

FORMAT FOR SARE STATE PROGRAM FUNDING YEAR-END REPORT

Northeast SARE State Program Report, Funding Year November 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008

1. State: Delaware
2. Land-Grant Institution: Delaware State University
3. Report Period: November 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008
4. Project Title: Implementation of Sustainable Agriculture Training to Ag Professionals
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6. Summary

The main thrust of this grant was to provide in-service professional development for experienced personnel from extension, government employees, and farmer organizational leaders. This program trained 229 total people and 84 were extension personnel and agricultural professionals how to educate sustainable practices to small and limited resource farms. The Delaware State University instruction will revolve around farm diversity, including profiting from forestry, livestock and other alternative crops as well as sound sustainable practices. As these 84 trained agricultural professionals disseminate the information across the region to farmers, it should increase profitability for small farmers and landowners in Delaware.

7. Performance Targets

- ❖ A selected group of approximately 51 Ag professionals have been empowered with the knowledge and information they need to reach and serve farmers and 27 will now have the ability to train our local farmers and other rural residents who want to sustain Delaware's agriculture.
- ❖ Eighty four Ag professionals and 79 farmers have gained the knowledge of the subject material that will enable them to effectively address the expressed needs of their small farm constituency.
- ❖ Sixty six other including teachers, college students and volunteers have learned about agriculture in some form and will now have a better understanding of sustainable agriculture.

8. Milestones

DSU extension specialists, agents and educators held nine workshops throughout the year listed in the Beneficiary Form to educate agriculture professionals and to address small farm sustainability issues in Delaware.

Four DSU extension specialists, agents and educators used funds to receive professional development to bring back knowledge to conduct workshops or meetings to assist with sustainable Ag throughout Delaware

The new position of DSU Extension Educator – SARE Program has been posted and we are receiving applicants. We plan on having a person on board by the middle of March.

9. Performance Target Verification

Each workshop had a similar knowledge-gained evaluation survey. These surveys collect information about the value of the workshop and the knowledge gained on specific topics. There is a plan to follow-up with participants to collect information on behavioral changes, additional impacts with farmers and additional feedback to improve our training techniques.

Attachments:

Evaluation Instrument(s)



DSU Extension Pesticide Training



1) Please rate your overall knowledge of Pesticide Application Technology **BEFORE** coming to this session (1 being not very knowledgeable, 5 being very knowledgeable).

1 2 3 4 5

2) Please rate your overall knowledge of Pesticide Application Technology **AFTER** coming to this session (1 being not very knowledgeable, 5 being very knowledgeable).

1 2 3 4 5

3) Are you planning to use the information gained during this workshop to teach farmers information about Pesticide Application Technology?

Yes / No

4) How would you rate this workshop for overall value? (1 being not very valuable, 5 being very valuable).

1 2 3 4 5

5) Please provide your contact information

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Photographs (optional)



This is a picture of a pesticide training course that was given at DSU in September. This demonstration shows the value of protective clothing, using a spreadable material that shows up with a black light comparing a person without protective clothing and one with protective clothing.



This workshop was based on farm diversity and increasing farm profits through alternative markets.



- This was a follow-up workshop given by trained educators to small & beginning farmers on the importance and value of drip irrigation on vegetable crops

Beneficiary Form

BENEFICIARY FORM

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Delaware State University

Institution

Activity	Date	Location (City/ State)	Number of Beneficiaries					
			Extension	USDA	Non-Profit	Industry	Farmers	Other
Small Ruminant Workshop	1/08	Harrington, DE	6	1		1	20	4
Aquaculture Opportunities in Delaware	1/08	Harrington, DE	3	1		1	3	1
Teacher poultry & embryology training	3/08	Dover, DE						14
Teacher poultry & embryology training	3/08	Wilmington, DE						26
Forestry Symposium		Dover, DE	5	1		5	3	10
Niche Market Vegetables	7/08	Smyrna, DE	5	1			4	
Pesticide Training Course for Extension	9/08	Dover, DE	14			1	1	2
AG In-service for DE Cooperative Extension	9/08	Dover, DE	24	1		1		1
Local Niche Opportunities	9/08	Smyrna, DE	8	2		3	48	8
Totals			65	7		12	79	66