



# URI Small Acreage Livestock Education Program

## Project Update

October – December 2007

### Accomplishments

#### Outreach Materials

- Developed a color post card containing program logo, incentives, tips and website. Printed 4,000 post cards to distribute at programs and events. A .pdf copy of the post card can viewed on website Accomplishments page.
- Developed and printed a poster display to accompany post cards at events. Display contains photos and Best Management Practices. Printed 4 copies to use at programs and events. A .pdf copy of the poster display can be viewed on the website Accomplishments page.
- Printed 1,000 copies of fact sheet 1, *Livestock on Small Acreages: Protecting Water Resources and Health*, to distribute with post cards and poster display at programs and events. A .pdf of all fact sheets can be viewed on the website Fact Sheets page.

#### Website

- Developed new content pages on composting manure and demonstration sites. Additional new content will continue to be developed.
- Website updates on Events and Accomplishments are on-going. The 2008 MASS Aggie Equine and Livestock Seminar Series has been scheduled and posted on the website Events page.

#### Volunteer Training Program and Outreach

- Established volunteer training program dates and framework. The volunteer training program will begin November 2008.
- Developed a 4-H Program Volunteer Opportunity Flyer. Volunteer outreach is being conducted with various 4-H programs and events.

Heidi Wright discussed the program and distributed the flyer at a 4-H Presentations Workshop attended by 25 youth and 12 adults, 11/30/07. A series of 4-H volunteer workshops on various topics will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning December 2007.

Volunteer outreach will continue to be conducted at these and other livestock related programs and events.

#### National Water Quality Program Conference Poster

- Developed a poster highlighting year one accomplishments for the upcoming National Water Quality Conference to be held February 2008 in Nevada. Alyson McCann will attend the conference with the



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### **Other Related Projects**

- As a member of the Small Farms Team with the National Livestock and Poultry Environmental Learning Center, Holly Burdett provided review and comments for 3 content pages for eXtension. The content pages included the Small Farms Introductory page, Nutrient Planning on Small Farms and Pasture Management on Small Farms.
- The Small Farms Team leader recognized and commended the URI Healthy Landscapes Small Acreage Livestock Website before the national team. Special thanks to Judith Swift for her suggestions on presenting the website in a user-oriented and effective manner.



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