Small Acreage Program

Outcomes & Impacts

Living on the Land 12 Week Course
2003 - 2018: Graduated 498 (391 households), owning at least 4,101 acres
Longitudinal survey 2003 - 2017
- Graduated 470 people, (371 households) owning at least 3,966 acres
- 73% response rate
  ◊ 45% tested soils
  ◊ 61% of households with septic systems inspected them
  ◊ 55% of households with wells tested them
  ◊ 278 households implemented 726 BMPs on at least 2,388 acres affecting 1,795 non-poultry livestock
  ◊ Graduates shared what they learned with at least 3,518 other people

BMP workshops 2012 – 2017
- 17 workshops
- 280 attendees, 73% response rate
  ◊ 22% installed 168 BMPs (15 BMP types)
  ◊ 66% shared what they learned with at least 1,073 other people

Well & Septic Workshops 2012 – 2017
- 21 workshops
- 568 attendees, 34% response rate
- Installed 310 BMPs (15 BMP types)
  ◊ 61% of respondents inspected septic system
  ◊ 12% tested their well water
  ◊ 30% reduced chemical use going into septic tank
  ◊ 14% installed risers
  ◊ 16% keep animals/vehicles off drain field
- 80% shared what they learned with at least 745 other people

Property Tours 2012 – 2017
- 21 workshops, 218 attendees, 27% response rate
  ◊ 57% (33) of respondents installed 71 BMPs (17 BMP types, most common were gutters, cover/compost manure, and managing muc/sacrifice area)
  ◊ 82% shared what they learned with at least 419 other people