

## BIPOC farmer support organization interview

The Green Lands Blue Waters organization has a North Central SARE grant to learn about challenges and goals of BIPOC farmers around incorporating livestock on pasture in their farm operation as well as help farmers learn more about livestock and the connection between grazing livestock on pasture and improving soil health. They would like to learn more about your organization/program and how you support BIPOC farmers. Below are the survey questions:

1. Your name
2. Name of your organization/program:
3. What are the mission and goals of your organization/program?
4. How do you (primarily) support farmers?
5. How many farmers does your organization represent or support?
  - a. Approximately what percentage/how many are BIPOC?
  - b. Approximately what size farms? Own/rent?
6. Do any of the farmers that you support raise livestock?
  - a. If yes, about how many, what types of livestock and what do they do with the livestock?
  - b. If no, any reason why (barriers, etc.), and have any farmers inquired about doing so?
7. Do you provide support or programming for raising livestock to the farmers you support?
  - a. If yes, please describe.
  - b. If no, what are some reasons why?
8. This grant focuses on the connection between soil health and raising livestock on pasture. Is this a topic that you teach or talk about with farmers? Is this a topic that farmers have ever asked about?
9. Do you provide support or programming on improving soil health? If yes, what have you done?
10. Where do you help farmers connect to resources? Any of the following: University, Extension, USDA (NRCS, FSA, etc.) or other sources?
  - a. If yes, how did that go for them?
  - b. If no, any reasons why? (for ex. lack of awareness about these sources? or lack of trust? or potential information does not seem useful?)
11. Would you be interested in getting resources on raising livestock, grazing livestock on pasture or managing soil health to share with the farmers you support?

Here is a link to complete this survey online: <https://tinyurl.com/MMIH-BIPOC-survey>

Or scan this QR code to go to the online survey:



Or maybe, wrapping up, ask something like: Here are some topics that our organizations seem to have similar interests/synergies/overlapping goals (?). Can you think of some ways we can work together to support our mutual interests? Or ways we can help you find the resources you need?

Or: do you think your farmers would be interested in any of the resources we have available?

<Insert follow-up segment: If these topics didn't come up in the earlier questions, then specifically ask about these: >

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- How do BIPOC farmers view soil health and the role of livestock in promoting soil health?

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13. Have farmers ever asked about livestock? Y/N

a. If yes, what animals have they asked about and what kind of questions?

14. Have you talked with farmers about livestock? Or helped farmers?

a. If yes, what have you talked about regarding livestock? Or how have you helped?

15. If you haven't helped farmers with livestock, what are some reasons why?

No interest from farmers, obstacles for farmers, etc. What kind of obstacles?

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<Introductory script: Briefly describe the project, explain why we're asking these questions.>

16. How many growers do you represent in your organization?
  
17. Can you describe what kind of farming they do?
  - In the city or in the country?
  - Fruit or vegetable crops?
  - Grain crops?
  - Other kinds of crops?
  - Animals?
  
18. Who do your farmers grow for? How many people do they feed?  
Mostly for their own family - or extended family?  
Do any of your farmers grow for their community, elder programs, etc.?  
Do any of your farmers sell products?
  
19. Have your farmers asked any questions about livestock?
  - If yes, what kinds of things have they asked about?
  
- 4b. Have you talked with your farmers about livestock?
  - For example, chicken, sheep, goats, pigs, cattle, bison, elk, pheasant, rabbit, deer
  - Management of fisheries?
  - What have you talked about regarding livestock?
  
20. If you haven't really talked about livestock in your organization, what are some reasons why not?  
[No interest, or there are obstacles? What kind of obstacles?]
  
  
21. Have your farmers asked any questions about taking care of their soil?
  - If yes, what do they ask about or how do they already take care of their soil?
  
- 6b. Have you talked with your farmers about taking care of soil?
  
  
22. Where do you go to find information for your farmers?
  
  
23. Have you ever (or do you regularly) helped your farmers connect to resources, like Extension or USDA programs?

- If yes, how did that go for them to connect with those resources?

24. Would you be interested in more help finding resources?

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