

# The Future of Agriculture In York County

*Where have we been? Where are we going?*

*We'd appreciate your feedback about the Future of Agriculture in York County. Filling out this feedback form will help Cooperative Extension improve future versions of this program and develop new Extension programs. In the next few pages, we'll ask about your experiences with the program, your views about the program quality, and your suggestions for ways to improve the program. We greatly appreciate all the time and work you've put into the Future of Agriculture in York County, and hope that this survey gives you the chance to let us know what you think. **Thank you for your feedback!***

**1 Think back to when you began the Future of Agriculture in York County. What led you to participate?** *(Please check all boxes that apply).*

- Curious about farming and agriculture in general in York County
- Concern for the preservation of agricultural land
- Concern for the preservation of the natural environment
- Concern for the York County economy
- Commitment to improving the quality of life in York County
- Opportunity to meet new people and network
- Other (please describe)\_\_\_\_\_

**2 Which of the following program activities did you participate in?** *(Please check all that apply).*

- Let's Talk meetings (February 2004)
- Farm visits (March 2004)
- Task Force meetings (December – June 2004)
- Strategic Planning Retreat (June 2004)
- Commencement (September 2004)
- Not sure

**3 Please estimate how many TOTAL hours you gave to the Future of Agriculture program, between November, 2003 and September, 2004**

\_\_\_\_\_ total hours

4 Think about the Future of Ag program overall (task force meetings, Let's Talk sessions, volunteer visitor trainings, the retreat, and commencement). For each aspect of the program listed below, please let us know what you think. (Please circle the phrase which best indicates how much you agree or disagree with each statement.)

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
Program objectives were clearly stated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meetings were organized to help you learn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meetings were organized to help you conduct your projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The program had the right mix of people to accomplish its objectives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The program had an appropriate amount of support from PSU Cooperative Extension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5 How likely are you to participate in any PSU Cooperative Extension program again?

- Very unlikely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Unsure
- Somewhat likely
- Very likely

6 Based on your experiences with the Future of Ag program, would you recommend that other counties conduct a similar program?

- Strongly recommend
- Recommend
- Unsure
- Not recommend
- Strongly advise against

7 Please indicate your level of knowledge of York County agriculture BEFORE and AFTER participation in Future of Ag by filling in the appropriate circle.

**Knowledge of York County agriculture**

Before Future of Ag.....

After Future of Ag.....

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very Low Knowledge  | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Low Knowledge  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low Knowledge       | <input type="checkbox"/> Low Knowledge       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medium Knowledge    | <input type="checkbox"/> Medium Knowledge    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Knowledge      | <input type="checkbox"/> High Knowledge      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very High Knowledge | <input type="checkbox"/> Very High Knowledge |

**8** How likely were you to take part in the following activities related to agriculture in York County BEFORE and AFTER participation in Future of Ag?

Attend meetings about York County policies which affect agriculture (zoning, noise ordinances, bonds, etc.)

Before Future of Ag.....

After Future of Ag.....

- Very Unlikely
- Unlikely
- Somewhat Likely
- Likely
- Very Likely

- Very Unlikely
- Unlikely
- Somewhat Likely
- Likely
- Very Likely

**Write to local and state representatives about policies that affect agriculture**

Before Future of Ag.....

After Future of Ag.....

- Very Unlikely
- Unlikely
- Somewhat Likely
- Likely
- Very Likely

- Very Unlikely
- Unlikely
- Somewhat Likely
- Likely
- Very Likely

**Talk to community groups of which you are a member about York County agriculture**

Before Future of Ag.....

After Future of Ag.....

- Very Unlikely
- Unlikely
- Somewhat Likely
- Likely
- Very Likely

- Very Unlikely
- Unlikely
- Somewhat Likely
- Likely
- Very Likely

**9** Overall, how optimistic are you about the future of farming in York County?

Before Future of Ag.....

After Future of Ag.....

- Very Pessimistic
- Pessimistic
- Neutral
- Optimistic
- Very Optimistic

- Very Pessimistic
- Pessimistic
- Neutral
- Optimistic
- Very Optimistic

**10** To what extent do you think your level of trust has changed as a result of taking part in the Future of Agriculture program?

**Trust in other residents of York County**

Before Future of Ag.....

After Future of Ag.....

- Very low level of trust
- Low level of trust
- Medium level of trust
- High level of trust
- Very high level of trust

- Very low level of trust
- Low level of trust
- Medium level of trust
- High level of trust
- Very high level of trust

**Trust in York County farmers**

Before Future of Ag.....

After Future of Ag.....

- Very low level of trust
- Low level of trust
- Medium level of trust
- High level of trust
- Very high level of trust

- Very low level of trust
- Low level of trust
- Medium level of trust
- High level of trust
- Very high level of trust

**Trust in York County local government officials**

Before Future of Ag.....

After Future of Ag.....

- Very low level of trust
- Low level of trust
- Medium level of trust
- High level of trust
- Very high level of trust

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- Low level of trust
- Medium level of trust
- High level of trust
- Very high level of trust

**11 How, if at all, do you think your involvement in the following groups has changed as a result of your participation in the Future of Ag program?**

	Before Future of Ag.....	After Future of Ag.....
Economic development organizations (Chamber of Commerce)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not involved <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat Involved <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately involved <input type="checkbox"/> Very involved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not involved <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat Involved <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately involved <input type="checkbox"/> Very involved
Farm groups (Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Grange)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not involved <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat Involved <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately involved <input type="checkbox"/> Very involved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not involved <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat Involved <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately involved <input type="checkbox"/> Very involved
Natural resource groups (conservancies, hunting/fishing groups, watershed groups)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not involved <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat Involved <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately involved <input type="checkbox"/> Very involved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not involved <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat Involved <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately involved <input type="checkbox"/> Very involved

**12 Please list three things you particularly liked about the Future of Ag.**

1.

2.

3.

**13 Please list three improvements you would make to the program.**

1.

2.

3.

14 Please tell us about your experiences with farming, outside of Future of Ag.

a. Were you raised on a farm?

- Yes
- No

b. Do you currently live on a farm?

- Yes
- No

c. Do you have family members who are currently farming?

- Yes
- No

Using the space below, please write any additional comments you have about the Future of Agriculture in York County.

***Thank you very much for your time and participation! We appreciate your thoughts on the Future of Agriculture in York County!!***