors and potential risks, and by planning for unforeseen events, you can create a robust framework that supports your farm's resilience and long-term success.

#### **EXTERNAL RESOURCES**

 Understanding the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations: A handbook for food businesses: https://inspection.canada.ca/en/food-safety-industry/toolkit-food-businesses/sfcr-handbook-food-businesses



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# **Financial Position and Projections**

#### SECURE YOUR FARM'S FINANCIAL FUTURE

Understanding and planning your farm's financials is key to ensuring stability and growth. This section guides you through setting up comprehensive financial statements and forecasts that reflect your farm's economic health and potential.

#### **Financial Planning for Existing and Startup Farms**

# 1. Existing Businesses:

- Historical Data: Include financial statements from the past three to five years.
- Net Worth and Cash Flow: Provide a current net worth statement and a monthly cash flow forecast for at least the next 12 months.

#### 2. Start-Ups:

- Projected Financials: Include a financial statement projected for the first three years of operation.
- **Net Worth and Cash Flow:** Present a current net worth and a monthly cash flow forecast for at least 24 months.

#### **Assumptions and Scenario Planning:**

 Detail the assumptions used in your financial projections regarding costs, returns (yield and market price), and outline how you will adapt if scenarios change unexpectedly.

### **Critical Financial Questions to Address:**

- Financial Ratios: Which financial ratios will you monitor to track your business performance?
- Age and Transition Impact: How might your age or business transitions affect these financial ratios?
- Liability Management: When are your current liabilities due to be paid?
- Investment and Funding: If investing cash in a loan request, does your balance sheet justify this? Is the required cash readily available, or what assets need to be converted to support this?
- Operating Expenses: Review your current operating expenses. How do they compare to previous years and why? If they are high, what is your strategy to improve efficiency?
- **Debt Management:** Estimate how your debt levels will change in the short and long term. Will new debt contribute to increased revenue?
- **Revenue Consistency:** Assess the consistency and predictability of your farm's revenue sources. Consider the impact of off-farm or other income streams.
- Asset Overview: Compile a detailed list of your current assets, noting their quantity, quality, and value.

By meticulously managing your financials and preparing for various economic scenarios, you can ensure your farm remains robust and capable of achieving its long-term goals.

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# **EXTERNAL RESOURCES**

### Financial statements:

https://www.bdc.ca/en/articles-tools/entrepreneur-toolkit/templates-business-guides/glossary/financial-statements

• Understanding farm financial statements:

https://www.bdo.ca/insights/understanding-farm-financial-statements

Building and sensitizing financial projections:

https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/documents/e-biz-plan-building-financial-projections

Financial asset analysis:

https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/documents/e-biz-plan-financial-asset-analysis

• Analyzing cash flow drivers:

https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/documents/e-biz-plan-analyzing-cash-flow

• Money and Finance - The Basics:

https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/knowledge/money-finance/money-and-finance-basics-guide



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# **Enhancing Your Business Plan with Al Tools**

#### OPTIMIZE YOUR BUSINESS PLAN USING AI LIKE CHATGPT

Incorporating AI tools such as ChatGPT can refine your business plan, making it more effective and reader-friendly. It's crucial to remember that AI should not write your business plan. Instead, AI should be used to improve and polish the content you draft.

#### **Guidelines for Using AI in Business Planning**

- **1. Draft First:** Start by drafting your business plan personally. Ensure it includes all necessary information, clearly laid out according to the planned structure.
- **2. Refine with AI:** Use AI tools like ChatGPT to refine this draft. AI can help rephrase for clarity, improve text flow, and ensure concise expression.
- **3.** Clarify and Simplify: Utilize AI to simplify complex information, making your business plan understandable without specialized knowledge.
- **4. Ensure Consistency:** All can review your plan for consistent use of terms and figures, helping align all parts of your document coherently.
- **5. Iterative Feedback:** Employ AI to simulate feedback on your draft. This can highlight areas for improvement and help refine the plan before finalization.

#### Important Considerations When Using AI

- **Originality:** Keep the original insights and strategic content created by you. All should only assist in refining these ideas.
- **Accuracy:** Always verify Al-generated advice for accuracy. Ensure it aligns with industry specifics and your business needs.

