



Soil Health Equipment Loan Program

Farmer Survey - July 2018

The goal of this survey is to better understand the equipment needs of Suffolk Producers. This program will loan specialized equipment intended for conservation practices. All Information provided in this survey is confidential.

1. How important is building and maintaining soil health on your farm (1 = least important, 10 = most important)?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. Do you think that soil health directly relates to your farm's productivity?

Yes No

3. Have you implemented practices to improve soil health on your farm?

Yes No

4. How interested are you in implementing more practices that will increase soil health on your farm (1 = not interested, 10 = very interested)?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

5. How likely are you to use equipment that is part of a free loan program (1= not likely, 10= very likely)?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

6. Where is your farm located?

Western Suffolk Riverhead North Fork South Fork

7. How many acres to you farm?

Less than 10 11 - 50 50 - 100 100+

8. What practices do you currently utilize that build soil health (circle all that apply)?

Reduced Tillage	Organic amendments – (compost/mulch/manure/biochar)
Cover Crops	Controlled/slow release fertilizers
Crop Rotation	Sub-soil or Drip Irrigation
Other (please describe):	

9. What factors limit your farms adoption of soil health practices (circle all that apply)?

Economics	Not enough time
Labor costs	Lack of Equipment
Technical assistance	Sub-soil or Drip Irrigation
Other (please describe):	

10. What equipment do you have access to? What equipment do you not have access to currently, but would use if available? Please check the appropriate box.

Equipment	Have access	Do not have access	Would use if available
No-till drill			
Zone builder			
No-till Transplanter			
Grain Drill			
Subsoiler (in-row)			
Compost/spreader			
Roller crimper			
Chisel plow			
Seed spreader			
Cultipacker			
Other (please describe):			

11. What are your land use practices (circle all that apply)?

Mixed vegetables	Potatoes
Sweet Corn	Nursery
Orchard	Vineyard
Sod	Greenhouse
Other (please describe):	

Please return completed survey by September 4th, 2018 to:

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