

Evaluation Results

Name of Activity: Soil Smarts In-service Training (Statewide)	Date of Activity: October 2018
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A. General Learning and Change	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Average Score
1. I have a deeper understanding of the subject matter as a result of this session.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	5.7
2. I have situations in which I can use what I have learned in this session.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	5.3

B. Specific Learning How much <i>did you / do you</i> know about these subjects?	<i>Before this program I knew...</i>					Average Score	<i>Now I know...</i>					Average Score
	Very little	Little	Some	Much	Very Much		Very little	Little	Some	Much	Very Much	
1. <i>Soil biology</i>	①	②	③	④	⑤	2.8	①	②	③	④	⑤	4.1
2. <i>Soil health principles</i>	①	②	③	④	⑤	2.7	①	②	③	④	⑤	4.2
3. <i>Soil health indicators</i>	①	②	③	④	⑤	2.7	①	②	③	④	⑤	4.4
4. <i>Cover crop management</i>	①	②	③	④	⑤	2.5	①	②	③	④	⑤	4.0
5. <i>Economic benefits of improving soil health</i>	①	②	③	④	⑤	2.2	①	②	③	④	⑤	4.1
6. <i>Financial assistance available through NRCS for cover crops</i>	①	②	③	④	⑤	2.3	①	②	③	④	⑤	4.0

C. Effectiveness of Activity	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Average Score
1. <i>I would recommend this overall program to others.</i>	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	5.6
2. <i>This overall program has increased my capacity to provide programs related to soil health concepts.</i>	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	5.4
3. <i>This overall program has increased my capacity to test farmers' soils for different soil health indicators.</i>	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	5.4
4. <i>The identified cover crop demonstration areas will enhance my ability to provide programs to farmers on soil health.</i>	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	5.1
5. <i>The soil health test kit will enhance my ability to provide in-field testing of soil health indicators for farmers.</i>	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	5.8
6. <i>This program has increased the potential for interactions between my organization and others (i.e. USDA, NRCS, TDA, FSA, UT, TSU).</i>	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	5.4

96% of respondents indicated an increase in their knowledge of soil health principles

92% of respondents indicated an increase in their knowledge of soil biology, soil health indicators, cover crop management, and economic benefits of improving soil health

88% of respondents indicated an increase in their knowledge of financial assistance available through NRCS for cover crop production