# **Utilizing AI for Final Adjustments**

- Readability: Adjust the readability of your business plan to suit your audience, with Al assisting in targeting the right complexity level.
- Organize Information: Al can also help organize content more logically, enhancing the overall presentation and effectiveness of your plan.

By following these steps, you can leverage AI technology like ChatGPT to enhance your business plan, ensuring it is comprehensive and compelling while maintaining your unique business perspective.



# **Tips for Writing a Readable Business Plan**

### **ENSURE CLARITY AND ACCESSIBILITY IN YOUR BUSINESS PLAN**

Creating a clear and readable business plan is crucial for communicating your farm's objectives and strategies effectively. Use these tips to structure your document in a way that is easy to understand and navigate.

#### **Organizing Your Business Plan**

- · Paragraphs: Keep paragraphs short and focused on a single point to enhance readability.
- Headings and Subheadings: Use headings to organize the document logically. Employ bold-type
  and content-specific subheadings to provide readers with a quick overview of each section's
  content.

#### For Example:

**Heading:** Financial Analysis

Subheading: Projection Numbers

#### **Presenting Numbers Clearly**

- Consistency: Always list numbers from largest to smallest. Use "M" for millions and "K" for thousands to maintain clarity.
- **Comparisons:** Only compare numbers that are directly related and relevant to each other. Ensure these numbers are presented close to each other on the page to facilitate easy comparison.
- **Simplification:** Use round numbers whenever possible to make them easier to understand and work with.
- **Summarizing Data:** Utilize averages to summarize detailed data, totals to show the overall picture, and percentages to provide context and proportion. However, avoid using all three types of data presentation simultaneously to prevent confusion.

By following these tips, you will create a business plan that not only covers all essential points but also presents them in a manner that is straightforward and quick to grasp.



# **Checklist for Reviewing Your Business Plan**



#### FINALIZE YOUR BUSINESS PLAN WITH PRECISION

Before finalizing your business plan, it's essential to conduct a thorough review to ensure clarity and completeness. Use this checklist to guide your final read-through and make necessary adjustments.

#### **Comprehensive Review Guidelines**

- Clarity in Language: Use straightforward language and short sentences to enhance understanding.
- **Avoid Vague Terms:** Replace terms like "significant," "considerable," and "a lot" with precise figures or clear descriptions.
- Eliminate Redundancies: Remove any repetitive information to streamline your content.
- Accuracy in Details: Ensure that all numbers match their descriptions and that there are no
  discrepancies between figures and texts.

### **Completeness and Consistency**

- **Essential Information:** Verify that all critical information is included and correctly categorized under the appropriate headings.
- Factual Accuracy: Include supporting facts and thorough analysis for all statements and claims.
- Contradiction Check: Review your analysis and conclusions for any inconsistencies or contradictions. Resolve these to maintain the integrity of your plan.

### **Risk Analysis and Prioritization**

- Complete Risk Assessment: Conduct a full risk assessment, considering all stages and potential impacts on your business.
- **Prioritize Risks:** Focus on the most significant risks and their mitigations. This prioritization helps direct attention to the most impactful issues.

### **Editing and Summarization**

- **Trim Excess Information:** Edit your document to remove any unnecessary details, making your business plan concise and to the point.
- **Executive Summary:** Write the executive summary last. It should encapsulate key information from all sections, providing a coherent and comprehensive overview of your business plan.

By following this checklist, you ensure that your business plan is not only thorough but also clear and concise, making it an effective tool for communication and strategy planning.

