

**2024 Pre-Budget Document Proposals by  
The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry on:**

## **AGRICULTURE**

1. **Incentivize and train farmers in sustainable and organic farming practices** to meet increasing consumer demand and improve crop output.
2. **Develop a local production action plan promoting premium or niche agricultural products** around which an agritourism sector can be developed.
3. **Collaborate with other Mediterranean countries** to create cooperatives in which farmers can voluntarily pool resources, share risks and engage in collective activities for their mutual benefit.
4. **Support the local wine industry** through investments in **automation, human capital development and niche marketing**.
5. **Invest in the proper treatment of manure from all livestock** due to its high potential for future uses in fertilization, waste to energy and greywater treatment.
6. Promote and incentivize **vertical farming and aquaponics initiatives** that maximize production within a closed loop or limited space, encouraging both residential and larger-scale, ideally with a **rebate or cash grant, in line with green technology initiatives at a level of 30%**.

