

## **Welcome and thank you**

Thank you for being willing to take 10–15 minutes to answer the questions posed in this questionnaire. The goal of this survey is to determine the role of fiber-related production in 3 key areas of your life: community, business, and general health and well being. This survey is being conducted under the SARE partnership grant ONE18–321 (Fleece to Shawl: Creating a Solution Based Strategy that Addresses the Fragmented Fiber Production Infrastructure). If you have any questions or comments you can reach us at [localfiber.ny@gmail.com](mailto:localfiber.ny@gmail.com)

Note: All answers are anonymous.

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## **Introduction/General Information**

Are you an active member of LocalFiber (do you try to attend the quarterly meetings in Ithaca NY)?

- YES
- NO

NOTE: For all following questions **fiber related production work (or fiber work)** is any work, farming or otherwise, in which you are creating a sellable product from animal fibers where you raised most of the fiber you use in creating the product.

How long have you been producing animal fiber?

- < 1 YEAR
- 1-5 YEARS
- 6-10 YEARS
- 11-20 YEARS
- > 21 YEARS

How much longer do you expect to produce animal fiber?

- < 1 YEAR
- 1-5 YEARS
- 6-10 YEARS
- 11-20 YEARS
- > 21 YEARS

Are you considering leaving fiber production in the next 5 years?

- YES
- NO
- UNSURE

What is the primary reason you will be leaving fiber production?

- RETIREMENT
- HEALTH
- FAMILY

- COST
- OTHER (please specify)

How many hours a week do you spend on fiber production related activities (farming and/or creating sellable product)?

- < 1 HOUR
- 2 - 10 HOURS
- 11 - 20 HOURS
- 21 - 30 HOURS
- 31 - 40 HOURS
- > 41 HOURS

What keeps you from being efficient with your fiber production time (choose all that apply)?

- ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE
- SCHEDULE
- AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES
- WEATHER
- I AM EFFICIENT

OTHER

## Your fiber production business

Please rank the following statements from 1 to 5.

	1 - strongly disagree	2 - disagree	3 - neutral	4 - agree	5 - strongly agree
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Fiber production is a business for me.

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Fiber production is a hobby for me.

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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I am satisfied with all aspects of my fiber-related business.

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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I want my fiber-related business to grow financially.

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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	1 - strongly disagree	2 - disagree	3 - neutral	4 - agree	5 - strongly agree
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I have an economically sustainable fiber-related business.

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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It is my goal to have an economically sustainable fiber-related business.

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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I want to increase the

I want to increase the volume of my fiber production in order to grow my business.

1 - strongly disagree

2 - disagree

3 - neutral

4 - agree

5 - strongly agree

I am receiving adequate pay for the fiber-related work I do.

Do you, or someone in your immediate family, have another source of income (non-farm related) that goes to support the family?

YES

NO

Which of your incomes is the primary support of your families expenditures?

FARM

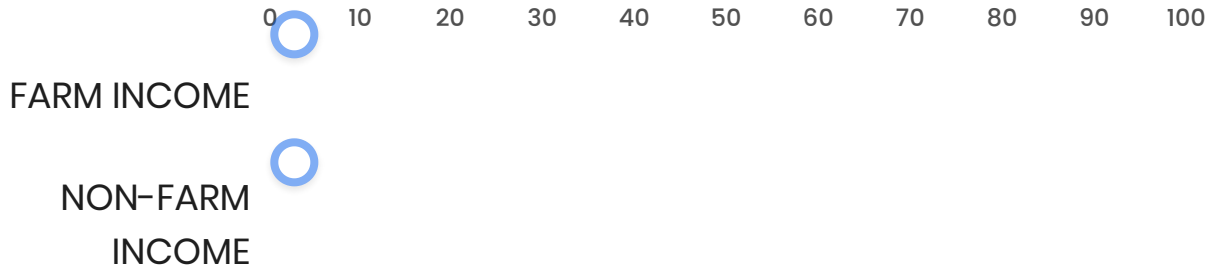
NON-FARM

EQUAL

How much do the farm and non-farm incomes contribute to the family income?

0: contributes very little (if at all) to the family income.

