2022 National Agroforestry Survey Questionnaire Training

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Presentation Summary

- Brief background on agroforestry
- Brief background on questionnaire development
- ► The Interviewers Manual also contains valuable information and definitions for a few of the terms found in the questionnaire

What is Agroforestry?

- ▶ Agroforestry is the intentional combination of agriculture and forestry to create productive and sustainable land use practices. These practices take advantage of the interactive benefits from growing trees and shrubs together with crops and/or livestock.
- ▶ The five most common agroforestry practices in the U.S. are:
 - Windbreaks/shelterbelts/hedgerows
 - ▶ Silvopasture
 - Riparian forest buffers
 - Alley cropping / intercropping
 - Forest farming / multi-story cropping

Introductory Page

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- One important note on the introductory page is highlighted in yellow. The estimated average time of 50 minutes assumes that a producer will have all 5 agroforestry practices on their operation. Research has shown that <1% of producers with agroforestry have all 5 practices.
- The average time requirement is likely much less. This will be very important to convey to respondents.

Screener

Screener 1. In the past 12 months, did this operation: Raise or sell any livestock (possible examples include cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, equine, poultry, bees, etc.)? Yes 3 No Own and/or operate cropland, pastureland, woodland, rangeland, or other land with agricultural or forestry activities? c. Receive any Federal or state agricultural payments and/or participated in a Federal or state agricultural program? Did you answer **Yes** to any of the guestions above? 1 Yes - Continue 3 No - Go to Section 6, page 22

- ▶ The goal of the Screener is to ensure we are surveying producers.
- Selection (b) may also include respondents with forestry operations. This is ok, since those practicing forest farming may identify more with forestry than agricultural activities.

Section 1: Windbreaks, Shelterbelts and Hedgerows



Field windbreak protecting corn in Nebraska (USDA NAC 2020)



Livestock windbreak protecting bees in North Dakota (USDA NAC 2016)



Field windbreak protecting blueberries in Maine (USDA NAC 2021)



Livestock windbreak protecting cattle in Colorado (USDA NAC 2012)

Windbreak Screener

Section 1 - Windbreaks, Shelterbelts and Hedgerows

Windbreaks, Shelterbelts and Hedgerows are rows of trees and shrubs that are used to create a more favorable environment for soils, crops, livestock, wildlife, and people. In some cases, they are designed to slow wind, while other times they are designed for visual screening, snow management, odor control, shade for livestock/buildings/people, enhancing pollination, field/property borders, etc.

Does this operation have any land in windbreaks, shelterbelts or hedgerows?

1000 1 Yes - Continue

No - Go to Section 2, page 6

There may be a situation where a respondent asks about Vegetated Environmental Buffers. These are a type of livestock windbreak, used to control odors from livestock operations (often poultry and swine). If this term comes up, then they should select Yes and complete Section 1.

1.	. Does this operation utilize any of the following types of windbreak, shelterbelt and/or h	nedgerow? Check all that apply
	Farmstead - for use around buildings (shade, energy savings, etc.)	
	Field - for use in protecting crops (field, orchards, etc.)	
	1003 Livestock - for use in protecting livestock and/or odor control	
	1004 Boundary - primarily used for enclosing or separating fields	
	1005 Living snow fence - specifically designed for snow management	
	1006 Hedgerow - primarily used for natural resource conservation purposes	5
	1007 Other - Specify:	

- ▶ It is very likely that respondents will report having multiple windbreak types.
- ▶ The questionnaire does not specify windbreak condition (partial, full, etc.). A respondent may ask about this. Feel free to say if it is present on your operation, it counts regardless of condition.

