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NESARE Farm Survey

Farm Characteristics

1. What is the acreage of your farm?	Number of acres:
2. What do you produce? (Have respondent describe, then use check boxes as additional check to make sure we don't miss something)	List: <input type="checkbox"/> Single crop for livestock <input type="checkbox"/> Diversified vegetables and herbs <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit <input type="checkbox"/> Chickens <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle <input type="checkbox"/> Pigs <input type="checkbox"/> Other livestock <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy products <input type="checkbox"/> Other value added products (jams, sauces, syrup)
3. Through what markets do you distribute your products? (Describe and double check with boxes)	Description: <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity markets <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers markets <input type="checkbox"/> Community supported agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants <input type="checkbox"/> Other markets Description of other:
4. Do you have any non-family paid employees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No # non-family paid employees:
5. Is farming your primary occupation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Notes:
6. How long have you been involved in farming?	<input type="checkbox"/> Grew up farming: <input type="checkbox"/> As an employee on someone else's farm (number years): <input type="checkbox"/> As a farm manager on someone else's farm (number years): <input type="checkbox"/> As owner of my personal farm (number years): Number of years total:

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<p>7. Do you consider your farm to be:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Conventional (no restrictions on use of fertilizers, pesticides or other additives)	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic, but not certified by USDA	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic and certified by USDA	<input type="checkbox"/> Free-range or grass-fed livestock
<p>Other mode of farming:</p>				
<p>8. Have you ever taken advantage of state or federal ag-related grant/loan programs?</p>	<p>What programs have you participated in?</p>			
<p>For the next few questions, please consider the following scale:</p>	<p>Highly successful</p>	<p>Successful</p>	<p>Unsuccessful</p>	<p>Highly unsuccessful</p>
<p>9. When I think about my economic goals for my farm such as profit, ability to pay loans, and meet financial goals among others I consider my farm to be...</p>	<p>Not a goal <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Highly successful <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Successful <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Unsuccessful <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>10. When I think about my environmental goals for my farm such as using sustainable practices, protecting biodiversity, reducing energy consumption, soil conservation and reducing the use of toxic chemicals among others I consider my farm to be...</p>	<p>Not a goal <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Highly successful <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Successful <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Unsuccessful <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>11. When I think about my social goals for my farm such as supporting and involving family members, collaborating with others, engaging the community, providing inexpensive and nutritional food to community members among others I consider my farm to be...</p>	<p>Not a goal <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Highly successful <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Successful <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Unsuccessful <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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Farm Decision Making

12. Please describe a past challenge or decision on your farm and how you managed this issue?

13. Please describe a current challenge or decision that you are facing and how you are going about managing this challenge?

14. Please describe a decision that you made that you feel was highly successful and effective. How did you approach this issue and why was your management successful?

15. Please describe a decision or challenge that you feel didn't work out so well. What was different in this case and why was your management less effective?

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Only use 17-19 if necessary

16. Please describe an economic challenge that you have faced/are facing and how you managed/are managing this issue (e.g. whether to take a loan, develop new markets, invest in equipment, change prices)

17. Please describe an environmental challenge that you have faced/are facing and how you managed/are managing this issue (e.g. organic, grass fed, free range methods, managing wildlife, erosion control, reducing chemicals)

18. Please describe a social challenge that you have faced/are facing and how you managed/are managing this issue (e.g. involving family, employees, community members)

19. How are family members involved in your decision making process (such as, do you discuss decisions at length with family members and listen to their opinions)?

20. To what extent do your concerns for family members' interests influence your decisions (such as your desire for a family member to be more or less involved in the farm)?

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21. Would you be interested in attending a decision making support workshop focused on agriculture? What would you hope to gain from this experience?

22. Can you describe three major challenges or decisions facing your farm that you might like to address at a decision making workshop?

A.

B.

C.

23. Would you be interested in organized farm visits to other farms in the area where farmers could focus on decision making? Would you be willing to host a visit at your farm?

24. Would you be willing to do a follow-up interview on these topics?