

SARE Interview Questions

Questions:

1. Tell me about your farm.
 - a. Where is it?
 - i. Are you located in an area with a lot of other food producers?
 - ii. How does your location impact your farming?
 - b. When did the farm start?
 - c. Who works on it?
 - i. Does your farm create paid jobs for other people?
 - ii. Is farming your primary source of income?
 1. Do you work other jobs?
 - d. What do you grow?
2. What values drive/guide your work?
3. Who do you sell to?
 - a. Are there markets that you really like selling to? Why?
 - b. Are there markets that you would like to sell to but haven't been able to yet?
 - i. What is preventing you from selling there?
4. Why do you farm?
 - a. What are your farming goals?
 - b. What was your initial intention to start farming?
 - i. Does this remain the same or has it changed?
5. What are some of the lessons that you have learned during your time farming?
 - a. How have these changed how you approach farming?
6. How do you see your role in the food system?
 - a. What goals are you trying to accomplish?
 - b. Have you been successful?
 - c. What barriers have you come up against?
 - d. What limitations?
 - e. Where do you hope to go from here?
7. How do you access resources needed for your farm?
 - a. What type of resources do you have access to?
 - i. Where do you access them from? Or from who?
 - b. Are there resources you don't have access to that you need or would like to access?
 - i. What is inhibiting you from accessing these resources?
8. How do you get farming information or have your questions answered?
 - a. Do you have certain sources of information that you prefer over others? Why?
 - i. Do you go to specific people? Who? Why?
 - ii. Do you use other information sources? Which ones?
 - iii. What sources of farming information do you not use? Why not?
 1. Are there sources of information that are not accessible to you?
 - iv. Are there sources of information that you trust more than others?
 - b. Do you communicate with other farmers?

- i. Who?
 - ii. How? In person? Virtual?
 - iii. Where are these other farmers located?
 - c. What type of information are you getting from which sources?
 - d. Has the type of information that you are seeking changed over time?
 - e. How would you characterize your level of farming knowledge?
 - f. What technology tools do you use and how do you use them?
9. Are there other farmers who help you when you need it?
 - a. What type of assistance have they provided?
 - b. Where are they located?
 - c. How long have they been helping you?
10. Do you provide help to other farmers?
 - a. What type of assistance have you provided?
 - b. To whom and where are they located?
 - c. How long have you been helping them?
11. Is there assistance that you need or would like to have that is not accessible to you?
 - a. What is inhibiting you from accessing the needed assistance?
12. Can you please name the different people and/or organizations that you have communicated with about farming in the past month?
13. How would you describe networks of Black farmers in New York?
 - a. How have you been involved in skillshares/co-op/the SARE grant?
14. How do you think your level of knowledge of farming compares to that of other Black farmers?
15. What are some of the risks related to farming that come to your mind?
 - a. How are you working to address these risks?
 - b. Do you talk about these risks with others?
 - i. Who? Why talk about risks with them?
 - ii. Where are they located?
16. What are some of the barriers that you face in farming as a Black farmer?
 - a. What is needed to overcome these barriers?
 - b. Are you working to address these barriers?
 - i. How? Who is part of these efforts?
 1. Where are they located?
17. What impact has COVID had on your farm and farming practices?
 - a. How did COVID impact your farming networks or the ways that you access information?
 - b. How did COVID impact the demand for your products?
 - c. Did you receive any unanticipated support for your farm as a result of COVID?
 - d. If you applied for any assistance during COVID, were you successful in receiving that assistance?
18. Are you willing to share your personal demographic information with me?
 - a. Age
 - b. Education
 - c. Pronouns

19. Can I have permission to share your contact information with our records-keeper so that we can get a check to you for your participation in this grant?
 - a. Can you please tell me your address?