For bulletins

**Living together in harmony in the Montérégie’s agricultural zone**

**“OUR COUNTRYSIDE: A LIVING SPACE TO SHARE”**

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**Odours**

In the countryside, some seasonal odours linked to agricultural activities, like manure spreading, can be inconvenient. But manure is a natural fertilizer and is important in regenerating the health of cultivated soils. In other words, it feeds the soil so that the soil can in turn feed us as it helps plants, vegetables, and cereals grow.

Farmers are implementing effective methods to reduce odours from livestock and soil fertilization. For example, they incorporate manure directly or use machinery that allows manure to be applied closer to the soil through ramps. Some farmers have also planted wind-break woodlots, while others store manure in watertight pits with roofs, improve ventilation to farm buildings, or compost animal waste. Practices continue to evolve, as agriculture is a happy blend of many techniques to promote healthy arable land, while still taking care of the neighbourhood.

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