



Survey Sponsored by the Bio-Energy Research Center at MSU-Northern and a USDA-SARE grant.

The purpose of this survey is to gain a better understanding of the market for locally grown and processed Hi-Oleic Safflower cooking oil, with the intent of using the waste oil as fuel upon exhaustion of the oil. The ultimate goal is to return the waste oil to the farmers who grew the safflower to be used as a renewable fuel.

First we wish to thank you for your time in answering the following questions.

Business Name (optional) _____

1. How many pounds of oil do you use on an annual or weekly basis?
 - a. Does your weekly use vary throughout the year?
 - b. If so, how much?

2. What type of oil are you using now?
 - a. What do you like about it?
 - b. What do you dislike about it?

3. How much do you pay for your oil per pound?
 - a. Has this price varied over the past 3 years?
 - b. If so, how much?

4. From whom do you currently buy your oil?
 - a. Are you free to buy your oil from whoever you want?
 - b. Would you be interested in locally grown oil?
 - c. What are your major considerations when buying cooking oil?

5. How often do you change your cooking oil?
 - a. At what temperature do you keep your fryer oil?
 - b. Approximately how many hours a day are your fryers at that temperature?
 - c. Approximately how many hours per day are your fryers being used?

6. How do you dispose of your waste oil?
 - a. Do you pay for this service?
 - b. If so, how much?
 - c. Are you paid for your waste?
 - d. If so, how much?

7. Would you be interested in having your waste oil picked up by your supplier at no charge to you?

Thank you for your time. Please return the survey using the provided self-addressed envelope. Any direct questions or comments may be submitted to: Taylor.lyon@msun.edu or 406-262-5920