For bulletins

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

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

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**Noise**

The countryside is a workplace for farmers and can be a source of noise for those who live near a farm business or a cultivated field. But farmers do make efforts to mitigate noises so as not to disturb the neighbourhood. Many farmers have chosen to plant certain types of trees near their buildings to reduce noise propagation, and to install quieter ventilation or sound-absorbing materials. Others think to situate fixed equipment as far from dwellings as possible, as in the case of grain dryers or irrigation pumps. Many consider the time of day when undertaking noisy work in the fields, wherever possible. Farmers must also respect provincial standards and municipal regulations for mitigating inconveniences associated with farming activities, including noise pollution.

Farmers are dependent on weather and the time available for completing farming activities, and the equipment they use can be noisy. Living together in an agricultural environment sometimes requires patience and understanding.

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