



Exploring the Small Farm Dream: Self-Study Evaluation Form

Feedback from self-study users of the Explorer workbook will help us improve future editions. Please complete this evaluation form and return it to us at NESFI. Thank you, in advance, for being part of our effort to support new farms!

1) How useful was the *Explorer* workbook, overall? (Circle the appropriate number.)

Not useful < 1 2 3 4 5 >Very useful

2) Did you complete the workbook alone; with input from family, business partners, or others potentially involved in the business; or in collaboration with a farmer-mentor?

Alone _____

With others _____

If with others, what is their relationship?

3) Did you find it helpful to read the workbook narrative before completing the worksheets in each Section?

Yes _____

No _____

If no, why not?

4) Did you make use of the Resource List during your “exploration”?

Yes _____

No _____

If yes, what resource(s) were particularly helpful?

5) Did you use the *Explorer* website (www.smallfarm.org/explorer)?

Yes _____

No _____

If yes, please comment on its usefulness.

6) Did you seek the assistance of an advisor(s) as you pursued your workbook self-study?

Yes _____

No _____

If yes, who? For what area of expertise?

Was it helpful? Why or why not?

7) Are you *better able* now (than at the start of your “exploration”) to answer the question "Is starting an agricultural business right for me?"

Yes, I am better able now. _____ No, I am not better able now. _____

Why?

8) What was the single most important thing you gained from undertaking this decision-making process?

9) What specific changes would you recommend be made in the *Explorer* workbook? Why?

Other comments:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

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Date

Please return to: **NESFI, P.O. Box 608, Belchertown, MA 01007.**

Thank you!