

URI Small Acreage Livestock Education Program Survey - RI 4H Volunteers

Please take a few minutes to let us know how you may have benefited from our URI Cooperative Extension Small Acreage Livestock Education Program. We will use the information you provide us to document and summarize program outcomes. The following survey is optional. You do not have to participate and you can refuse to answer any question. By agreeing to fill out all or part of this survey, you are consenting to participate in this program evaluation. Your participation in this survey will be completely anonymous which means that your responses are private. No one will know that you participated and no one will know what your responses were to this survey.

We appreciate your time and hope that you decide to take our survey. If you have any additional questions, please contact Holly Burdett, URI CE Home*A*Syst Program at (401) 874-2249.

1. I am:

- An adult
- A teen (16-18)
- A teen (13-15)

2. I currently have livestock / horses at home (includes poultry and rabbits): Check all that apply:

- Yes
- No
- Thinking about it
- Keep animals at another property

Additional comments

3. As a result of this program, I have gained knowledge about the following: Check all that apply:

- The common pollution risks associated with livestock and horses.
- How to identify common pollution risks on my or another property (should they exist).
- How to identify practices that can reduce or minimize pollution risks associated with livestock and horses.
- I did not gain any new knowledge.

Additional comments

4. As a result of this program, I have done the following: Check all that apply:

- Viewed the program website.
- Shared program information with other existing / potential animal owners.
- Shared program information with other professionals (veterinarians, farriers, educators, etc.)
- Read at least one of the program fact sheets.
- Used the program worksheet to assess / plan for manure storage.
- Used the program worksheet to assess / plan for livestock yard management.
- Identified at least one new practice that I would like to adopt to improve management and protect water resources.
- Adopted at least one new practice to improve management and protect water resources.
- I did not take any action.

Additional comments

5. If you have adopted a practice(s) as a result of this program, check all that apply:

- Moved a manure pile to a safer location.
- Covered a manure pile with tarp or plastic liner.
- Lined a manure pile with tarp or plastic liner.
- Stored manure within a covered dumpster, wooden bin or other container.
- Installed a manure storage structure (concrete floor, wooden or concrete walls, roof or secure covering).
- Installed a compost system.
- Installed fencing to improve buffer between animals and a water resource.
- Installed fencing to improve rotation of animals through a livestock yard and/or pasture.
- Other (please specify)
- Renovated an existing pasture.
- Installed roof runoff control.
- Installed surface runoff control (berms, water diversions, etc.)
- Improved on-farm manure recycling – soil testing, manure testing, etc.
- Improved off-farm manure recycling – located people and places to take manure.
- Had well water tested.
- I have not adopted any new practices.

6. List any additional comments about practices that you have adopted above.

7. My main reason(s) for adopting a practice(s): Check the response(s) that most apply:

- Be a good neighbor.
- Control odor and flies.
- Improve / maintain property appearance.
- Protect animal health and well-being.
- Other (please specify)
- Protect a drinking water well(s).
- Protect other surrounding water resources (pond, stream, coastal water, groundwater, etc.)
- I did not adopt a new practice.

8. If you are considering the adoption of at least one new practice, what ONE factor is most affecting your ability to do so?

- Cost
- Equipment needed
- Technical information or help needed
- Land needed
- Time needed
- I am not considering the adoption of a new practice.
- Labor needed
- Other (please specify)

9. Please list, briefly, why you were interested in attending our November 2008 or January 2009 volunteer training workshop.

10. Upon completing the training workshop did you volunteer any additional time on educational or outreach activities for this program?

- Yes
- No

11. Please rate how the following factors affected your volunteer experience with this program – please answer this question even if you did not volunteer any additional time on educational and outreach activities.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A) I felt comfortable with my level of knowledge on the subject matter.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B) The subject matter is important and relevant for livestock and horse owners.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C) The subject matter is interesting to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D) I felt comfortable with my ability to conduct education and outreach activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
E) The training workshop and program staff support were adequate in preparing and assisting me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
F) The program materials and tools available to me were adequate.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G) The methods and format for accessing program materials and tools and interacting with program staff were easy and appropriate.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
H) I simply lacked the time to volunteer with this program.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I) I feel that training volunteers is an effective way to conduct education and outreach on this topic.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
J) I would be interested in conducting education and outreach on this topic in the future.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional comments

12. The following are additional benefits that resulted from my participation in the training program: Check all that Apply:

- Improvement in public presentation skills.
- Improvement in organizational skills.
- Joined a new organization or group.
- Participated in at least one other new program, event, course, etc. related to this topic.
- Gained at least one new partnership or connection with an agency, organization or individual (other than Program staff).
- Used Program resources to enhance activities with other organizations or groups (other than 4H) that I am involved with.
- I did not gain any additional benefits.

Other (please specify)

13. List any comments about additional benefits that resulted above.

14. List any additional comments about this program.

Thank you for your time!