Identifying Local Resource Concerns

Which of the following Resource Concern(s) are most important in your county?

Air Related	1
Animal Related	8
Climate Change Related	3
Energy Related	5
Plant Related	10
Soil Related	18
Water Related	17
Other	0

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Air Resource Concerns	Answers
Air Quality	12
Objectionable Odors	3
Emissions of Greenhouse Gases	2
Other	0

Animal Resource Concerns	Answers
Wildlife Control: crop damage from deer	14
Fish and Wildlife Related: habitat loss	11
Animal Waste: manure management	4
Livestock Related: Food, Water, Shelter	5
Other	0

Climate Change Related Resource Concerns	Answers
Water Level Impacts	9
Implementation of Climate Smart Practices	7
Air Temperature Impacts	5
Water Temperature Impacts	2
Storm Events/Drought	16
Other *	1

**Availability of irrigation to sustain crops during dry weather*

Energy Resource Concerns	Answers
Energy Efficiency of Equipment and Facilities	10
Energy Efficiency of Farming/Ranching Practices	11
Renewable Energy Sources	7
Cost	11
Other	0

Plant Resource Concerns	Answers
Plant Health	14
Plant Pest Pressure	11
Invasive Species	10
Plant Productivity	14
Forest Management / Protection	10
Weed Control	15
Other	0

Soil Resource Concerns	Answers
Soil Health	20
Erosion	15
Organic Matter Depletion	10
Soil Compaction	12
Other	0

Water Resource Concerns	Answers
Ponding & Flooding	8
Nutrient/Pesticide Runoff to Surface or Ground Water	12
Pollution of Surface or Ground Water	8
Surface or Ground Water Depletion	11
Inefficient Irrigation	12
Elevated Water Temperatures	3
Runoff Entering/Existing Agricultural Fields	11
Other **	1

***Maintenance of Irrigation Ponds*

Additional Resource Concerns:

Cover Crops help improve all aspects of agricultural conservation. Programs to provide cost share for cover crops should be readily available

Hedgerow Management

Downstream beaver dams causing flooding on farm fields

Deer fencing increases the crop damage to farms without deer fence

Prioritize conservation on farms that are preserved or deed restricted. If the land will be developed in a couple years, the benefit of the conservation installed was minimal.

Conservation needs to be applied to the whole farm - not just a single practice and ignore the rest of the farm

Farms that had erosion and agriculture runoff should have to address those resource concerns when applying for conservation programs

Cutting the "Red Tape" on Conservation Programs - cooperators need to be able to get practices installed quickly & efficiently

Streamlining cost share projects for max efficiency (example: irrigation projects in before growing season)

Impacts of large Commerical/Industrial developments on available water supplies

Identifying Conservation Practices to Address Local Resource Concerns

What sort of program(s) would you be interested in?

Hedgerow Management/Improvement

Drone Application - spray and cover crops

Grid sampling/variable rate lime & fertilizer application

Regenerative Agriculture/Whole farm conservation

On farm irrigation pond maintenance