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Dear AFO Regulations Producer Training Participant,

This letter is a request for you to take part in this post-project assessment of the WVUES AFO Regulations Producer Training Workshop. Your input is very important to us. We are hoping to determine how this program will benefit you and how we may change the program to better meet the needs of small livestock operators in WV. Your participation in this assessment is greatly appreciated and will take approximately 15 minutes to complete the survey.

Your involvement in this project and your survey responses will be completely anonymous. All data will be reported in the aggregate. Any information obtained in connection with this study and can be identified with you will be kept confidential and anonymous, and will not be disclosed or used for any other purpose. Your participation is completely voluntary. You may skip any question that you do not wish to answer and you may discontinue at any time.

Please know that your interactions with WVU Extension Services and other state agencies will not be prejudiced if you decide not to participate. I hope that you will participate in this assessment and we thank you very much for your time. Should you have any questions about this assessment, please feel free to contact me at 304-293-7606 or [dosingh-knights@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:dosingh-knights@mail.wvu.edu).

Thank you for your time and commitment to helping improve WV’s livestock production and contributing to environmental stewardship in the state.

**Sincerely,**

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**WVU-Extension AFO/CAFO Regulations Producer Training**

**Post-Workshop Feedback Survey**

1. In which county did you attend this workshop? County \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Based on information presented, do you feel you are at risk of being designated a Small CAFO based on your management decisions?
3. Yes b) No c) Need more information
4. On a scale of 1-5, with 1 being no understanding and 5 being complete understanding, how do you rate your understanding of the new CAFO rules in WV and its implication/s for your operation?

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1. On a scale of 1-5, with 1 being no importance and 5 being very important, how important do you now feel it is for you to become familiar with the new CAFO regulations and related preventative BMPs and record-keeping?

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1. On a scale of 1-5, with 1 being no improvement and 5 being great improvement, how would you rate your level of understanding related to the following topics after participating in the WVU-Extension AFO/CAFO Regulations Producer Training today?

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| **Inquiries** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** |
| 1. Nutrient Management for AFOs and CAFOs |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. The Conservation Planning Process |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Cost-share programs available to producers |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. AFO and CAFO definition and designation |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Record keeping strategies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Feed and animal management to minimize waste |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Applicable BMPs for livestock producers |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Other – Please specify |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Do you currently implement any BMPs to reduce non-point source pollution?
2. Yes, I implement BMPs according to approved standards
3. Yes, I implement good environmental practices but they may not meet approved standards
4. No, I do not currently implement any BMPs

(If you answered No please go to question #9)

1. If you answered YES to Question (6), which best management practices do you currently have on your farm (circle all that apply)?

􀂉 Nutrient management plan 􀂉 Conservation plan

􀂉 Buffers or set-backs 􀂉 Stream Crossing

􀂉 Winter-feeding area 􀂉 Composting

􀂉 Prescribed grazing areas 􀂉 Stream crossing

􀂉 Fencing 􀂉 Rotational grazing

􀂉 Cover crops 􀂉 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. If you answered YES to Question (6), on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being no importance and 5 being very important, how important are the following factors in encouraging your use of BMPs to reduce non-point source pollution?

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| **Factors Encouraging Your Use of BMPs** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** |
| 1. Believe water quality in my area IS impaired |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe livestock operations ARE a major source of pollution |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe my farm MAYBE a source of pollution |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe water resources on my farm affects my neighbors |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe my farming operation is not too small to be relevant |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Have been informed about incentive-based programs |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe incentive-based programs are adequate to deal with pollution problems |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe incentive-based programs are adequate to offset costs of implementing BMPs |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe implementing BMPs are cost-effective (benefits outweigh costs) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe implementing BMPs improves productivity and efficiency |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe implementing BMPs improves my farm’s profitability |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Do not mind governmental involvement on farm – they help me |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Other – Please specify |  |  |  |  |  |

1. If you answered NO to Question (6), on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being not likely and 5 being very likely, how would you rate your likelihood of implementing recommended BMPs and keeping the necessary records to reduce your regulatory liability?

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1. If you answered NO to Question (6), on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being no importance and 5 being very important, how important are the following factors in limiting your use of BMPs to reduce non-point source pollution?

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| **Factors Limiting Your Use of BMPs** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** |
| 1. Believe water quality in my area is NOT impaired |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe livestock operations are NOT a major source of pollution |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe my farm is NOT a source of pollution |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe water resources on my farm are of NO concern to others |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe their farming operation is too small to be relevant |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Do not know enough about incentive-based programs |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe incentive-based programs are inadequate to deal with pollution problems |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe incentive-based programs are inadequate to offset costs of implementing BMPs |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe implementing BMPs are costly |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe implementing BMPs restricts production or take too much land out of production |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Believe implementing BMPs restricts my farm’s profitability |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Do not want governmental involvement on farm |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Other – Please specify |  |  |  |  |  |

1. If you have not used BMPs before, what would change your mind about implementing recommended BMPs and keeping the necessary records? If you have implemented BMPs, what would encourage you to improve what you currently do?

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1. Please provide numbers to the following questions.

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| 􀂉 Acres owned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  􀂉 Acres rented/leased \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  􀂉 Acres under production or being farmed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

1. How do you intend to change the size of your operation in the next three years?

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| 􀂉 Increase size 􀂉 Decrease size 􀂉 Stay the same |

1. Approximately how many years have you been farming?

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| 􀂉Less than 5 􀂉 5 to 10 􀂉 10-15 􀂉 More than 15 |

1. Indicate your current farm enterprise(s) and number of head (check all that apply).

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| 􀂉 Beef Cattle Number of Head \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  􀂉 Small Ruminants Number of Head \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  􀂉 Dairy or Pigs Number of Head \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  􀂉 Poultry Number of Birds/year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  􀂉 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

1. Circle the appropriate category that represents your annual total income from farming.

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| 􀂉Under $5,000 􀂉 $5,000 to $10,000 􀂉 $10,000 to $20,000  􀂉 $20,000 to $50,000 􀂉 $50,000 to $100,000 􀂉 Over $100,000 |

1. What percent of your total household income comes from your farming operation?

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| 􀂉 Under 20% 􀂉 20-40% 􀂉 41-60% 􀂉 61-80% 􀂉 80-100% |

1. In what county is your farm located? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Please indicate your age group: (check one).

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| 􀂉 Less than 24 􀂉 25-34 􀂉 35-44 􀂉 45-54  􀂉 55-64 􀂉 65-74 􀂉 75 or more |

1. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

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| 􀂉 Less than 9th Grade 􀂉 9th through 12th Grade 􀂉 High School Graduate or GED 􀂉 Some College 􀂉 Associate’s Degree 􀂉 Bachelor’s Degree 􀂉 Graduate or Professional Degree |

1. Where do you currently obtain your information concerning water quality issues in your area and recommended management practices to prevent water quality problems (Circle all that apply)?
   1. Extension service f. NRCS
   2. Conservation District g. Department of Agriculture
   3. Farm Service Agency h. Newspaper
   4. Internet i. Industry Newsletter or e-mail
   5. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_