

Table 4: Sample of Sustainable Agriculture Definitions from Other Stakeholders

Agribusiness and Industry Support Personnel

Taking care of the land! Water for long term use in production while producing high quality food.

Agriculture operation that is self supporting.

Ag. Production that embraces good stewardship of our natural resources and approaches ag. production with a long-term point of view.

Maintain good soil & water & improvements.

The use of organic fertilizers, water conservation and better ways to sustain the family farms.

Agriculture that is profitable today, tomorrow and in the future.

Agriculture that supports families on the land for generations.

Meeting the food and fiber needs of a growing world while protecting the environment.

Practices that allow us to feed an ever growing population using less land.

University Personnel

An operation that is economically viable and minimizes inputs through the use of alternative and traditional farming methods.

Practices that enhance the farm business in a way that ensures the longevity of farm, land, and resources.

Agricultural Non-Profit Personnel

The southern SARE program puts it well. It is an agriculture that promotes good stewardship of natural resources; protects the earth and safety of persons involved; enhances the quality of life for farmers and society as a whole; promotes crop, livestock and enterprise diversification; and strengthens rural communities. It is not a static goal, but more of a journey.

Other Non-Profit Personnel

Promoting practices that contribute to social & environments problem reduction.

To meet economic, social & environmental needs.

Agriculture that leads to the responsible resource use that contributes to the long term viability of the farm or ranch unit.