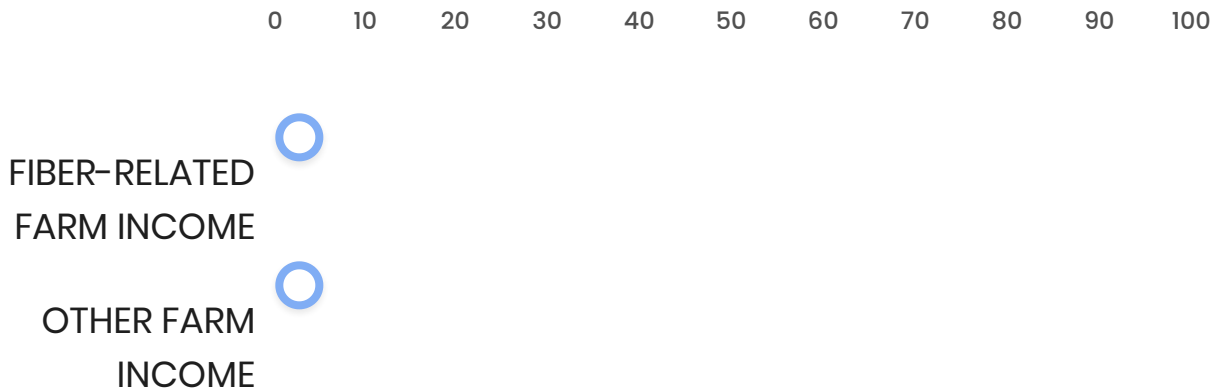
100: contributes to most of the family income).



How much do the fiber-related and other farm income contribute to the total farm income?

0: contributes very little (if at all) to the total farm income.

100: contributes to most of the total farm income).



## Community and Resource

Please rank the following statements from 1 to 5.

	1 - strongly disagree	2 - disagree	3 - neutral	4 - agree	5 - strongly agree
I have access to a fiber community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am actively involved in the fiber community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I contribute to the fiber community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being a part of a fiber community if valuable to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	1 - strongly disagree	2 - disagree	3 - neutral	4 - agree	5 - strongly agree
My contributions to the community are welcome.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My contributions to the community are of value.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have access to resources to help me make good decisions related to fiber work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



I have access to resources that will enable me to build an economically sustainable fiber-related business.

1 - strongly disagree

2 - disagree

3 - neutral

4 - agree

5 - strongly agree

1 - strongly disagree

2 - disagree

3 - neutral

4 - agree

5 - strongly agree

I have access to resources that enable me to produce fiber goods efficiently.

Access to knowledge is important to me and my fiber-related business.

I have access to knowledge related to fiber production.

I am able to make good decisions related to fiber production.

## Quality of Life

Please rank the following statements from 1 to 5.

1 - strongly disagree

2 - disagree

3 - neutral

4 - agree

5 - strongly agree

I enjoy fiber related production work.

Fiber-related work is

Fiber-related work is fulfilling.

1 - strongly disagree

2 - disagree

3 - neutral

4 - agree

5 - strongly agree

Fiber-related work is stressful.

Fiber-related work is exhausting.

Fiber-related work gives me anxiety.

1 - strongly disagree

2 - disagree

3 - neutral

4 - agree

5 - strongly agree

Fiber-related work gives me joy.

In general, I look forward to my time spent at fiber-related work.

Fiber-related work keeps me from being able to perform other responsibilities.

Fiber-related work keeps me from being able to pursue other 'free-time' activities.

Fiber-related work negatively impacts my quality of life.

## General

What fiber producing animal(s) do you raise (check all that apply)?

- SHEEP
- GOAT
- ALPACA
- RABBIT
- OTHER (please specify)

What parts of fiber-related work do you engage in, or hire another to do, with the intent to sell the product of your labors (check all that apply)?

	I DO THIS	I HIRE OUT	NONE
SHEARING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SORTING (and/or classing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WASHING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPINNING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CARDING/COMBING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DYEING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WEAVING/FELTING/KNITTING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How do you market your products (check all that apply)

- FARMERS MARKET
- FESTIVALS
- ONLINE
- WORD-OF-MOUTH
- LOCAL SHOPS
- FARM SHOP (open regularly)
- FARM SHOP (by appointment or seasonal/special occasion)
- NONE
- OTHER

Please feel free to share any additional quality of life thoughts in regards to your fiber production related work and/or enterprise.

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