2. Were any of the following activities used to establish windbreaks, shelterbelts, and/or hedgerows on this operation?

Establishment Activities	YES	МО	DON'T KNOW
Hand planted tree seedlings	1	3	2
Mechanically planted tree seedlings	1	3	2
Used herbicides for weed control/site preparation prior to planting	1	3	2
Used cultivation for weed control/site preparation prior to planting	1	3	2
Used barrier weed control (mulch, plastic, etc.) to establish trees	1	3	2
Irrigated trees during the 1-3 year establishment period	1	3	2
Controlled weeds after planting trees during the 1-3 year establishment period 1015	1	3	2
Installed fencing and/or tree tubes to protect trees from wildlife/livestock ¹⁰¹⁶	1	3	2
Replanted seedlings to fill gaps	1	3	2
Established windbreak without planting by allowing trees to grow naturally	1	3	2
Other establishment activities - Specify: 1019			

- Do not be surprised if respondents say yes to all or most of these.
- It is also likely that a respondent will say that they used some activities on one or several of their windbreaks and not on others. That is ok. The question is simply asking respondents what activities they used on any of their windbreaks.
- There may also be a situation where respondents select "Don't Know" for many or all these choices. Many windbreaks were established decades ago (in some cases back to the 1930's), so respondents may not know what establishment activities took place or when.

3. Wh	nen were windbreaks, shelterbelts, and/or hedgerows	s established on this operation? Check all that apply
	1029 Less than 5 years ago	1132 15 years or more
	1130 5 years - less than 10 years ago	1133 Don't Know
	1131 10 years - less than 15 years ago	

▶ Because of changes in land ownership and the perennial nature of agroforestry systems, there could be a situation where a respondent selects one or several of the time series choices (i.e., 5 years – less than 10 years ago) and "Don't Know" at the same time. One example of how this may occur is if the respondent purchased the land with existing windbreaks and are unaware of when they were established yet have added new windbreaks to their operation since acquiring the land.

4. Have any of the following activities occurred, or will occur, to manage/maintain the windbreaks, shelterbelts, and/or hedgerows on this operation?

Management/Maintenance Activities		YES	МО	DON'T KNOW
Cultivation for weed control (disking, plowing, mowing, etc.)	1021	1	3	2
Herbicide for weed control	1022	1	3	2
Barrier weed control (mulching/fabric)	1023	1	3	2
Flash or short duration grazing within windbreaks	1024	1	3	2
Pruning of tree branches and stems	1025	1	3	2
Replanting trees/windbreak vegetation	1026	1	3	2
Removal of living or dead trees (thinning)	1027	1	3	2
Irrigation of trees	1028	1	3	2
Fertilization and/or soil amendments for the trees	1029	1	3	2
Root pruning	1030	1	3	2
Fencing or tree tubes to protect trees from wildlife/livestock	1031	1	3	2
Other management activities - Specify: 1032				

One of the choices "Flash or short duration grazing within windbreaks" may cause some respondents to pause, since this practice is strongly discouraged in some states, while not in others.

If a respondent asks about root pruning, that is the practice of cutting lateral roots from windbreak trees and shrubs to reduce competition with adjacent crops.

5.		the crops/products originatin ase specify whether this ope	g from windbreak trees and shru ration has:	bs listed belov	ν,				
	►s	old this before	▶plan to sell this in the future	▶us	e this for	persona	l or on-	farm use	
						Chec	ck all tha	t apply	
		Products and Resources row Trees and Shrubs	from Windbreak, Shelterbelt, a	nd/or	Sold this before	Plan to s			or personal arm use
	a.	Firewood			1033	1034		1035	
	b.	Trees for timber products (In	umber, boards, veneer, utility pol	es, etc.)	1036	1037		1038	
	c.	Trees for non-timber produc	ets (pulp, fence posts, woodchips	, etc.)	1039	1040		1041	
	d.	Forages/hay/fodder for lives	stock		1042	1043		1044	
	e.	Edibles (raspberries, walnut	s, maple syrup, etc.)						
		Specify products: 1045			1046	1047		1048	
	f.	Medicinal plants and herbs	(American ginseng, goldenseal,	etc.)					
		Specify products: 1049			1050	1051		1052	
	g.	Decorative plants and/or ma	aterials for landscaping						
		Specify products: 1053			1054	1055		1056	
	h.	Other crops/products - Spec	cify: ¹⁰⁵⁷		1058	1059		1060	

- This question only asks about whether one of the three specified actions has occurred (i.e., sold, plans to sell, or use for personal on-farm use) and not the frequency of that activity.
 - A respondent may ask a clarifying question related to this. One appropriate response would be to say that if the action has occurred (even once) then check the box(s).
 - Respondents may also ask about what qualifies as personal or on-farm use. This could include using or consuming the product, giving it to a friend, neighbor or family member, etc. This column encompasses all uses of the crop, product or resource from the windbreak, shelterbelt and/or hedgerow without the transfer of money.

