

Sample Forage 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.

_____ County Extension wants to meet the needs of the forage producer. Please take five minutes to complete this survey about the impact of Extension to your operation over the past 12 months.

How did you access Extension information related to **forage production** during the past 12 months? *Select all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Program or conference | <input type="checkbox"/> Field day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone call, email, or office visit to
County office | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone call or email to Specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm visit | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Which Extension diagnostic services did you use for forage production and/or marketing over the past twelve months? *Select all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil testing | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant disease identification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant or weed identification | <input type="checkbox"/> Hay testing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect or pest identification | |

Did the information from Extension diagnostic services influence the choices you made about soil, plant or weed, pest or disease treatment?

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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 **forage production** practices did you conduct over the past 12 months using Extension resources?

Forage	Yes	No
Made decisions on interceding clover/legume, using cover crops, and/or alternate forage species		
Used recommendations to improve quality of haylage/silage storage		
Developed or implemented a grazing plan		
Used temporary fencing		
Conducted on-farm demonstrations or applied research trials		
Other		

Comment:

Identify the **Integrated Pest Management practices** that you have used during the past 12 months.

Integrated Pest Management	Yes	No
Scout their field(s) weekly		
Integrated new cultural management tactics or biological control with current spray program which may include biological controls		
Altered existing spray program to reduce likelihood of resistance development or non-target impacts		
Other		

Comment:

Have you completed *Kentucky Pesticide Applicator Training* during the past 12 months?

☐ Yes

☐ No

During the past 12 months, how many people have you trained in *Worker Protection Standards*? _____

Identify the **chemical management practices** that you have used during the past 12 months.

Chemical Management	Yes	No
Used 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, pollinator protection, etc.		
Improved or maintained good practices in chemical handling, storage or disposal		
Evaluated weather conditions before applying chemicals		
Communicated with neighbor/users of pesticide sensitive areas around their farm, including posting signs		
Other		

Comment:

Identify practices that you used over the past 12 months to **maintain or improve soil and water quality**.

Water and Soil 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 to increase soil organic matter		
Implemented one or more best practices to improve soil structure for water infiltration and retention		
Implemented one or more best practices to increase ground cover for soil protection		

Implemented one or more best practices for improving water quality		
Developed or updated an Ag Water Quality Plan		
Developed or implemented a nutrient management plan		
Adjusted rate, timing, placement and/or sources to increase nutrient use efficiency		
Other		

Comment:

As a result of Extension programs and resources, have you applied the following **management practices** over the past 12 months?

Farm Management and Economics	Yes	No
Improved or maintained record keeping practices		
Incorporated technology to effectively manage farm operations		
Applied marketing techniques including futures and options to reduce risk levels for crops		
Adapted practices or equipment for safety		
Adopted new technology in agriculture production		
Improved equipment or facilities		
Increased profits, reduced expenses, and/or reduced risk		
Other		

Comment:

During the past 12 months, how have you provided **leadership** for agriculture and environmental issues?

Ag / Extension Leadership Development	Yes	No
Shared information about agriculture and/or environmental issues locally		
Advocated for agriculture and/or environmental issues locally		
Shared information about agriculture and/or environmental issues with elected officials		
Mentored , advised or assisted new and/or young producers in agriculture		
Served as a member or leader of advisory council, community develop committee, and/or leadership role in agriculture organization		
Other		

Comment:

Please share any other information, comments or suggestions related to Extension agriculture.