

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

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. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fiber production is a hobby for me. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 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"/> |
| I want my fiber-related business to grow financially. | <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 |
| I have an economically sustainable fiber-related business. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 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"/> |

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.

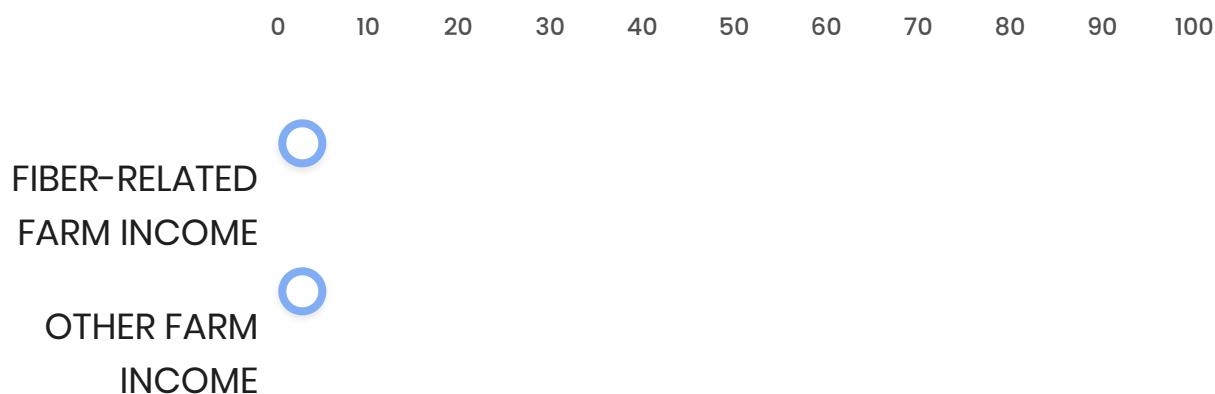
100: contributes to most of the family income).



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

| | 1 - strongly disagree | 2 - disagree | 3 - neutral | 4 - agree | 5 - strongly agree |
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Access to knowledge is important to me and my fiber-related business.

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| <input type="radio"/> |
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I have access to knowledge related to fiber production.

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| <input type="radio"/> |
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I am able to make good decisions related to fiber production.

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| <input type="radio"/> |
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Quality of Life

Please rank the following statements from 1 to 5.

I enjoy fiber related production work.

| | 1 - strongly disagree | 2 - disagree | 3 - neutral | 4 - agree | 5 - strongly agree |
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| | 1 - strongly disagree | 2 - disagree | 3 - neutral | 4 - agree | 5 - strongly agree |
| Fiber-related work is fulfilling. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fiber-related work is stressful. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fiber-related work is exhausting. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fiber-related work gives me anxiety. | <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 |
| Fiber-related work gives me joy. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| In general, I look forward to my time spent at fiber-related work. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fiber-related work keeps me from being able to perform other responsibilities. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fiber-related work keeps me from being able to pursue other 'free-time' activities. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fiber-related work negatively impacts my quality of life. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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 |
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| 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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