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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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Instructor's Guide

Module 1: Setting the Stage

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

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SARE's mission is to advance—to the whole of American agriculture—innovations that improve profitability, stewardship, and quality of life by investing in groundbreaking research and education.

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

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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 Stew-

ardship 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.

