

SARE PDP program Evaluation								
Woody Lane Workshop			11-Oct-11		Scoring: 1 = very low to 5 = very high			
Please rate your understanding of the keys to effective facilitation of pasture walks and farmer discussions								
Before	1	2	3	4	5	Total responses	Average score	% 4s & 5s
# of responses	2	4	8	7	1	22	3.05	0.36
After	1	2	3	4	5	Total responses	Average score	% 4s & 5s
# of responses	0	0	3	16	2	21	3.95	0.86
Please rate your understanding of the keys to forming and maintaining an effective farmer discussion group.								
Before	1	2	3	4	5	Total responses	Average score	% 4s & 5s
# of responses	1	10	6	4	1	22	2.73	0.23
After	1	2	3	4	5	Total responses	Average score	% 4s & 5s
# of responses	0	0	4	14	3	21	3.95	0.81
Please rate the effectiveness of the role-playing exercise (the pasture walk and the followup indoor discussion).								
	1	2	3	4	5	Total responses	Average score	% 4s & 5s
# of responses	0	0	13	8	1	22	3.45	0.41
Do you currently coordinate a grazing network or discussion group or are you likely to start a network as a result of this workshop?								
			Number	Percent				
Yes			6	0.27				
No but plan to start one			8	0.36				
No, unlikely to start one			8	0.36				
If so, please share something you learned that you will use with your group.								
Keeping time and agenda flowing.								
How to deal with a dominant person.								
Would like to promote the discussion group concept with/for more advanced members of our group.								
If the producer has to pay for something, they will commit.								
Idea of 'free lunch' pasture walks are sketchy.								
Government role in walks or discussion groups can be iffy because of trust levels.								
Have individuals that are educated and willing to share their knowledge.								
Engaging people in the conversation is important as well as maintaining the group in one cohesive conversation. Learned skills that will help me do both.								
How practical do you think the fee-based discussion group idea is for existing or future networks in your area?								
	1	2	3	4	5	Total responses	Average score	% 4s & 5s
# of responses	1	2	10	9	0	22	3.23	0.41
Please rate the overall value of the workshop								
	1	2	3	4	5	Total responses	Average score	% 4s & 5s
# of responses	0	0	4	14	4	22	4.00	0.82

Please share other comments on the workshop or suggestions for future topics.								
Woody provided a solid for-profit perspective. I think it was good for our group of government and university folks to have their paradigms challenged regarding how WI does grazing education.								
It was great to have Dick Ryan attend the entire event as well.								
I was impressed with what Woody had to share and hope we will have more speakers of a similar caliber! Thanks!								
Very good information about private, fee-based discussion groups. And a very timely topic as many currently grant funded grazing specialists are or will be looking for fee-for-service ideas to replace or supplement grant dollars. Woody's ideas would definitely have to be modified to fit Wisconsin's current and past history of grazing education--may still struggle with willingness of farmers to pay for grass-based education. Also came away from the workshop knowing that if farmers are willing to pay a discussion group facilitator, facilitator must be highly knowledgeable about a variety of things related to grass-farming (I don't think farmers would pay for someone to simply 'facilitate'--they would want expertise as well).								
Seems the biggest benefit of charging a fee is a commitment from the participants/members. Can also serve as a grant match.								
I think the discussion groups are a valuable tool, but in my current government position it would be difficult to do. I do think this session taught me a lot about how to be a more effective manager of pasture walks and meetings in general.								
Since WI has effective agencies to support green grazing networks, the fee-based model may not be the singular answer in WI. I think the attendees could follow up with a discussion of effective strategies to advance grazing groups in WI identifying group leaders and contributors for in depth discussions.								
I enjoyed the diverse backgrounds of the participants and consequently the array of questions and discussion topics. I like the model of facilitated discussion groups. It was a well-organized, substantive workshop.								
Organic issues vs. non-organic research plots & how that information is shared with others in the grazing community.								
Multi-species walks/topics.								
Please rate the following								
Setting and facilities	1	2	3	4	5	Total responses	Average score	% 4s & 5s
# of responses	0	0	3	15	4	22	4.05	0.86
Meals and break foods	1	2	3	4	5	Total responses	Average score	% 4s & 5s
# of responses	0	1	3	14	4	22	3.95	0.82