

Sustainable Agriculture Survey

Dear «Name_format»,

«First_Lines» We are conducting research at Purdue University in conjunction with the North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NCR-SARE). Your feedback will help us to examine the opinions and thoughts of Indiana farmers on terms and options related to long-term sustainable agriculture.

The information collected will be kept **confidential**, and participation in this survey is completely **voluntary**. While contact information will be requested at the end of the survey for follow up, hardcopies will be destroyed once data has been entered electronically. No personal information will be attached to electronic survey responses or published results. You may skip any question you do not wish to answer in the survey. The survey will take up to 10-15 minutes. You must be 18 or older to take this survey.

If you include your contact information with the survey, it will be used to enter you into a drawing to win a \$50 gift card to Tractor Supply, Kroger, Rural King or Menards - your chances of winning a \$50 gift card are at least 1 in 250. Please return this with your completed survey by July 15th, 2012.

If you would prefer to take an **online version of this survey**, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/sare2012>. You will need to include the number on the bottom, right-hand corner of this survey to participate.

Please feel free to contact any member of our team if you have any questions about the survey or the work we are conducting.

Thank you for your time!

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If you are interested in participating in a focus group to follow up on this survey, or to be entered in the drawing for a gift card, please include your contact information. If you select no to the question below, your contact information will be kept confidential and only used to enter you into a drawing to win a \$50 gift card to Tractor Supply, Kroger, Rural King or Menards.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Would you be willing to discuss ecosystem services with our research team in a focus group this fall/winter (after harvest)? Yes No

1. Do you know what an “ecosystem” is? Yes No
2. Have you heard of the term “ecosystem services”? Yes No
3. What would you guess that “ecosystem services” means?

4. Please check the conservation practices on your farm: (check all that apply)
 - Riparian buffer Filter strips Wetland
 - Grassed waterways Two-stage ditch No-till
 - Nutrient management Others None
5. Please check all federal or state conservation programs you have participated in: (check all that apply)
 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
 - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
 - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
 - Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
 - None of the above Others
6. Where do you get information when making farm management decisions? (check all that apply)
 - Extension Other farmers Farm Service Agency
 - Internet Newspapers Private crop advisor
 - Radio Soil and Water Conservation District
 - NRCS (Soil or District Conservationist)
 - Other: _____ None of the above
7. Do you consider yourself to be conservation-minded in your views of agricultural production?
 - Yes No Mostly Somewhat Unsure
8. What county/counties do you farm in Indiana?

9. Approximately how many acres do you farm? _____
10. Please check the crops you produce: (check all that apply)
 - Corn Soybeans Wheat Hay No crops
 - Specialty crop: _____ Other: _____
11. Do you have any livestock on your farm? (check all that apply)
 - Dairy cattle Beef cattle Hogs Poultry
 - Sheep Goats None
 - Other _____
12. How many years have you farmed officially in the area?: _____
13. Did you grow up on a farm? Yes No Prefer not to answer
14. Would you be more willing to implement conservation practices if you knew how they benefited your farm’s ecosystems?
 - Yes No Potentially
15. What resources would you consult for information about the environmental benefits on your farm? (check all that apply)
 - Articles in farm or other magazines that I read
 - Online or farm-specific calculators
 - Conversations with publicly funded professionals (e.g., Extension services, NRCS conservationists, SWCD technical staff)
 - Conversations with private/industry professionals (e.g., crop advisors)
 - Other: _____
 - None
16. Gender: M F Prefer not to answer
17. Age: < 25 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-65
 65+ Prefer not to answer
18. Which best describes your work? Farm owner
 Farm operator Owner & operator Other: _____
19. Do you identify as a racial minority?
 - Yes No Prefer not to answer

FOREST LANDS – think of the forest lands in your town and in the state of Indiana, and answer the following questions.

FOREST LANDS...	20. How often do forest lands provide the following benefits to society ?			21. If you just checked always or sometimes, how valuable is this benefit (from forest lands) to you ?			22. Check each box for those who benefit from forest lands	23. Check each box for those who should be responsible for maintaining forest benefits
	Always	Sometimes	Never	Very Valuable	Somewhat Valuable	Not Valuable		
...provide food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Farm owner <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...provide a “sense of place”	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Society <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...regulate erosion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local gov’t <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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...provide medicines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fed. gov’t <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...give opportunities for recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local community <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...inspire spiritual connection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Farm operator <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...provide fresh water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No one <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...reduce flooding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (fill in blank) _____	_____
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...maintain species diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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24. Of the list above, who is most responsible for maintaining benefits from forest lands?

Please provide us with any comments, questions, or suggestions you have in the blank space below!

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CROPLANDS – think of the croplands in your town and in the state of Indiana, and answer the following questions.

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RESERVOIRS – think of the reservoirs in your town and in the state of Indiana, and answer the following questions.

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