

Polk County UW-Extension Agricultural Survey – 2003

❖ *General Questions:*

1. **What is your most preferred way of receiving educational information?** (Circle top three choices)

Newsletters	Newspaper_____	Videotapes (for home use)	Email
Books/publications	Magazines_____	Computer software	1 on 1 consultation
Radio	Group meetings	Internet	Word of mouth

➤ **If you use email, what is your email address?** _____

➤ **Would you like to receive information from the Polk County Extension Office via email?** ___ Yes ___ No

2. **What is your most preferred type of meeting?** (Circle top two choices)

Field day/barn meeting	Local meeting with less than 50 people
Farmer panel/round table discussions	Area/state meeting with greater than 100 people
Demonstration workshops	Interactive farm walks (i.e. pasture or tillage)

➤ **How many miles are you willing to travel for a meeting?** _____

➤ **What month or months do you prefer to have meetings?** _____

3. **Statistics of your farm:**

____Number of milking cows, dry cows, replacements, and heifers	____Number of Swine	____# of people directly involved with operation (owners and employees)
____Number of Beef	____Other livestock_____	
____Number of Sheep	____# of crop acres supporting livestock	
	____# of crop acres for cash sale	

❖ *Educational categories.* **Please rank the following categories in importance to your farm regarding educational needs** (1 is most important and 10 least important):

____Farm financial/business management	____Commercial vegetables/horticulture
____Dairy	____Grains (corn, soybeans, and small grains)
____Non-dairy livestock (beef, swine, sheep and horses)	____Farm product marketing
____Nutrient management	____Land use and environmental issues
____Forages	____Other:_____

❖ *Specific Subjects.* **Please check your top 3 educational priorities for each category below that is important to your operation.** At a minimum, please respond to your top 3 categories from above. The first category from above is below, the rest are on the back side of the survey.

Farm financial/business management (Category 1)

____Farm recordkeeping	____Written business arrangements	____Farm transfers
____Financial management (analysis and budgeting)	____Price risk management (futures, options, etc.)	____Health insurance
____Farm tax management	____Business plan development	____Other:_____

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Dairy (Category 2)

- Heifer raising and facilities
- Milk quality
- Low cost parlors and housing
- Manure storage
- Nutrition and feeding

- Organic production and certification
- Herd management software and recordkeeping
- Ventilation

- Reproduction, genetics and herd health
- Grazing systems
- Employee management
- Other: _____

Livestock (beef, swine, sheep and horses) (Category 3)

- Nutrition
- Reproduction
- Organic production and certification

- Pasture management
- Housing
- Grazing systems

- Other: _____

Nutrient management (Category 4)

- Developing nutrient management plans
- Manure management and application

- Nutrient crediting
- Soil testing
- Commercial fertilizers

- Other: _____

Forages (Category 5)

- Harvesting and storage
- Crop/variety selection
- Management intensive grazing
- Forage testing

- Alternative/emergency forages
- Organic production and certification
- Growing forages

- Weed management
- Insect management
- Other: _____

Commercial vegetables/horticulture (Category 6)

- Disease management/disease management software (PCM)
- Cropping sequences for soil improvement and sustainability

- Irrigation scheduling
- Disease management
- Weed management
- Insect management

- Organic production and certification
- Plant culture
- Other: _____

Grains (corn, soybean or small grains) (Category 7)

- Variety/hybrid selection
- Weed management
- Insect management
- Disease management
- Growing grain crops

- Crop scouting training
- Integrated pest management training
- Alternative cash or protein supplement crops

- No-till/conservation tillage systems
- Organic production and certification
- Other: _____

Farm product marketing (Category 8)

- Price risk management
- Forward contracting for feed grains

- Creating and maintaining new markets e.g. _____
- Using marketing tools

- Value added/direct sales
- Other: _____

Land use and environmental issues (Category 9)

- Farmland preservation techniques
- Non-farm neighbor relations

- Land use planning
- Use assessment and taxation
- Land use and environmental conflicts

- Livestock facility siting
- Other: _____