Do windbreaks, shelterbelts, and/or hedgerows provide any of the following benefits to this operation?

Number	Conservation Benefits		YES			NO		DON'T KNOW	
1	Improved erosion control	1064	1			3		2	
2	Improved soil health	1065	1			3		2	
3	Habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects	1066	1			3		2	
4	Wildlife habitat	1067	1			3		2	
5	Improved water quality	1068	1			3		2	
6	Improved nutrient management	1069	1			3		2	\Box
7	Chemical drift mitigation (pesticide, herbicide, fertilizer)	1070	1			3		2	
8	Dust mitigation	1071	1			3		2	
9	Increased carbon storage in soils, trees, and vegetation	1072	1			3		2	<u> </u>
	Economic Benefits								
10	Increased crop production/yield	1073	1			3		2	
11	Improved crop quality	1074	1			3		2	<u> </u>
12	Income from windbreak trees/shrubs (firewood, timber, nuts, etc.)	1075	1	$\overline{}$		3		2	╗
13	Crops/products for on-farm or personal use from windbreak trees/shrubs (firewood, timber, nuts, etc.)	1076	1			3		2	
14	Improved welfare of livestock	1077	1			3		2	丁
15	Increased livestock production	1078	1		i	3		2	<u> </u>
16	Snow management	1079	1	$\overline{}$	i	3		2	┑
17	Protection of farm buildings, home, and other structures	1080	1	Г	П	3		2	ī
18	Income diversification from multiple crops/products	1081	1			3		2	<u> </u>
19	Farmstead energy conservation	1082	1		i	3		2	<u> </u>
20	Increased crop water use efficiency and/or irrigation efficiency	1083	1			3		2	<u> </u>
21	Revenue from hunting leases	1084	1		i	3		2	<u> </u>
22	Reduced spread of tree diseases (canker, citrus greening, etc.)	1085	1			3		2	
23	Improvement of marginal or unfarmable land	1086	1			3		2	$\overline{\ \ }$
24	Increased land value	1087	1	$\overline{\Box}$	i	3		2	┭
25	Revenue from conservation payments	1088	1	$\overline{}$	Ħ	3	\top	2	寸
26	Improved resilience to weather extremes (drought, flood, etc.)	1089	1		Ħ	3		2	┪
	Other Benefits								
27	Improved working or living environment from less intense wind	1090	1	$\overline{\Box}$	$\overline{\Box}$	3	П	2	┑
28	Aesthetics/scenic beauty	1091	1	$\overline{}$	i	3		2	╗
29	Privacy/visual screening	1092	1		i	3		2	寸
30	Hunting	1093	1		Ħ	3		2	┪
31	Recreation (other than hunting)	1094	1		i	3		2	┪
32	Odor reduction	1095	1	$\overline{}$	i	3		2	╗
33	Noise reduction	1096	1		П	3	\top	2	Ī
34	Other benefit(s) - Specify: 1097								

Windbreak Section – Q7

- ► The "benefits" question is the longest and possibly most time consuming per section.
- Do not be surprised if a respondent selects Yes for a majority (or all) of the choices.

 Of the windbreak, shelterbelt, and/or hedgerow benefits listed above (1 - 34), which 3 are most important to this operation? Enter the corresponding number from the first column in the table above.

Enter Number								
•	1098	1099	1100					
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- ▶ This type of follow up question is found in all 5 Practice sections of the questionnaire and will likely be the most time consuming and complicated for respondents to answer if they do not have the questionnaire in front of them. I would strongly encourage you to have the respondent have the questionnaire in front of them.
- ▶ Best strategy may be to re-read which benefits they said **Yes** to and have them select the three benefits most important to them.
- I would recommend writing the corresponding numbers on a notepad first, since they may say more than 3 benefits are most important initially and you will have to go back and clarify the top 3.
- Respondents do not need to rank the top 3 benefits (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd).

9. Have any of the following been challenges on this operation when establishing or managing windbreaks, shelterbelts, and/or hedgerows?

