

## Fauquier Agricultural Survey: Spring, 2013

### Highlites:

342 responses received

13% response rate

### Response by Magisterial District:

Marshall:	154	45%
Cedar Run:	82	24%
Scott:	60	18%
Lee:	31	9%
Center:	3	<1%
Unknown:	15	4%

164 farms (48%) of respondents reported Livestock Sales

121 farms reported Cattle sales

43 farms reported horse sales

9 farms reported poultry sales

9 farms reported goat sales

9 farms reported sheep sales

24 farms reported vegetable/fruit sales

49 farms reported grain production

99 farms reported hay production

84 farms (25%) of respondents reported some form of Agritourism

41 farms responding with Agritourism reported Equine activities

A total of 84 farms reported Agritourism activities (25% of total respondents)

#### Need for Processing Facilities:

Approximately 57% of farms reporting Livestock production support additional processing facilities in the County

Approximately 55% of farms with beef production support additional processing facilities in the County

50% of farms reporting vegetable or fruit production support processing facilities in the County

#### Influential Trends:

#1 Concern: Too much residential development sprawling into rural/ag areas – County should continue efforts to protect rural lands

Residential growth brings people who are not familiar with the needs of agriculture and more traffic on rural roads

Consumer demand for locally grown products – including organic

Keep regulations to a minimum -- make permitting easier

Need to restore/upgrade ag infrastructure

Need for more well-managed processing facilities

Positive momentum toward local food—know the farmer

Tax relief for working farms must be maintained

Other Comments:

Tough to market directly to consumers

Continue all possible incentives to maintain rural agricultural character –  
preserve our farmland

Assistance needed for pasture improvements

Traffic on rural roads is a growing challenge for farmers moving  
equipment

No interest in agritourism -- do not bring more people to rural areas

Appropriate agritourism -- make permitting more understandable and  
straightforward

Do not impose more regulations – be sure to analyze impacts of reg's on  
working farms

Marketing assistance/distribution center needed

Have local products in public schools