**FARMDATA PARTNER FARM CLOSING QUESTIONAIRE**

**Will Brownback, Spiral Path Farm:**

**General comments:**  How has participation in the FARMDATA pilot worked out for you?  Is FARMDATA saving you any time or improving your farm organization in any way?  Are the data you collect with FARMDATA helping in any way with your farm management?

 The Farmdata pilot period has worked well for Spiral Path Farm.  We use Farmdata as a tool to track seeding, planting, harvesting, and spraying.  With the exception of harvesting, the collection of data has been streamlined and is saving us time.  I am able to make more accurate decisions with regard to seeding and planting thanks to the data we have collected.  The spraying calculator is especially helpful in not wasting product or "guessing" how much product to use.

**Records capture:** Please roughly estimate the percentage of the following records that you are capturing through FARMDATA - you can leave rows blank if you not recording in a particular category.  If you are keeping some of these records on paper **instead** of FARMDATA, please write "paper" next to the category.  If you are not currently using, but plan to use any of the features listed below in the future, please write "future" where appropriate.

Direct Seeding - 100%

Flat Seeding - 100%

Transplanting - 100%

Seed order/ inventory - 0%

Harvest - 100% (this is a duplicate of more elaborate data we capture in our packingshed for GAP records.)

Harvest List - 0%

Labor - 0%

Tillage - 0%

Cover crop seeding - 0%

Cover crop incorporation - 0%

Compost accumulation - 0%

Compost management - 0%

Compost application- 0%

Dry fertilizer- 0%

Liquid fertilizer- 0%

Scouting, insects- 0%

Scouting, weeds- 0%

Scouting, disease- 0%

Tractor sprays - 90%

Backpack sprays- 0% (I use the tractor spray page for backpack)

Irrigation- 0%

Field notes / comments- 0%

Invoicing- 0%

Packing & Inventory- 0%

Distribution- 0%

Please rank your likelihood of continuing to use FARMDATA through the 2015 growing season and beyond.  (Very likely, maybe, unlikely).  Please be honest.  If you write "unlikely", please provide a brief explanation of your reasons for not continuing.

 Very Likely.

Which statement best describes your attitude about using FARMDATA?  (Fast and easy, workable with a few exceptions, cumbersome).  Feel free to provide any commentary to support your answer.

 Mix between Fast and Easy and Workable with a few exceptions.  Any time I have encountered a "cumbersome" issue, Tim and resolved it in an acceptable time frame.

Is there anything you would change about FARMDATA if you had the chance?

 I have freely communicated all of my requests with Tim and have been very impressed with his willingness to implement changes.

Can you speak to the support you've received from Tim and Matt?

Both Tim and Matt have been very supportive and understing during the whole process of learning and more importantly implementing Farmdata

Any final comments on your overall experience with the SARE funded FARMDATA project?

 Nope.

**Elaine Lemmon, Everblossom Farm**

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*The Pilot was awesome.   We're not keeping up with it, and why that is here on this farm is because we're not profitable at present, which leads to labor shortages.  I don't have enough staff, and I can't spend an additional 10 minutes per day doing data logging because I am scrambling to complete my basic job of getting vegetables into the CSA boxes.  FARMDATA is something I want to use because I know it will make my farm more profitable, but currently I cannot keep up with my day to day responsibilities of production and harvest.  We just can't pull it off with our present work load.  Its ironic because if I could get my data collected, my farm would be more profitable and I could afford more and better labor.  I wish I could get the data in because it would also make the farm more efficient overall but right now its just not possible.*

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*In the 2015 growing season, we recorded the following until Mid April.  We are now offline but hope to pick it up again after the spring rush subsides:*

Direct Seeding  100%

Flat Seeding 100%

Transplanting 75%

Seed order/ inventory

Harvest

Harvest List

Labor  35%

Tillage

Cover crop seeding

Cover crop incorporation

Compost accumulation

Compost management

Compost application

Dry fertilizer

Liquid fertilizer

Scouting, insects

Scouting, weeds

Scouting, disease

Tractor sprays

Backpack sprays

Irrigation

Field notes / comments

Invoicing

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Distribution

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*We're going to keep trying to use FARMDATA because its something that I really want to see happen.  If I scale back the farm next year with a smaller staff of more skilled people, we'll have a better chance of being successful.  I may try to revive data entry yet this season.  It always seems like July 4th is a turning point for our farm, after strawberries are in and the fields are a little more set up.*

Which statement best describes your attitude about using FARMDATA?  (Fast and easy, workable with a few exceptions, cumbersome).  Feel free to provide any commentary to support your answer.

*Fast and workable. As long as you have a smartphone then you are good to go.  There is a trend in young people who are rebelling against smartphones so this could be a problem, but at our farm we have an extra iphone for the crew to use so this is not an issue.*

Is there anything you would change about FARMDATA if you had the chance?

*It would be great if FARMDATA could mesh with Small Farm Central's member assembler, so I could avoid duplicate data entry.*

Can you speak to the support you've received from Tim and Matt?

*Excellent, super friendly, very responsive and compassionate.  Tim being able to adjust and adapt our site at a moments notice was very helpful.*

Any final comments on your overall experience with the SARE funded FARMDATA project?

*Overall I was really happy to be part of it even though I couldn't pull off a full season of data collection.  I'm really excited that something like this is available for small farmers now, and hope that we can make use of FARMDATA in the future.*