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# **Glossary of Terms**



#### BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE TERMS USED THROUGHOUT THIS GUIDE

Here are clear and concise definitions for each term, crafted to meet the specified tone and style guidelines:

- · Financial Ratios: Measurements used to evaluate a company's financial health and performance
- Net Worth: The total value of all assets owned by a company minus its debts.
- Cash Flow Forecast: A prediction of how money will enter and leave a business over a certain period.
- Yield: The amount of crop produced on a specific amount of land.
- Market Price: The amount of money buyers are willing to pay for goods in the market.
- **Liability Management:** The practice of handling and reducing debts and other financial obligations.
- Investment and Funding: Money put into a business to help it grow or operate.
- Operating Expenses: Daily costs required to run a business, such as salaries and utilities.
- **Debt Management:** The process of overseeing and paying off what a company owes.
- Revenue Sources: Different ways a business earns money.
- Asset Overview: A summary of all valuable items and resources owned by a business.
- **Competitive Advantage:** Unique benefits or conditions that allow a business to perform better than others.
- Market Evolution: Changes and trends in the market over time.
- Pricing Strategy: The method used to decide how much to charge for goods or services.
- SWOT Analysis: A tool to assess a business's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats.
- · Risk Management Tools: Methods and strategies used to identify, assess, and mitigate risks.
- Strategic Objectives: Specific goals a business aims to achieve that guide its overall strategy.
- Financial Objectives: Financial targets a business plans to achieve.
- Market Fit: How well a product or service meets the demands of its customers.
- Market Trends: Patterns or shifts in market behavior that show how consumer preferences are changing.
- Market Segmentation: Dividing potential customers into groups based on similar needs or characteristics.
- Brand Positioning: How a brand is perceived in the context of the market and by consumers.
- Lean Marketing Plan: A straightforward, focused approach to marketing without unnecessary elements.
- Mission Statement: A statement that outlines a business's purpose and its approach to achieving
  its goals.
- Vision Statement: A description of what a business aspires to achieve in the future.
- **Business Structure:** The legal and organizational setup of a business.
- Human Resource Management: The process of hiring, managing, and developing a company's employees.
- Farm Management: Overseeing the operations and resources of a farm.
- Agricultural Business: A company involved in the production, processing, and distribution of farm products.

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#### BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE TERMS USED THROUGHOUT THIS GUIDE (CONTINUED)

- Regulatory Changes: Modifications to laws or regulations that affect how a business operates.
- **Industry Dynamics:** The forces and movements within an industry that influence how businesses operate.
- Business Disagreements: Conflicts or disputes within or between businesses.
- **Financial Shortfalls:** Situations where a business does not have enough money to cover its expenses.
- **Sensitizing Financial Projections:** Adjusting financial forecasts to consider different scenarios and their potential impacts.
- Analyzing Cash Flow Drivers: Examining factors that affect the inflow and outflow of money in a business.
- Financial Statements: Documents that provide an overview of a business's financial condition.
- Cost of Goods Sold (COGS): The direct costs attributable to the production of goods sold by a company.
- **Supply Chain:** The network between a company and its suppliers to produce and distribute a specific product.
- Customer Base: The group of customers who repeatedly purchase the goods or services of a business.
- Promotional Plan: Strategies a business uses to promote its products or services.
- **Distribution Channels:** Pathways through which a company delivers its products or services to customers.
- Farm Performance: The effectiveness and outcomes of a farm's operations.
- Farm Operations: The day-to-day activities required to run a farm.
- Emergency Funds: Reserved money set aside to be used in unexpected situations.
- Contractual Agreements: Formal agreements between two or more parties.
- Business Plan Template: A pre-formatted document used to create a business plan.
- Business Planning: The process of defining a business's strategy for future growth.
- Historical Data: Past information and data used to analyze trends or project future moves.
- Projected Financials: Financial forecasts for the future performance of a business.
- Scenario Planning: A method for predicting and planning for possible future situations.
- Transition Impact: The effect of significant changes within a business.
- Investment Justification: The reasons why investing resources in a particular area is beneficial.
- Business Plan Readability: The ease with which a business plan can be read and understood.



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# Conclusion

As you can see, there is a lot to consider when you decide to start farming in Canada. Our intention is not to overwhelm you but to prepare you for what to expect and consider along the way. Our number 1 recommendation is to just get started, one step at a time. You can always start small and then expand your farm as things progress.



# REMEMBER, OUR GUIDANCE DOES NOT STOP WITH OUR RESOURCE GUIDES

You can reach out to us for 1:1 consultations and we will be happy to help you create a successful farm business in Canada!



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