

Functional Agricultural Biodiversity (FAB) Network Analysis Survey

Broad Network Information Section 1. The FAB Work Group and programs make up a diverse network of skilled and dedicated people interested in functional agricultural biodiversity and the ecosystem services it provides. The following questions will help us better understand and expand our robust regional FAB network. Please check one answer, unless otherwise instructed, that is the best choice for you. There may be more than one correct answer, but choosing one answer that is the best fit will allow us to see where we can strengthen our network to enhance our programs. Be assured your answers are confidential. Responses to your questions will be generalized in project reporting and will not be attributed to you or your organization.

1. Which one of the following best describes your work or affiliation?

- a) Extension education
- b) Farmer
- c) Government agency (NRCS, DFW, DFG, Department of Ags)
- d) Farm manager
- e) Non-profit personnel
- f) Agricultural research
- g) Conservationist (SWCD, CD)
- h) Consultant
- i) None of the above

2. Which one of the following best describes where you work?

- a) Idaho
- b) Oregon
- c) California
- d) Washington
- e) Regionally
- f) Nationally
- g) Internationally

3. For the following possible benefits of participation within the FAB framework, please pick the most important three for you.

- a) Gaining new ideas and knowledge
- b) Enhanced collaboration opportunities
- c) Enhanced networking skills
- d) Cross-disciplinary collaboration
- e) Participatory outreach
- f) Enhanced funding opportunities
- g) Developing regional policy and advocacy skills (i.e. developing work groups, local networks, ideas, programs and policies that support agricultural biodiversity)

- h) Sharing information
- i) On-farm demonstration sites

4. Select the top two FAB areas you are most interested in learning about or working on in the next year?

- a) Agricultural biodiversity and food safety issues
- b) On-farm habitat installation and restoration
- c) FAB and on-farm resiliency to weather or market related catastrophes
- d) FAB and ecosystem services (i.e. pollination, pest control, water quality protection)
- e) Networking to enhance adoption of FAB practices
- f) FAB and biological pest management
- g) Economics of FAB
- h) Policy development to support FAB
- i) FAB and soil quality
- j) Creating and accessing FAB database information
- k) None of the above

5. For the following skill- or capacity-building opportunities available within the FAB framework, please pick the two that are most important to you.

- a) Developing on-farm research projects
- b) Providing technical assistance for implementing on-farm conservation practices (i.e. insectary field border and in-field plantings)
- c) Training technical advisors
- d) Finding local resources that support farmers adopting practices
- e) Learning participatory project methods
- f) Supporting other farmer innovators
- g) Securing funding for collaborative projects
- h) Connecting to agricultural industry representatives
- i) Installing on-farm conservation practices (i.e. field border plantings, hedgerows and in-field insectary strips)

6. Select two of the following skills or capacities that you consider to be **your** greatest strengths in the FAB framework:

- a) Developing on-farm research projects
- b) Providing technical assistance for implementing on-farm conservation practices (i.e. insectary field border and in-field plantings)
- c) Training technical advisors
- d) Finding local resources that support farmers adopting practices
- e) Learning participatory project methods
- f) Supporting other farmer innovators
- g) Securing funding for collaborative projects
- h) Connecting to agricultural industry representatives

- i) Installing on-farm conservation practices (i.e. field border plantings, hedgerows and in-field insectary strips)

7. Which best describes your ability to have an impact on enhancing agricultural biodiversity?

- a) Experienced and very willing to share this experience or support work in this area
- b) Experienced but not able to share at this time
- c) Not very experienced but want to learn more
- d) Not very experienced and don't want learn at this time

8. How interested are you in helping FAB partners gain skills in the strengths you named in Question 5?

- a) Very interested
- b) Somewhat interested
- c) Not sure
- d) Not interested at this time

9. Please indicate which FAB Work Group events you have participated in:

- a) The FAB list serve
- b) Any FAB Work Group annual meeting from 2007-2011
- c) 2009 Biodiversity Working for Farmers Tour in Oregon
- d) 2010 Biodiversity Working for Farmers Tour in Washington
- e) 2011 Biodiversity Working for Farmers Tour in ID
- f) 2002 Biodiversity Working for Farmers Tour in E OR
- g) 2011 OREI Planning Grant Needs Assessment sessions in either OR, WA or ID
- h) 2014 CA Small Farms Conference Panel or Biodiversity Field Day in Rohnert Park, CA
- i) none of the above

10. Which one of the following topics have been incorporated into your program/farm work.

- a) New collaborative projects that include some aspect of FAB
- b) Increasing local networks/workgroups
- c) Regional FAB policies (such as adding habitat incentives to water conservation programs such as big gun shut-off programs)
- d) Training for local technical aid providers for enhanced on-farm habitat adoptions
- e) Increased on-farm habitat
- f) Increased regional FAB resources such as searchable databases and courses
- g) Network leadership
- h) None of the above

11. What other projects, habitat or program work have you done in the past three years that has been inspired in some way by your association with the FAB Work Group? For instance; securing funding for conservation practices that promote agricultural biodiversity, developing courses or local work groups that include FAB aspects or local work groups.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

12. How willing would you be to help develop coordinated approaches to funding the FAB Work Group network?

- a) Very willing
- b) Somewhat willing
- c) Not sure
- d) Not willing at this time

13. Please list funding agencies that you think would be supportive of FAB networks (i.e. foundations, government sources, corporations).

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2. _____
3. _____

14. Are there proposals you are currently submitting that could include funding for FAB Work Group projects or events? If so, please list.

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2. _____
3. _____

15. Is there anything else you would like to add about your FAB priorities, interests, or opportunities (regionally or locally)?

FAB Network Section 2: This part of the survey may be different from other surveys you have taken, as it asks you to name individuals and organizations in order to learn where there are connections. This will allow us to create a visual representation (a map, if you will) of the current connections in the FAB network, and to see new potential linkages and opportunities for network building. Individuals and collaborations are the heart of any network and mapping these connections will be helpful in cultivating future FAB leaders throughout the western states.

1. In the past three years, which individuals and organizations, including FAB Work Group members, have you been in contact with more than twice a year to share information or ideas on practices that increase agricultural biodiversity?

2. Which individuals and organizations have you collaboratively worked with in the FAB Work Group, your programs, or on your farm on projects related to increasing agricultural biodiversity within the last three years?

3. Who would you like to work within the next year (**that you haven't worked with before**) on a project that would make a positive difference for the conservation of agricultural biodiversity?

Thank you for participating in the FAB Network Mapping Survey!!