

Wisconsin Survey – Prairie Strips

We're seeking the input of Wisconsin conservation professionals to help us design an effective Wisconsin prairie strips project. Survey results are anonymous and there are no right or wrong answers.

1. *What is your area of specialization (please circle all that apply):*

Agronomy

Conservation Planning / Nutrient Management Planning

Engineering

Wildlife

Extension / Education

Administration

Other: _____

2. *Do you frequently provide direct conservation assistance to farmers?* Yes / No

3. *Were you previously aware of Iowa State University's prairie STRIPS program?* Yes / No

4. *What do you think are the greatest potential benefits of prairie strips in Wisconsin? (circle up to three)*

a. reduce soil erosion in the field

b. improve water quality leaving the field

c. reduce crop pests

d. provide habitat for wildlife

e. alternative use of strip vegetation (bedding, forage, etc)

f. demonstrate land stewardship

g. other _____

5. *What do you think are the greatest challenges with prairie strips? (circle up to three)*

a. loss of productive crop acres

b. interruption of field operations

c. time and expense in managing the strips

d. spread of weeds to adjacent crops

e. spread of pests to adjacent crops

f. lack of support by landowner / short term leases

g. concerns of neighbors

h. other _____

6. *Please rate the potential for prairie strips to improve water quality AND be practical for farmers:*

1 (Low)

2

3

4

5 (High)

7. *Do you think farmers would rather (circle one)?*

Seed prairie strips themselves

Contract out the seeding

8. *What strategies do you think could help prairie strips become widespread in Wisconsin?*

9. *What agencies, companies or organizations should be involved in promoting prairie strips?*

10. *What questions do you think farmers would most often have about prairie strips?*

11. *What types of outreach do you think farmers would find most useful? (Circle all that apply)*

a. Information in farm magazines

b. Winter workshops

c. Social media: Facebook, twitter etc.

d. How-to information fact sheets and handouts

e. Outdoor field days and demonstrations

f. Farmer to farmer mentoring

g. On-line forum for farmers to share information

h. Other _____

12. *How well has this presentation improved your understanding of prairie strips?*

Not much

Somewhat

Quite a bit

OPTIONAL: If you would you like to receive occasional updates about prairie strips activities in Wisconsin, please provide your contact information:

Name: _____

Email: _____