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LIVING ON THE LAND: PART II

Curriculum Development and Outcomes

The Living on the Land curriculum was developed by a diverse team of educators from eight Western states. More than 1,450 copies of the curriculum, first released in 2001, have been distributed to 40 states and four foreign countries.

The curriculum has received awards of excellence from the American Society of Agronomy, the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA). The Idaho Living on the Land program, developed by a 2001 workshop participant using the curriculum, received the Search for Excellence award from NACAA.

This Western SARE Professional Development Program

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project updates and expands the curriculum to include new information on small-acreage enterprises.

Who Lives On These Properties?

- Families
- Professionals
- Urbanites fleeing the city
- Retirees
- Aging rural residents
- Suburbanites
- Investors
- Environmentalists
- Etc...

Are You Prepared to Reach This Audience?

- Do you understand the audience and its issues?
- Do you know how to develop a program?
- What about funding?
- Do you have the tools

you need?

- What will you evaluate?
- How will you keep the program active in the long run?

Curriculum Includes

- PowerPoint lessons
- Lesson plans
- Web resources
- Handouts
- Worksheets
- Evaluation tools
- Instructor's guide

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(Updated for 2008)

Introduction

Instructor's Guide

Module 1: Setting the Stage

Lesson 1: What Do You Have and What Do You Want? Dreams into Reality

Lesson 2: What Can You Do?



Western SARE, a USDA organization, funds grants for research and education that develop or promote some aspect of agricultural sustainability, which embraces

- *profitable farms and ranches*
- *a healthy environment*
- *strong families and communities.*

The Western Region, one of four SARE regions nationwide, is administered through Utah State University.

Western SARE:
<http://wsare.usu.edu>

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www.sare.org

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Module 2: Your Living Soil

Lesson 1: Getting Down and Dirty With Soil

Lesson 2: Managing Soil to Keep It Productive

Lesson 3: Got Water? (irrigation water management) (new content)

Module 3: All Life Depends On Water

Lesson 1: Water Quality: Making the Connection between You and the Water

Lesson 2: Protecting Household Drinking Water

Lesson 3: Maintaining Your Septic System

Lesson 4: My Place on a Stream

Lesson 5: So You Think You Want a Pond? (new content)

Module 4: Living With Wildfire (new content)

Lesson 1: Understanding and Reducing the Threat

Lesson 2: When Wildfire Occurs

Module 5: Love Your Grass as Much as Your Animals

Lesson 1: How Grass Grows

Lesson 2: What to Do About Weeds

Lesson 3: Establishing or Renovating Plant Cover

Lesson 4: Grazing Management

Module 6: Don't Forget the Animals

Lesson 1: So You Want to Be

an Animal Owner?

Lesson 2: Caring for Your Animals

Lesson 3: Managing Wildlife (new content)

Lesson 4: Avoiding Negative Impacts

Module 7: So, You Want to Make a Buck? (new content)

Lesson 1: Marketing and Economics for Small Acreage Properties

Lesson 2: Production: It's All About Systems

Lesson 3: Can You Make It Work?

Module 8: Tying It All Together (new content)

Lesson 1: Focusing on Stewardship for Long-Term Sustainability

2008 Professional Development Workshops

- July 22-23, Bozeman, Montana
- Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Albuquerque, New Mexico

What will you learn at the workshops?

- You'll become familiar with the content of the curriculum.
- You'll gain competencies in:
 - Implementing small acreage programs, including understanding and targeting your audience, marketing your program, and improving delivery methods
 - Using team teaching methods
 - Identifying learning styles
 - Engaging adult learners
 - Evaluating and assessing your program
- You'll practice the hands-on activities found in the curriculum.
- You'll learn methods for sustaining your program over the long term.

