

SSAWG 2019 Survey Summary

- Total Number of Surveys: 63
 - Total Number of Farmers: 31
 - Total Number of Home Gardeners: 19
 - Total Number of Students: 19
 - Total Number of Non-Profit/NGO Representative: 14
 - Total Number of Extension Professional: 9
 - Total Number of Teacher/Academics: 3
 - Total Number of Ranchers: 0
- 49 participants would like to be added to LA SAWG Working Group.
- 51 participants would like to be added to LA SARE Mailing List.
- 100% surveys entered their name and parish:
 - Orleans 18, East Baton Rouge 17, Rapides 7, Lafayette 5, Jefferson 4, Caddo 2, St. Tammany 2, Saint Mary, Ascension, Livingston, Plaquemine, St. John the Baptist, St. Helena, Grant, St. Bernard
- 46 received Scholarship/Award Funding:
 - Grow LA Beginning Farmers, LSU Student Sustainability Fund, Rapides Parish Farm Bureau, Southern University, LA SARE, FACT's, USDA BFRDP Grant, SPROUT NOLA, Slow Food NWLA, Shreveport Green
- 100% in agreement to partner with SSAWG
- Topics participants have offered to share/offer training on:
 - Extension, hydroponics, social media, working with teenagers, price theory, environmental biology, plant pathology, EBT Doubling, farm bill programs, IT systems building, meat processing
- Of the 5 training topics offered, they were rated 1-5 for preference and interest (1 for highest, 5 for lowest). Votes for 1st and 2nd were combined for the rating shown below:
 - 1) Farm Bus Tour- Urban farm tour (32/62)
 - 2) Local Food & Certifications (26/62)
 - 3) Growing Organic Acadian Brown Cotton (22/62)
 - 4) Value-added production training (20/62)
 - 5) Agricultural Professional Services (19/62)
- Specific workshops and trainings participants would like to attend:
Most popular: Permaculture, social media, mycology, hydroponics, finance, vermiculture, GAPs, aquaponics, hemp production and management, racial equity trainings

Other: marketing, fruit growing, compost farming, livestock and poultry integration into crop production, FSMA, land access, honey bees, converting lawns to farms, agroecology

	Not likely to participate	Moderately likely to participate	Highly likely to participate	% likely to participate
Build a collaborative network across the state in support of Sus Ag	2	14	44	88%
Build a collaborative network across the state in support of improved healthy local food access	2	16	42	86.6%
Build a collaborative network across the state in support of community-based food systems	1	20	38	85%
Build a collaborative network across the state in support of improved economic opportunity for farmers and makers	3	17	39	84.4%
Facilitate sharing information	1	22	35	83.4%
Share lessons learned	2	23	32	81%
Develop a Louisiana SAWG statewide network that amplifies the statewide work from a grassroots perspective	3	22	34	81%
Sharing resources	8	13	37	80%
Leverage funds	18	24	14	57.2%

- Best months to attend workshops:
 - 39 chose July
 - 36 chose January
 - 34 chose June
 - 33 chose August
 - 30 chose February

- Best days of the week to attend workshops:
 - 38 chose Saturday
 - 33 chose Friday
 - 30 chose Monday
 - 30 chose Thursday
 - 27 chose Tuesday

- Best area of the state to attend workshop: (only 57 out of 62 responded)
 - 46 chose Southeast
 - 25 chose Central
 - 22 chose Southwest
 - 11 chose Northwest
 - 20 chose Northeast

- Suggestions for Sustainable Ag in the state:
 - **Most popular:** Community engagement, marketing techniques, how to get resources, economic issues workshops, networking efforts
 - **Popular:** increase information outreach, green infrastructure, accessibility to low-income communities, farm tours around the state, workshops on something similar to “New Roots” in Kentucky
 - **Other:** more information on hydroponics, engage AG Center by hook or crook, pull extension agents in more, better focusable projection, emphasis on urban farming
- Managed acreage of those currently farming (only 21 out of 62 responded with acreage)
 - 12 farming on 2 acres or less
 - 6 farming on 2-10 acres
 - 3 farming on 10 acres or more (38 acres, 64 acres, 400 acres)
- Of the current farmers – 29 grow vegetables, 17 grow fruit, 5 tend poultry, 3 grains, 2 tend livestock, 9 others—mushrooms, goats/sheep, herbs, cut flowers, etc.
- Of the 61 respondents, 21 had attended SSAWG previously, and 40 were attending SSAWG for the first time.
- Most popular sessions/speakers:
 - **Most Popular:** William Padilla-Brown, Ellen Polishuk, Future of Hemp in the South
 - **Popular:** Ann Wells, Buz Kloot, Black Land Liberation, High Tunnels
 - **Others:** Cover Cropping, Guy Ames, Cathy Jones