

Commercial Horticulture

Sample Evaluation

Note to Agents – This is a sample evaluation that you can adapt to meet your county and programs. It is also available on Qualtric to edit, distribute to clients, analysis, and share with specialists electronically.

The items on the evaluation align with KERS program indicators and the sample success story that is available.

The _____ County Extension Service is proud to work with commercial horticulture growers. In order to continue our services, please take a few minutes to complete the following survey.

How did you get Extension information and resources for commercial horticulture during the past 12 months? *Select all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Program, workshop or conference | <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone call, email, or office visit | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm visit | <input type="checkbox"/> UK Veg IPM Hotline (888-483-4476) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field day | <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____ |

What type of Extension diagnostic services did you use during the past 12 months? *Select all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil test | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect/ Pest identification | <input type="checkbox"/> Abiotic disorder disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soilless media testing | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant disease identification | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water testing | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant identification | | |

Did the diagnostics information provided by Extension influence the decisions that you made in treating soil, weeds, invasive species, insects or disease?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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During the past 12 months, did you use the University of Kentucky Ag Weather Center?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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What practices or changes have you made to your commercial horticulture operation as a result of Extension resources over the past 12 months?

Commercial Horticulture	Yes	No
Adopted techniques that extended the growing season		
Diversified crop production		
Conduct foliar tissue testing		
Implemented or improved an irrigation system		
Planned and practiced crop rotation		
Other		

Comment:

Did you implement any of the following Integrated Pest Management Practices during the past 12 months?

Integrated Pest Management	Yes	No
Scouted fields, high tunnels, greenhouses and/or gardens weekly		
Integrated new cultural mgt. tactics or biological control practices with current spray program		
Altered existing spray program based on pest monitoring or to reduce non-target impacts		
Other		

Comment:

Pollinators	Yes	No
Used Extension resources in making decisions or employing best practices related to enhance pollinators and/or their habitats		
Used Extension resources to make decisions or employing best practices related to processing or marketing honey		
Other		

Comments:

During the past 12 months, identify practices that you applied related to chemical use.

Chemical Use	Yes	No
Use personal protection equipment		
Updated spray program to reduce risk of developing resistance		
Tested pesticide application water for pH, alkalinity, or other characteristics		
Selected alternate materials based on REI, PHI, etc.		
Improved or maintained good practices in chemical handling, storage or disposal		
Evaluated weather conditions		
Communicated with neighbors/users of pesticide sensitive areas around their farm, including posting signs		
Other		

Comment

During the past 12 months, how many people did you train in Worker Protection Standards? _____

Have you used or adopted practices to influence water quality as a result of Extension resources during the past 12 months?

Water Quality and Conservation	Yes	No
Implemented one or more best practices for improving soil quality / soil health		
Implemented one or more best practices for soil /water conservation		
Implemented one or more best practices for improving water quality		
Integrated one or more best practices to increase soil organic matter		
Implemented one or more best practices to improve soil structure for water infiltration and retention		
Adopted one or more best practices to increase ground cover for soil protection		
Implement one or more best practices for improving water quality		
Implemented one or more best practices to protect stream banks or stream buffer zones, water quality protection		
Planted native plants in buffer zones		
Developed or updated an Ag Water Quality Plan		
Developed or implemented nutrient management plan		
Adjusted rate, timing, placement and/or source to increase nutrient use efficiency		
Other		

Comment:

If you are selling your food locally, please indicate which trainings or certifications you completed or resources used.

Local Foods	Yes	No
Extension Food Safety (PBPT)		
FSMA-Produce Safety Rule or Third Party GAP Audit		
Obtained value added certification (Home Based Microprocessing, Home Based Processing, Better Processing, Control School, etc.)		
Certified to sell or provide samples at farmers market		
Used Extension resources for marketing, pricing, and/or advertising local foods		
Approved to redeem alternate payments including WIC and/or Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, Double Dollars, etc.		
Increased or maintained sales and/or reduced risk when selling food and food products		
Other		

Comment:

As a result of Extension programs and resources, what business practices have you adopted during the past 12 months?

Farm Management and Economics	Yes	No
Improved or maintained record keeping practices		
Incorporated technology to effectively manage farm operation		

Adopted safety practices or adapted equipment		
Adopted new technologies in agriculture production		
Improved equipment or facilities		
Increased profits, reduced expenses and/or reduced risk		
Other		

Comment:

As a result of Extension programs and resources, have you served as an agriculture leader during the past 12 months?

<i>Ag Extension Leadership</i>	Yes	No
Shared information about agriculture or environmental issues locally		
Advocated for agriculture and/or environmental issues locally		
Shared information about agriculture and/or environmental issues with elected officials		
Advised, assisted or mentored a new or young agriculture producer		
Served as a member/leader of advisory councils, community development committee and/or leadership roles with agriculture organizations		
Other		

Comment:

We welcome your comments or suggestions to meet your future needs.