Number	Potential Challenges	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
1	Lack of information about establishment 1101	1	3	2
2	Difficulty establishing trees/shrubs	1	3	2
3	High startup costs 1103	1	3	2
4	Lack of information on management and maintenance 1104	1	3	2
5	Difficulty regrowing trees within an established windbreak 1105	1	3	2
6	Expense of maintenance 1106	1	3	2
7	Lack of information on recommended tree/shrub species 1107	1	3	2
8	Lack of knowledge among technical assistance providers 1108	1	3	2
9	Lack of examples or demonstration sites	1	3	2
10	Lack of financial assistance	1	3	2
11	Lack of markets for products from windbreak	1	3	2
12	Loss of cropland	1	3	2
13	Harbors harmful crop pests (wildlife, insects, weeds, etc.)	1	3	2
14	Conflict with farm equipment, practices, or layout 1114	1	3	2
15	Trees and crops compete for space, light, water, and nutrients 1115	1	3	2
16	Livestock damage to trees	1	3	2
17	Wildlife damage to trees	1	3	2
18	Tree/shrub pests and diseases	1	3	2
19	Herbicide damaging trees/shrubs	1	3	2
20	Snow drift issues	1	3	2
21	Adds labor and complexity to management	1	3	2
22	Other challenge(s) - Specify: 1122			

Windbreak Section – Q9

- ► For the "challenge" question, it is particularly important to inquire about whether they have experienced other challenges not mentioned in the question.
- I would recommend asking "are there other challenges you have experienced that were not mentioned in this question"

10. Of the challenges listed above (1 - 22), which 3 are most significant to this operation? Enter the corresponding number from the first column in the table above.

Enter Number							
	1123	1124	1125				

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- ▶ Best strategy may be to re-read which challenges they said **Yes** to and have them select the three challenges most significant to them.
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- Respondents do not need to rank the top 3 challenges (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd)

11. Please estimate the to Include all windbreak	otal land area in windbreak, she types.	elterbelt and/or	hedgerow for this operation	n.
INCLUDE: ►land owned ►rented	Estimate as acres OR leng	gth and width		
▶ leased from other	rs		ACRES	
			1126	
 a. Total acres of wind 	dbreak			
OR	FEET			MILES
b. Average width of v	vindbreaks		I combined length of windb nded to the nearest 1/4 mile	

▶ Do not be surprised if respondents are unsure of the exact acreage and say that they are only providing a best guess. That is ok.

Section 2 - Silvopasture



Cattle in a hardwood silvopasture in New York (Photos by Brett Chedzoy – Angus Glen Farm)



Equine silvopasture (Photo: Adobe Stock)



Sheep resting in a black locust/black walnut silvopasture system at Virginia Tech's Kentland Research Farm
(Photo by John Munsell)

Silvopasture Screener

Section 2 - Silvopasture

Grazing livestock on a site with trees is considered **silvopasture** if all three components of the system (livestock, trees, and forage) are deliberately integrated and managed. Some examples of silvopasture include:

- ▶ woodland, forest, or forest edge that is managed to produce forage, livestock and trees simultaneously
- ► grazing land where trees were added to pasture
- ►orchards where livestock are integrated
- ► grazing natural savannas

Does this operation have any land in silvopasture?

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Yes - Continue

No - Go to Section 3, page 11



Cattle in a hardwood **silvopasture** in New York (Photo by Brett Chedzoy – Angus Glen Farm)



Cattle grazing in a forest with no forage management

Not silvopasture

(Photo: Adobe Stock)

Cattle bunching around a single tree in a pasture in Wyoming

Not silvopasture

(Photo by Matt Smith: USDA NAC 2021)

