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1. **What is your name and the name of the farm?** *(We ask this question to ensure that duplicate surveys are not completed by one farm and that we can match the survey you took before the training started to those you take after; we will not publish this information and your name and farm will not be associated with your responses).*

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of farm: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **In which state(s) is your farm located?**

State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **How interested are you in expanding (if you already sell products to farm to school markets) or beginning sales to schools?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 🞏 | Very interested | 🞏 | Not at all interested |
| 🞏 | Moderately interested | 🞏 | I don’t know |
| 🞏 | Slightly interested |  |  |

1. **How do you rate your overall knowledge about selling your products to schools?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 🞏 | Very high | 🞏 | Low |
| 🞏 | High | 🞏 | Very low |
| 🞏 | Medium |  |  |

1. **How do you rate your level of knowledge about the following topics?**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Very high** | **High** | **Medium** | **Low** | **Very low** |
| Identifying and communicating with schools that are interested in purchasing products directly from farmers | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |
| Developing purchasing relationships with schools  | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |
| Understanding regulations, policies, and practices about procuring local foods (e.g., geographic preference or cooperative purchasing) | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |
| Responding to a solicitation from school foodservice (e.g., Invitation for Bid, Request for Proposals, or informal solicitation) | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |
| Crop planning, based on school menus and schedules | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |
| Food safety and traceability requirements of schools | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |
| The infrastructure/capacity farming operations need to sell to schools  | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |
| Developing long-term relationships with schools | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |
| Understanding points of entry into Child Nutrition Program markets (e.g., National School Lunch program, summer foodservice program, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program) | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |

1. **How confident are you in your ability to effectively market and sell your products to schools?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 🞏 | Very confident | 🞏 | Slightly confident |
| 🞏 | Confident | 🞏 | Not at all confident |

1. **What were the three most useful things you learned from the farm to school training?**
2. **What were the three least useful things that were part of the farm to school training?**
3. **Are there topics, related to farm to school that you still feel you need more training or information?**
4. **How likely are you to recommend this training to other producers you know?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 🞏 | Very likely | 🞏 | Unlikely |
| 🞏 | Likely | 🞏 | Very unlikely |
| 🞏 | Neither likely nor unlikely |  |  |

1. **How likely is it that you will use any of the strategies you learned in the training to either expand or start selling products to schools?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 🞏 | Very likely | 🞏 | Unlikely |
| 🞏 | Likely | 🞏 | Very unlikely |
| 🞏 | Neither likely nor unlikely |  |  |

1. **What changes would you make to the training to improve it for other producers?**
2. **If you have any comments you would like to make, please do so here:**