

Table 3: Sample of Sustainable Agriculture Definitions from Farmers and Ranchers

<p><b>Farm/Rancher Owners and Operators</b></p> <p>The ability to continually to grow food and fiber.</p> <p>The ability of your land being used to provide all of your living needs.</p> <p>An agriculture operation that support itself. An operation that does not cost more to produce than it generates.</p> <p>No till planting, plant good cover crops.</p> <p>In need of support financial, but holding its own.</p> <p>It addresses many environmental &amp; social concerns &amp; offers innovative &amp; economically viable opportunities for growers.</p> <p>Growing food for the country - controlling nutrients, pest control, and environment and health issues.</p> <p>It is taking care of the land, groundwater and environment through sustainable practices.</p> <p>Sustainable agriculture manages the natural resources needed for production in a way that is protective of the environment and in a sel- supporting manner.</p> <p>Good land steward - putting back what you take out of land.</p> <p>Agriculture that provides for the needs of today while making it possible for future generations to meet their needs.</p> <p>Farming with the goals of economic health and profitability.</p> <p>Being able to grow healthy safe food while keeping farming environmentally safe.</p> <p>Agriculture that can continue thru the years, preserving the soil, water and environment to produce good healthy food produces.</p>
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