Establishment Activities	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Converted a pasture or field to silvopasture by planting trees	1	3	2
Converted an existing tree plantation to silvopasture by removing some trees and incorporating livestock and forage	1	3	2
Converted an existing forest, woodlot, or forested edge to silvopasture by removing some trees and incorporating livestock and forage	1	3	2
Converted from a natural savanna to silvopasture by adding livestock	1	3	2
Converted a former field or pasture to silvopasture over time by allowing trees to grow naturally	1	3	2
Converted an orchard to silvopasture by incorporating livestock	1	3	2
Other conversion strategy - Specify: 2008			
Site Preparation and Infrastructure Activities			
Removed stumps (grinding, grubbing, shearing, etc.)	1	3	2
Cleared debris (slash, downed trees, rocks, etc.)	1	3	2
Used cultivation for site preparation (disking, scarification, etc.)	1	3	2
Used herbicides prior to or during establishment	1	3	2
Used livestock to assist with establishment 2013	1	3	2
Used prescribed fire prior to establishment	1	3	2
Used fertilizer and/or soil amendments to assist with establishment	1	3	2
Seeded forages - Specify species: 2018 2017	1	3	2
Allowed natural regeneration of forages 2018	1	3	2
Used fencing and/or tree tubes to protect trees from wildlife/livestock	1	3	2
Installed or improved livestock watering system	1	3	2
Installed fence infrastructure (boundary fencing, cross fencing, etc.)	1	3	2
Other establishment activities - Specify: 2022			

There may be a situation where a respondent says they conducted some of these activities on a portion of their silvopasture system but not on the rest (or they have multiple systems and conducted different establishment activities on each). That is ok. The question is simply asking respondents what activities they used on any of their silvopastures.

 Please check the box for the type of livestock utilizing the silvopasture(s) on this operation. Also, please specify the average stocking rate of those livestock as animals/acre OR animal units/acre.

Type of Livestock (Mark all that apply)	Animals/Acre		AnimalUnits/Acre
²⁰²³ Cattle	2024	OR	2025
²⁰²⁶ Chickens	2027	OR	2028
²⁰²⁹ Sheep	2030	OR	2031
2032 Goats	2033	OR	2034
2035 Hogs and Pigs	2036	OR	2037
2038 Horses	2039	OR	2040
2041 Other - Specify: 2042	2043	OR	2044

- ▶ If a respondent has trouble with this question, simply ask them how many livestock use the silvopasture. Animals/acre can then be calculated afterward by looking at the response from Q1.
- Respondents may say that animals/acre or animal units/acre varies year to year. Remind the respondent that the question is asking about the "average"

٠.	Of	Of the crops/products originating from silvopasture listed below, please specify whether this operation has:								
	Þs	sold this before	▶plan to sell this in the future	•	use th	nis fo	r person	al or or	n-farm u	se
							Chec	k all tha	t apply	
Cro	ops	, Products and Reso	ources from Silvopasture		Sold bef		Plan to		1	for personal -farm use
	a.	Firewood			2045		2046		2047	
	b.	Trees for timber prod	ducts (lumber, boards, veneer, utility poles,	etc.)	2048		2049		2050	
	c.	Trees for non-timber	products (pulp, fence posts, woodchips, e	etc.)	2051		2052		2053	
	d.	Forages/hay/fodder f	for livestock		2054		2055		2056	
	e.	Livestock products (r	milk, meat, stockers, wool, etc.)							
		Specify products: 205	7		2058		2059		2060	
	f.	Edibles (walnuts, ma	aple syrup, apples, etc.)							
		Specify products: ²⁰⁶	1		2062		2063		2064	
	g.	Medicinal plants and	herbs (American ginseng, goldenseal, etc	:.)						
		Specify products: 206	5		2066		2067		2068	
	h.	Materials for landsca	ping and/or decorative plants							
		Specify products: 206	9		2070		2071		2072	
	i.	Other crops/products	s - Specify: ²⁰⁷³		2074		2075		2076	

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5.	When were silvopasture(s) established on this operation? Check all that apply							
	2157 Less than 5 years ago	2159 10 years - less than 15 years ago	2161 Don't Know					
	2158 5 years - less than 10 years ago	2160 15 years or more						

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6. Do the silvopasture(s) provide any of the following benefits to this operation?

