



Beginning Farmer and Rancher Program Survey

Thank you for your participation in our beginning farmer and rancher trainings, workshops, and technical assistance over the past 3 years offered by CASFS, CAFF, CCOF or EFA. We are now finishing the third and final year in our USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program grant and are eager for your feedback to help us understand our impact and improve our offerings in the future.

Your responses will be kept completely confidential, and will not be reported with names attached. Evaluation/administrative staff at CASFS have the ability to track who completed the survey, so we don't keep sending you requests once you've completed it.

1. Please enter your 4-digit PIN number here.



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2. Are you currently . . .

- Farming or ranching
- Not farming/ranching yet but plan to eventually
- Other

Other (please specify)



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Farming and Ranching Information

3. How many acres are you currently farming or ranching?

4. Which county are you located in?

5. How many years have you been farming?

6. Are you an owner or co-owner of a farming or ranching business?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

7. What year did you start your farm business?



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8. Were you previously farming or ranching but stopped?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure



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9. Please identify the most accurate statement about your farming plans for the next year (2016)

- I plan to start a farm
- I plan to continue farming
- I feel undecided about my farm plans
- I plan to leave farming
- I do not plan to farm
- Other

Other (please specify)

10. In the past 3 years, did you receive any technical assistance from Jim Leap? This includes having questions answered by email, phone calls or site visits.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure



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Technical Assistance & Mentoring Services

11. What types of contact did you have with Jim over the past three years? (select all that apply)

- Email
- Phone calls
- Site visits
- Other

Other (please specify)

12. When, approximately, did you start receiving technical assistance or mentoring services from Jim Leap?

Month (mm)

Year (yyyy)

13. In the PAST YEAR, approximately how many contacts have you had with Jim?

Email

Phone calls

Site visits

Other

14. Have you changed any of your production or business practices as a result of the technical assistance?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

15. If yes, please explain the changes you have made in your practices.

16. Are you considering any other changes to your production or business practices as a result of the technical assistance?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

17. If yes, please explain the changes you are considering.

18. To what extent did the technical assistance impact your . . .

	(7) Great impact	(6)	(5)	(4) Some impact	(3)	(2)	(1) No Impact
Confidence to run a successful farm business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparedness to run a successful farm business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. Did this technical assistance influence your desire to keep farming?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

20. If yes, please explain.



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21. Did you attend any WORKSHOPS or CLASSES with Jim Leap, or hosted by CAFF or CCOF since 2013?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure



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Workshops

22. Please identify the classes you attended in the PAST YEAR.

- Farmers Market - CAFF/PCFMA - 11/18/14 - Morgan Hill
- Alternatives for Blight Control - CCOF - 11/21/14 - Webinar
- SF Wholesale Market Tour - CCOF - 12/10/14 - San Francisco
- Meet the Buyer - CAFF - 1/13/15 - ALBA/Salinas
- Flower Growers Roundtable - Jim Leap/CASFS - 2/11/15 - Pie Ranch
- Marketing Roundtable - CAFF - 3/14/15 - ALBA/Salinas
- Tillage Roundtable - Jim Leap/CASFS - 3/18/15 - Pie Ranch
- Record keeping - CCOF - 3/20/15 - Webinar
- Nuts & Bolts - Jim Leap/CASFS - 4/7/15 - UCSC
- Food Safety/GAPs - CAFF - 4/14/15 - Aromas
- Food Safety/GAPs - CAFF - 5/12/15 - Pie Ranch
- Nitrogen Management - CCOF - 5/12/15 - ALBA/Salinas
- Tillage Tools and Techniques - Jim Leap/CASFS - 5/19/15 - UCSC
- I did not attend any of these classes in the past year

23. Have you changed any of your production or business practices as a result of the workshop(s) or webinar(s)?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

24. If yes, please explain the changes you have made in your practices

25. Did any of these workshops or webinars influence your desire to start or keep farming/ranching?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

26. If yes, please explain.



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27. Did you attend the EcoFarm Conference in 2013, 2014 or 2015?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure



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Ecofarm

28. Which years did you attend?

2013

2014

2015

29. Have you changed any of your production or business practices as a result of the conference?

Yes

No

Unsure

30. If yes, please explain the changes you have made in your practices since the most recent conference.

31. Did the conference influence your desire to keep farming or ranching?

Yes

No

Unsure

32. If yes, please explain.

33. Were you an EcoFarm FELLOW during any of these years?

Yes

No

Unsure



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Overall Impact

34. Considering all the services you've received, to what extent did they impact your

	(7) Great impact	(6)	(5)	(4) Some impact	(3)	(2)	(1) No impact
Confidence to run a successful farm or ranch business	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preparedness to run a successful farm or ranch business	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

35. Is there anything else you'd like to share about how all of these services have helped you?

36. Do you have any other feedback, comments or suggestions you'd like to share with us about these services?

37. What kinds of services are most important for helping you or other beginning farmers to start or continue farming independently?



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Individual Information

38. Did you complete the Apprenticeship Program at the Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems, UCSC?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

39. If yes, which year?

40. Gender

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Decline to state

41. Ethnicity (choose all that apply)

- American Indian or Native American
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Pacific Islander
- White or Cascasian
- Other

Other (please specify)

42. Are you a veteran?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

43. Are you an immigrant?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

44. Age

- Under 25
- 25-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 56-65
- 66+

45. Farming represents about what % of your income?

- 0%-25%
- 26%-50%
- 51%-75%
- 76%-100%
- Not applicable

Thank you so much for completing the survey. We really appreciate it!