Fig. 24: Evaluation Summary from the NESARE Dairy Cropping Systems 2011 Field Day.

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Sustainable Cropping Systems Research Tour Evaluation

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1.) Please check which description(s) that best describe you:

__15.5%__ Ag Producer *(Please continue to question 2)*

__17.7%__ Ag Industry *(Please skip question 2 and continue to question 3)*

__40%__ Agency *(Please skip question 2 and continue to question 3)*

__20%__ Extension *(Please skip question 2 and continue to question 3)*

__6.6%__ Other Total 45

45/86 (52%) attendees filled out an evaluation form.

2.) Average Acres Managed:

Total _1667_ Corn ____500___ Grain __35___ Hay ___225_

Soybean ____165__ Pasture __158____ Forest _391____ Other __20___

3.) How would you rate the value of the information received?	**Excellent**	**Good**	**Fair**	**Poor**
n=47	59.5%	38.2%	2.1%	0

4.) How would you rate the value of the practitioner panel discussion?	**Excellent**	**Good**	**Fair**	**Poor**
n=42	64.2%	28.5%	7.1%	0

Comments on Today's Program:_____

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"Liked the field demo"
"Super cohesion of topics and speakers"
"Provided more questions than answers"
"Program gave little results of project-suggest waiting till results or information becomes available before next meeting"
"Financial input with crop rotation and scenario should be analyzed"
"Normal small dairy does not have that many acres-not realistic"
Small herd income should be analyzed to determine where profit margin excess"
"Need more farmers present rather than agency and extension"
"Please train tractor drivers to haul people on wagon not hay bales"
"The on-site demonstrations were very informative especially the session on slugs, insects and mycorrhizal, 1/2 hour was perfect amount of time at each"
"Good to see the students involved with presenting the information"
"Got the most out of the field tour , Thanks for the information which will assist me personally and professionally"
"Acoustics were a challenge in the building"
"Good level of info; not too lite, not too deep"
"Excellent program tying together the whole farm system"
"My company King's AgriSeeds, does work in this area and would possibly be interested in providing input. –Tim Fritz

Please check the box that applies to the knowledge you had about each practice **BEFORE** today's tour.				n=41	Please check the box that applies to the knowledge you have about each practice **AFTER** today's tour.			
No Knowledge	**Little Knowledge**	**Some Knowledge**	**Great Deal of Knowledge**	**Concepts Presented Today:**	**No Knowledge**	**Little Knowledge**	**Some Knowledge**	**Great Deal of Knowledge**
4.9%	17.0%	58%	19.5%	Benefits of Diversified Conservation Cropping Systems			51.2%	48.7%
7.3%	12.2%	56%	24.4%	Improving Manure Management			56%	43.9%
12.2%	41.4%	43.9%	26.8%	Weeds: High Residue Cultivation, Roller Crimper, & Banding Herbicide			68.2%	31.7%
34.1%	48.7%	17.0%	2.4%	Canola For SVO Tractor		12.2%	73.1%	19.5%
24.4%	39.0%	36.5%	0%	Diverse System & IPM Approach For Insect & Slug Management		4.9%	68.2%	26.8%
41.4%	21.9%	26.8%	9.7%	Crop Management Impacts On Beneficial Mycorrhizal Fungi		12.2%	68.2%	26.8%
34.1%	34.1%	24.4%	7.3%	System Performance Measured By Virtual Dairy Herd		19.5%	60.9%	19.5%

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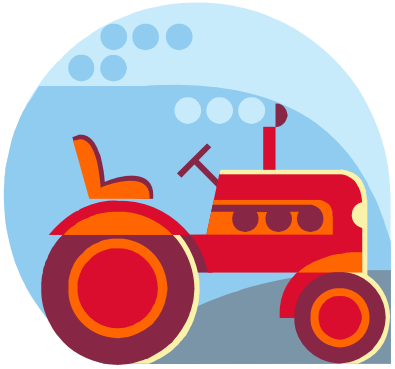

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Please check the box that applies to each practice. n=19	Already do this	Plan to do this within 6 months	Plan to do this someday	Do not plan to do this
Manure Injection	21.0%	5.2%	31.5%	42.1%
Cover Crops As Part of the System	57.8%	5.2%	15.7%	21.0%
High Residue Cultivation, Roller Crimper, & Banding Herbicides	0	5.2%	42.1%	52.6%
Canola For Fuel	5.2%	0	21.0%	73.6%
Manage System To Benefit Mycorrhizal Fungi	36.8%	15.7%	31.5%	57.8%
Consider Diverse Rotations As a Pest Management Tool	21.0%	21.0%	31.5%	26.3%