

## Online Survey Request

### PhD Project: Animal Activism & the Farmed Agricultural Sector in BC

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As part of her PhD dissertation, Edith Wu, from Simon Fraser University (SFU), is conducting a study on how extreme animal rights activism has impacted, and continues to impact, the farmed agricultural sector across British Columbia. The purposes of the research are: first, to better understand the perspectives of individuals involved in the livestock industry (producers, abattoirs, & transporters); and second, to attempt to offer a foundation for dialog that would move beyond the current conflict between activists and the livestock industry.

We are seeking participants to complete a 21-question survey online exploring the opinions, perceptions, and experiences of people from this sector who are directly and indirectly impacted by animal rights activists and their actions. In particular, this study is interested in the voices of individuals involved in the food chain, which includes those who farm animals, the abattoirs, and the transporters, across commercial livestock production (beef, dairy, goat, pork, poultry, & sheep). Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary. The participants' affiliated companies or organizations would remain confidential – no identifying information will be collected and all original responses will be deleted once the data are downloaded.

If you would like, Edith will provide you with an electronic copy of her dissertation.

As noted above, Edith Wu is from the School of Criminology at SFU. This PhD research is overseen by her supervisor, Dr. Garth Davies. Dr. Davies is an Associate Professor in the School of Criminology and the Associate Director of the Institute of Violence, Terrorism, and Security at SFU. He has been studying and writing about terrorism for over 20 years. Dr. Davies has also presented at dozens of national and international conferences, including the Western Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and the American Society of Criminology. He has also presented at briefings for the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team ("E" Division), the Canadian Security Intelligence Services, and Public Safety Canada, and has testified on national security issues in front of both the Canadian Parliament, as well as the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defense. Dr. Davies can be reached at [garthd@sfu.ca](mailto:garthd@sfu.ca).

To complete the online questionnaire, please click this link to SFU's web survey:  
<http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/429506721>

If you require more information before making your decision, please contact [edith\\_wu@sfu.ca](mailto:edith_wu@sfu.ca). Thank you for your time and consideration.