Number	Conservation Benefits		YES	NO	D	T'NO	KNC)W
1	Invasive/noxious plant control	2078	1	3		2		
2	Habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects	2079	1	3		2		
3	Wildlife habitat	2080	1	3		2		
4	Improved soil health	2081	1	3		2		
5	Improved soil erosion control	2082	1	3		2		
6	Improved nutrient management	2083	1	3		2		
7	Increased carbon storage in soils, trees and vegetation	2084	1	3		2	\Box	
8	Improved water quality	2085	1	3		2		
	Economic Benefits							
9	Expansion of pasture acreage	2086	1	3		2	\Box	
10	Income from sale of products (meat, eggs, stockers, timber, etc.)	2087	1	3		2	$\overline{1}$	
11	Crops/products for on-farm or personal use	2088	1	3		2	╗	
12	Improved animal welfare and health	2089	1	3		2	$\overline{}$	
13	Increased livestock production	2090	1	3		2	$\overline{\mathbb{I}}$	
14	Improved forage quality	2091	1	3		2		
15	Increased forage availability throughout the year	2092	1	3		2	乛	
16	Increased forage production on a per acre basis	2093	1	3		2	寸	
17	Reduction in feed purchases	2094	1	3		2	寸	
18	Improvement of marginal, unproductive or unfarmable land	2095	1	3		2	╗	
19	Income diversification from multiple crops/products	2096	1	3		2	╗	
20	Increased land value	2097	1	3		2	╗	
21	Revenue from conservation payments	2098	1	3		2	$\overline{\Box}$	
22	Revenue from hunting leases	2099	1	3		2	ī	
23	Timber stand improvement	2100	1	3		2	╗	
24	Increased water use efficiency	2101	1	3		2		
	Other Benefits							
25	Wildfire fuel reduction	2102	1	3		2	乛	
26	Aesthetics/scenic beauty	2103	1	3		2	寸	
27	Hunting	2104	1	3		2	寸	
28	Recreation (other than hunting)	2105	1	3		2	寸	
29	Odor reduction	2106	1	 3		2	寸	
30	Improved resilience to weather extremes (drought, flood, etc.)	2107	1	 3		2	寸	
31	Other benefit(s) - Specify: 2108							

Silvopasture Section – Q6

- ► The "benefits" question is the longest and possibly most time consuming per section.
- Do not be surprised if a respondent selects Yes for a majority (or all) of the choices.

7. Of the silvopasture benefits listed above (1 - 31), which 3 are most important to this operation? Enter the corresponding number from the first column in the table above.

Enter Number							
2109	2110	2111					

- I would strongly encourage you to have the respondent have the questionnaire in front of them when responding to this question.
- Best strategy may be to re-read which benefits they said Yes to and have them select the three benefits most important to them from that selection.
- ▶ I would recommend writing the corresponding numbers on a notepad first, since they may say more than 3 benefits are most important initially and you will have to go back and clarify the top 3.
- Respondents do not need to rank the top 3 benefits (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd).

8. Have any of the following activities occurred, or will occur, to manage/maintain the silvopasture on this operation?

Management/Maintenance Activities		YES	ИО	DON'T KNOW
Cultivation for weed control (mowing, hand pulling, etc.)	2112	1	3	2
Herbicide for weed control	2113	1	3	2
Prescribed fire	2114	1	3	2
Irrigation	2115	1	3	2
Fertilization and/or soil amendments	2116	1	3	2
Replanting trees	2117	1	3	2
Replanting forages	2118	1	3	2
Pruning of tree branches and stems	2119	1	3	2
Removal of trees (thinning)	2120	1	3	2
Removal of undesirable understory vegetation	2121	1	3	2
Fencing or tree tubes to protect trees from wildlife/livestock	2122	1	3	2
Rotational grazing	2123	1	3	2
Utilize pastures without trees as part of grazing management	2124	1	3	2
Provide supplements to livestock (minerals, hay, grain, etc.) when in silvopasture	2125	1	3	2
Other management activities - Specify: ²¹²⁶				

➤ This "management" question is similar to the "establishment" question (Q2), so refer to that for guidance.

9. Please list up to 3 tree species growing in your silvopastures that are the most useful for your desired goals. List trees by species name (example: loblolly pine, red oak, etc.). If unsure of species name, list trees by common name (example: pine, oak, etc.).

2127	Specify species:	
2128	Specify species:	
2129	Specify species:	
		.

- In some cases, a producer may not know tree species or common name. If this occurs, leave blank.
- ▶ For some plantation or orchard systems, a producer may only list 1 tree species.
- The question asks about most "useful" but can also be interpretated as most "important."

