**Blueberry Soil Health - Field Day Survey – Aug 23 2016**

**Describe *just one* interesting idea you heard or saw today.**

**How might you use it during the next year.**

**Circle the number that best describes your knowledge level, where**

**1 = no knowledge of the topic to 5 = expert knowledge**

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| **BEFORE Field Day** | **Topic** | **AFTER Field Day** |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | NRCS EQIP Soil health & Cover crops cost-share programs | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Challenges & opportunities cover cropping between plantings | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Soil productivity benefits from cover crops and OM | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Winterkill cover crops | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Cover crop soil-water holding capacity benefits | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Composts & mulches to improve soil and crop productivity | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Managing cover crop species & mixes | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Replanting cover crop selection and benefits | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Disease & pest suppression from using cover crops | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Row middles cover crop selection and benefits | 1 2 3 4 5 |

**How likely are you to use cover crop or soil improvement practices demonstrated today *within the next year*?** Circle a number that best describes your intentions:

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| **Recommended Practice** | **Probably Possibly Probably Definitely Won’t Will Will Will** |
| Cover crops to build soil productivity? |  1 2 3 4 |
| Specific cover crops for disease suppression? |  1 2 3 4 |
| Permanent row middles cover crops? |  1 2 3 4 |
| Composts or mulches amendments? |  1 2 3 4 |
| Cover crops to suppress weeds? |  1 2 3 4 |
| Summer cover crops? |  1 2 3 4  |

**What support would help you use the demonstrated soil quality improvement practices at your farm?**

**Check topics you are interested in hearing more about:**

**☐** Soil health benefits to cover cropping

**☐** Economic cost and benefit budgets for managing cover crops

**☐** Wildlife damage and cover crops

**☐** Cover crops value to wildlife

**☐** Application of mulches and composts

**☐** Suppressing soil borne diseases with soil health

**☐** Specific cover crop mixes, seeding rates, planting dates

**☐** Winterkill cover crop management

**☐** USDA soil health programs

**☐** Other topics, please describe