UME Survey Instrument:

Q1 As a UME Educator/Specialist, how many times per week in the last year have you or someone in your office received a question on the following law-related topics from your clientele in the last year:

	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 or more	No questions in last year
Land use (issues such as zoning, right-to-farm issues, liability for third parties on farm, property rights, compliance with land preservation easements).	○	○	○	○
Land Leasing (issues such as landlord-tenant disputes, understanding state leasing laws).	○	○	○	○
Marketing and diversification (issues such as agritourism, converting to organic production, new markets).	○	○	○	○
Production contracts (issues related to broiler contracts or vegetable production contracts).	○	○	○	○
Seed saving (issues such as understanding technical agreement with seed company, when can seed be saved).	○	○	○	○
Livestock (issues such as liability for damage caused by livestock, fencing requirements).	○	○	○	○
Food safety (issues dealing related to on-farm processing and labeling requirements).	○	○	○	○
USDA programs (issues such as eligibility for FSA and NRCS programs, compliance issues).	○	○	○	○
MDA programs (issues such as understanding rules and regulations related to program eligibility).	○	○	○	○
Natural disaster (issues such as crop insurance claims process, non-insurable assistance program, federal disaster programs).	○	○	○	○
Labor (issues such as the H2-A process, minimum wage laws, workers compensation laws).	○	○	○	○

	Not Important	Important	Very Important	Do Not Know
Environmental (issues such as compliance, nutrient management, phosphorus index, TMDLs, dealing with environmental groups).	○	○	○	○
Energy (issues such as government support for renewable energy, leasing issues related to natural gas and wind energy).	○	○	○	○
Debt (issues such as bankruptcy, foreclosure, inability to make payments, debt restructure).	○	○	○	○
Estate planning (issues such as tax consequences, developing an estate plan, long-term care planning).	○	○	○	○
Business planning (issues such as business structure, qualifying for loans, issues related to licensing).	○	○	○	○
Divorce (issues related to dividing farm assets and/or income).	○	○	○	○
Discrimination (issues related to discrimination based on gender, age, ethnicity, race, disability, etc. by landlords, state or federal government).	○	○	○	○
Other (please list)	○	○	○	○
Other (please list)	○	○	○	○
Other (please list)	○	○	○	○
Animal Welfare (issues such as pen/cage size and production practices).	○	○	○	○

Q2 Considering the following legal issues faced by your clientele, please check the box that most closely indicates how important you think an issue is for the clientele you work with?

	Not Important	Important	Very Important	Do Not Know
Land use (issues such as zoning, right-to-farm issues, liability for third parties on farm, property rights, compliance with land preservation easements).	○	○	○	○
Land Leasing (issues such as landlord-tenant disputes, understanding state leasing laws).	○	○	○	○
Marketing and diversification (issues such as agritourism, converting to organic production, new markets).	○	○	○	○
Production contracts (issues related to broiler contracts or vegetable production contracts).	○	○	○	○

Issue				
Seed saving (issues such as understanding technical agreement with seed company, when can seed be saved).	○	○	○	○
Livestock (issues such as liability for damage caused by livestock, fencing requirements).	○	○	○	○
Food safety (issues dealing related to on-farm processing and labeling requirements).	○	○	○	○
USDA programs (issues such as eligibility for FSA and NRCS programs, compliance issues).	○	○	○	○
MDA programs (issues such as understanding rules and regulations related to program eligibility).	○	○	○	○
Natural disaster (issues such as crop insurance claims process, non-insurable assistance program, federal disaster programs).	○	○	○	○
Labor (issues such as H2-A process, minimum wage laws, workers compensation laws).	○	○	○	○
Environmental (issues such as compliance, nutrient management, phosphorus index, TMDLs, dealing with environmental groups).	○	○	○	○
Energy (issues such as government support for renewable energy, leasing issues related to natural gas and wind energy).	○	○	○	○
Debt (issues such as bankruptcy, foreclosure, unable to make payments, debt restructure).	○	○	○	○
Estate planning (issues such as tax consequences, developing an estate plan, long-term care planning).	○	○	○	○
Business planning (issues such as business structure, qualifying for loans, issues related to licensing).	○	○	○	○
Divorce (issues related to dividing farm assets and/or income).	○	○	○	○
Discrimination (issues related to discrimination based on gender, age, ethnicity, race, disability, etc. can be by landlords, state or federal government).	○	○	○	○
Other (please list)	○	○	○	○
Other (please list)	○	○	○	○

Other (please list)	❍	❍	❍	❍
Animal Welfare (issues such as pen/cage size and production practices).	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q3 Select five (5) issues that you think are the most important from above. Now consider the type of educational program or materials that would work best in reaching farmers in your county regarding these issues. (Select all that apply)

	Download a fact sheet	Watch an on-line video	Participate in a webinar	Attend a workshop within 75 to 100 miles of their home	Attend a workshop in their home county
Issue 1	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Issue 2	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Issue 3	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Issue 4	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑
Issue 5	❑	❑	❑	❑	❑

Q4 Please provide any additional comments you may have about agriculture and farm legal issues and any ideas for educational and outreach efforts. (Please type "none" if you have no additional comments)

Q5 What risk management tools do your clientele use to limit these legal risks? Select as many that apply. Select "Unknown" if you do not know the answer.

	Clientele uses	Unknown
Use of a business entity, such as a corporation, LLC, etc.	○	○
Liability insurance, such as a comprehensive liability policy	○	○
Working with an attorney	○	○
Self-insure	○	○
Other - Please Specify	○	○
Third Party Certification, such as "Certified Humane," Farm Stewardship Certification and Assessment Program (FSCAP), organic certification, etc.	○	○
Crop insurance	○	○
Keeping good business records to show compliance with applicable federal and state laws, such as keeping records to demonstrate compliance with environmental permits.	○	○
Being responsive to neighbors	○	○
Use of liability waivers, such as an agritourism operator requiring all customers to sign a liability waiver before entering a corn maze	○	○
Having an updated transition plan or estate plan	○	○

Q6 Please provide any additional thoughts you may have on risk management tools that your clientele may or may not be using and any ideas for educational and outreach efforts. (Please type "none" if you have no additional thoughts)

Q7 In the future if UME considered offering a Juris Masters (JM) degree in Agricultural Policy/Law in partnership with the Francis Carey School of Law or a 1 to 2 year Certificate Program in Agricultural Law would you be interested? A Juris Masters program is a masters program that requires a participant to complete 30 hours in legal coursework and with the ability to complete to view classes remotely over the Internet.

Q8 Please provide any additional thoughts you may have on UME offering either a joint JM program with the Carey School of Law or Certificate Program in Agricultural Law. (Please type "none" if you have no additional thoughts)

	I would participate	I would not participate	Unsure if I would participate
Would consider participating in a Juris Master's Program	○	○	○
Would consider participating in a Certificate Program	○	○	○

Q9 Please identify the Cluster you plan and conduct extension programming in.

○ Central MD Cluster (Frederick, Howard, Montgomery)
○ Northern MD Cluster (Carroll, Baltimore, Baltimore City, Harford)
○ Lower Shore Cluster (Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester)
○ Southern MD Cluster (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's)
○ Upper Shore Cluster (Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot)
○ Western MD Cluster (Garrett, Allegany, Washington)
○ Statewide