



Save the date: November 16!

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You are an awesome group!!

It is not often that one gets out of a meeting and immediately starts emailing about how great everyone was, but that is exactly what our MMIH team did after the Friday meeting. Big thanks and high-fives to the 27 of you who put your heads together to finesse the final survey details. Your collaboration makes this project a pleasure. :)

Next up: distribution details! Please save the date:

Wednesday, November 16, 11:30-1 central.

Until then...

- Be thinking about how your organization could help distribute &/or promote the survey. This project relies on its partners (*you!*) for survey promotion and distribution. We are currently creating a toolkit of aids such as blurbs and PDFs in hopes that you can publish and distribute them to the farmers you connect with. We'll also provide \$1000 funding to cover materials/staff costs (for ~3 groups per state). Please help us gauge where we're at by letting us know what you're thinking on this [sign-up sheet](#).
- Be thinking about who else might help us distribute &/or promote the survey. Do you have partner organizations you might recruit? Or local groups with lots of farmer-members, like watershed groups or 4H? Please put those ideas on the [sign-up sheet](#) too!

If you missed the meeting:

- We reviewed the [8th draft of the survey](#), which we had thought was the final draft, but you had lots of good ideas so we're doing another revision! We're still on track to release the survey in late November.

Hope that you too are enjoying these last days of above-ground waterline use!
:) - Amy.

Amy Fenn

[Match Made In Heaven: Livestock + Crops](#), Outreach Coordinator

It was great to hear how many of you have shared the infographic!

Integrating Crops and Livestock

Increased Profit Per Acre

- Cost Reduction**
 - Manure = fertilizer
 - Stalks feed supply
 - Break pest and weed cycles
- Income Benefits**
 - Marketable cover crop
 - Diversify income streams
 - Eco credits

Soil Benefits

- Improve fertility
- Enhance water infiltration
- Increase organic matter

Community Benefits

- Support local farms and businesses
- Safeguard local water
- Build relationships
- Opportunities for new farmers

Harvest/feed annual crops & residue | Plant/graze cover crops | Manage grazing on pasture

Is it working? Observe, adjust, expand → Learn Field days, extension

Challenges Complexity, costs, fencing, labor, logistics, knowledge, time → Start small

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