

Table 1: Respondent Demographics and Characteristics

Variable	Number	Percent
Gender		
Males	61	70%
Females	26	30%
Age grouping		
Average Age – 46 years		
1-25	14	16%
26-49	28	33%
50-56	30	35%
57-older	14	16%
Education		
High School degree	6	8%
Associates degree	3	4%
Some college	12	16%
College degree	41	53%
Graduate or Professional degree	14	18%
Years Farming		
1-5	19	22%
6-10	16	19%
11-20	24	28%
21 or more	26	31%

Table 2: Farm Characteristics

Variable	Number	Percent
Farm Size		
Less than 3 acres	32	36%
3-6 acres	15	17%
7-15 acres	18	21%
15-24 acres	6	7%
25 and more acres	17	19%
Soil Types (Note: survey respondents could list more than one type)		
Clay	13	15%
Clay loam	49	56%
Silt loam	39	44%
Loam	13	15%
Sandy loam	28	32%
Sand	7	8%
Gross income from sale of veggies, melons, herbs & flowers		
Up to \$20,000	46	55%
\$20,001 to \$50,000	14	16%
\$50,001 to \$100,000	14	16%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	7	8%
\$200,001 to 500,000	3	3%

Table 3: Field Practices used in Vegetable Operations

Practice	Number	Percent
Permanent raised beds	12	14%
Temporary raised beds	32	37%
Row crop system	67	76%
No till	3	3%
Permaculture	13	15%
Living mulch	24	27%
Plastic mulch	37	42%
Mulch (hay, straw)	70	80%
Interplanting	30	34%
Multicropping	41	47%
Contour planting	24	27%

Table 4: Percent of land used for vegetables each year (calculated by using ratio of acres in vegetables to acres in vegetables & cover crops)

Percent Range	Number	Percent
1-25%	12	14%
26-50%	23	26%
51-75%	13	15%
75-100%	40	46%

Table 5: Uncomposted Manure Use

Variable	Number	Percent
Do you apply uncomposted animal manure to fields?		
Yes	45	51%
No	43	49%
When is manure most often applied?		
Spring (March-May)	14	28%
Summer (June-Aug)	2	4%
Fall (Sept.-Nov.)	16	31%
Winter (Dec.-Feb.)	5	10%
More than one	14	28%
Is livestock grazing part of your rotation?		
Yes	25	29%
No	60	68%

Table 6: Compost Use

Variable	Number	Percent
Is compost currently used on your farm?		
Yes	60	68%
No	27	31%
How is compost used on your farm?		
Field application	46	52%
Applied when setting transplants	25	28%
In my greenhouse potting mix	39	44%
Applied in my hoop house and/or high tunnel	23	26%
How often is compost applied in the field		
Every Year	29	56%
Every other Year	9	17%
Every 3 to 5 years	12	23%
Every 6 years or more	2	4%
In what season is compost most often applied in the field?		
Spring (March-May)	27	47%
Summer (June-August)	2	4%
Fall (Sept.-Nov.)	15	26%
Winter (Dec.-Feb.)	3	5%
More than One	10	18%
At what rate is compost most often applied?		
1 to 5 tons/acre	29	63%
6 to 10 tons/acre	8	17%
11 to 20 tons/acre	4	9%
21 to 40 tons/acre	3	7%

Table 7: Soil Testing Practices

Variable	Number	Percent
Have you a performed a soil test?		
Yes	72	82%
No	15	17%
How frequently do you soil test?		
Every year	11	16%
Every other year	11	16%
Once every 3-5 years	31	44%
Once every 5 or more years	8	11%
Only tested once	9	13%
Do you use soil test results to fertility management decisions?		
Yes	57	83%
No	12	17%