



**New Jersey
Farm*A*Syst
Drinking Water
Protection
Impact Evaluation**

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The New Jersey Farmstead Assessment System is a cooperative project of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

I. General Information

Thank you for participating in the Farm*A*Syst assessment program. As you may recall, the program was designed to assist you in identifying any practices and structures that might affect your drinking water quality.

This survey seeks to gather your opinions regarding the Farm*A*Syst program and how the program affected decisions you made. All information you provide will remain confidential. It will be helpful to refer to the assessment materials as you complete the survey.

1. Approximately when did you complete the assessment? Date_____

2. Overall, how useful was the program in helping you assess practices and structures in relation to water protection? Please circle the appropriate number on the scale below that represents your overall impression of the program.

1	2	3	4	5
Not at all useful		Somewhat useful		Very useful

3. Which of the following assessments did you complete? Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking Water Well Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Storage and Handling | <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Yards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fertilizer Storage and Handling | <input type="checkbox"/> Silage Storage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petroleum Product Storage | <input type="checkbox"/> Milking Center Wastewater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Evaluation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household Wastewater Treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Overall Assessment |

4. Approximately how much time did you spend in completing the worksheets?

5. Did participation in the program increase, decrease, or cause no change in your concern about the effects of farm/home structures and practices on groundwater/surface water quality on your farm/home and in your county as a whole?

On your farm:
 No change
 Increased concern
 Decreased concern

In your county:
 No change
 Increased concern
 Decreased concern

6. Based on your experience and knowledge, what agricultural practice(s) pose the greatest threat to groundwater quality in your county?

7. As you completed the assessment, did you identify any farm structures and/or practices that are potential risks to groundwater on your property?

No

Yes-----In which area? (Check all that apply)

Drinking Water Well Condition

Pesticide Storage and Handling

Fertilizer Storage and Handling

Petroleum Product Storage

Hazardous Waste Management

Household Wastewater Treatment

Livestock Waste

Livestock Yards

Silage Storage

Milking Center Wastewater

Site Evaluation

Overall Assessment

8. Please indicate changes you made or plan to make to reduce high risks, identified in the assessment, the costs of these actions and the amount of time required.

9. What additional assistance might you need to help you modify structures and/or practices to reduce the risk of groundwater and drinking water contamination on your farm?

10. Did you read any or all of the fact sheets included in the packet?

Yes, all of them

Yes, some of them

No -- Go to question 13

11. Rate your knowledge of how farm/home structures and practices impact on groundwater quality. On the scale below, write the letter "B" where you would rate your knowledge BEFORE participating in the program. Then write the letter "N" on the scale where you would rate your knowledge NOW that you have completed the program.

1

2

3

4

5

Low

High

12a. Think back a year ago, before you were introduced to the program. At that time, how concerned were you about the effects of your practices and structures on groundwater? What is your level of concern today?

One year ago

Not at all concerned

Slightly concerned

Moderately concerned

Very concerned

Today

Not at all concerned

Slightly concerned

Moderately concerned

Very concerned

12b. If there is a difference in your level of concern between one year ago and today, to what extent was the change a result of your participation in the program?

Not at all

To a slight extent

To a moderate extent

To a great extent

Completely

13. What did you like most about the Farm*A*Syst program?

14. What did you like least about the Farm*A*Syst program?

15. How can the Farm*A*Syst program be improved? Please list your suggestions/comments below.

16. Would you recommend that your neighbors and friends (other families or rural homeowners) participate in the Musconetcong River Watershed Farm*A*Syst program?

Yes, definitely

No, probably not

Yes, probably

No, definitely not

Thank you for your participation. Please return the evaluation to:

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