

# Monroe County UW-Extension Agriculture Survey 2006

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## General Questions:

1. **What are your most preferred ways to receive Agriculture/Agriculture related information?(Circle top three)**

Newsletters  
Books/publications  
Radio  
Newspaper  
Magazines  
Group meetings  
Videotapes (for home use)  
Computer software  
Internet  
Email  
One on One consultation  
Word of mouth

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

Field Day	Panel/Round Table Discussion
Demonstration Workshop	Local Meeting less than 50 people
Area Meeting more than 50 people	Other

3. **How many miles are you willing to travel for a meeting?** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **What month or months do you prefer to have meetings?** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Statistics of your farm:**

\_\_\_\_Number of milking cows, dry cows, replacements, and heifers  
\_\_\_\_Number of Beef  
\_\_\_\_Number of Sheep  
\_\_\_\_Number of Swine  
\_\_\_\_Other livestock \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_# of crop acres supporting livestock  
\_\_\_\_# of crop acres for cash sale  
\_\_\_\_# of people directly involved with operation (owners and employees)

**6. Educational categories. Please rank the following categories in importance to your farm regarding educational needs (1 is most important and 8 least important. (or 1-9 if you write in the “other” category):**

- Farm financial/business management
- Dairy
- Non-dairy livestock (beef, swine, sheep, goats and horses)
- Nutrient management
- Forages
- Grains (corn, soybeans, and small grains)
- Farm product marketing
- Land use and environmental issues
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Specific Subjects. Please (X) your top 3 educational priorities for each category below that are important to your operation. At a minimum, please respond to your top 3 categories from question number six.**

**Farm financial/business management (Category 1)**

- Farm recordkeeping
- Financial management (analysis and budgeting)
- Farm tax management
- Written business arrangements
- Price risk management (futures, options, etc.)
- Business plan development
- Farm transfers
- Health insurance
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Nutrition
- Reproduction
- Organic production and certification
- Pasture management
- Housing
- Grazing systems
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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/variatal selection
- Management intensive grazing
- Forage testing
- Alternative/emergency forages
- Organic production and certification
- Growing forages
- Weed management
- Insect management
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Farm product marketing (Category 7)**

- Price risk management
- Forward contracting for feed grains
- Creating and maintaining new markets e.g. \_\_\_\_\_
- Using marketing tools
- Value added/direct sales
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grains (corn, soybean or small grains) (Category 6)**

- Variety/hybrid selection
- Weed management
- Insect management
- Disease management
- Growing grain crops
- Crop scouting training
- Integrated pest management training
- Alternative cash or protein sup. crops
- No-till/conservation tillage systems
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Land use and environmental issues (Category 8)**

- Farmland preservation techniques
- Non-farm neighbor relations
- Land use planning
- Use assessment and taxation
- Land use and environmental conflicts
- Livestock facility siting
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. What are your business goals for the upcoming year?**

**OPTIONAL:**

If you are interested in being considered to be part of a County Agriculture Focus group to look into these and other ideas further, please include the following information on the lines below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your efforts in completing this survey. If you wish to provide more info, please attach additional sheets as needed. Your input is valued and greatly appreciated. Please return this survey in the postage paid envelope by July 7, 2006.