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**Describe 3 new livestock production ideas that you have learned about in the workshops series that you will try with your project animals or on your home farm:**

Specific schedule for feeding, watering and grooming

Rotating pastures for grazing-5

Making sure my flock is properly medicated to ensure life of all my animals

Pasture pigs with electric fence for healthier pigs and better tasting meat-5

Sheep wool can be used for crafts

Beef can be harvested for restaurants

Grazing all cattle after weaning

Portable chicken coop-2

Trying to better manage the feed intake of my animals

Pasture animals in brushy areas to clean it up-2

Mixing species in pasture rotations-2

Vegetable gardens and feeding the leftovers to pigs-2

Trying different breeds of cattle

Tell my story of our production practices-3

Network with others-connect with the community-3

Do something unique-a new or different product leads to greater economic benefits

Quality over quantity-a smaller, better managed operation is often more effective than attempting to own a monopoly or overly large operation.

Using social media to sell our farm products

Walk thru feed bunk

Out wintering livestock

Direct marketing my beef

**What are your”take away” points from each of the 4 workshops?**

* **Intro to Sustainable Livestock Production –**

There are many different ways to be sustainable

Community, financial and environment

The three legged stool model-environment, economy and community, to be sustainable you need to hit all three legs-3

We learned about where our food comes from-2

Meaning of sustainability-balanced economy, community and environment

It is important to use techniques in your farming that are economical and good for the environment

* **Sustainable Beef Production –**

Make connections with other individuals involved in the beef industry-6

Any beef breed can be profitable

Beef growing can be economically good for producers selling to the restaurant trade

Filling a niche market can be advantageous to producers

Use social media to promote your product

Specialization is key

Some people have Japanese cattle and they can be red or black

You can make a profit off of grass

The speaker raises beef for his son’s restaurant

* **Sustainable Swine Production –**

You can clear brushy land by rotationally pasturing pigs and make money at the same time-5

Pasture pigs with electric fence-2

Land not used for a while can make awesome pasture

Pastured pigs can have less health issues

Posts on social media can tell your livestock story

Local marketing benefits your business

Pigs are very useful for clearing forage on nontillable land

* **Sustainable Sheep Production –**

You have to be consistent when selling a value added product to keep having repeat customers

Rotational grazing of sheep is a good practice-5

Use manure to improve grass production

Sheep will sometimes eat the weeds before grass-2

Sheep can be raised in smaller spaces

Wool products can be marketed effectively-2

Develop a unique product-2

Customers want a story to go with the product they are buying