10. Have any of the following been challenges on this operation when establishing or managing the silvopasture(s)?

Number	Potential Challenges	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
1	Lack of information about establishment	1	3	2
2	Difficulty establishing trees, crops, or forage	1	3	2
3	High startup costs	1	3	2
4	Lack of information on management and maintenance	1	3	2
5	Difficulty regrowing trees within an established silvopasture	1	3	2
6	Expense of maintenance 2135	1	3	2
7	Lack of information on recommended tree, crop, or livestock species 2136	1	3	2
8	Lack of knowledge among technical assistance providers	1	3	2
9	Lack of examples or demonstration sites	1	3	2
10	Lack of financial assistance	1	3	2
11	Lack of markets for products from silvopasture	1	3	2
12	Adds labor and complexity to management	1	3	2
13	Conflict with farm equipment, practices, or layout	1	3	2
14	Trees, forage and livestock competing for space, light, etc	1	3	2
15	Livestock damage to trees	1	3	2
16	Wildlife damage to trees	1	3	2
17	Tree/shrub pests and diseases	1	3	2
18	Windthrow (trees falling over after thinning)	1	3	2
19	Livestock poisoning from foraging on toxic plants	1	3	2
20	Soil compaction from livestock	1	3	2
21	Other challenge - Specify:			

Silvopasture Section – Q10

- ► For the "challenge" question, it is particularly important to inquire about whether they have experienced other challenges not mentioned in the question.
- I would recommend asking "are there other challenges you have experienced that were not mentioned in this question"

11. Of the challenges listed above (1 - 21), which 3 are most significant to this operation? Enter the corresponding number from the first column in the table above.

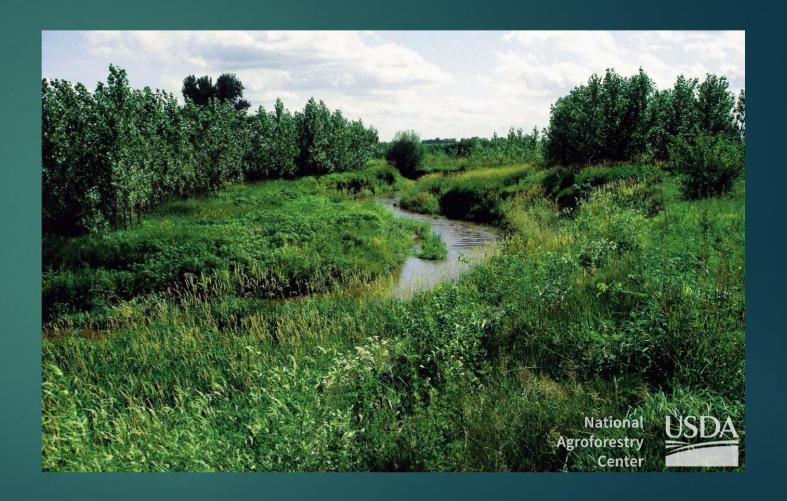
Enter Number								
	2151	2152	2153					
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- ▶ I would strongly encourage you to have the respondent have the questionnaire in front of them when answering this question.
- ▶ Best strategy may be to re-read which challenges they said **Yes** to and have them select the three challenges most significant to them.
- ▶ I would recommend writing the corresponding numbers on a notepad first, since they may say that more than 3 challenges are most significant initially and you will have to go back and clarify the top 3.
- Respondents do not need to rank the top 3 challenges (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd)

12. In the	next five years, will the acreage in silvo Check one	pastu	re for this operation increase, decrease or stay the sam	e?
2154	1 Increase - Specify reason(s):	2155		
	2 Decrease - Specify reason(s):	2156		
	3 Stay the same	_		
	4 Don't Know			

Section 3 – Riparian Forest Buffers





Riparian Forest Buffer Section - Screener

Section 3 - Riparian Forest Buffers

A riparian forest buffer is an area adjacent to a stream, river, lake, or wetland that contains a combination of trees and shrubs and is often used for erosion control, bank stabilization, and nutrient runoff control. They are also called: stream management zones, vegetated buffer strips, woody riparian buffers, and riparian forest corridors.

Does this operation have any land in riparian forest buffers?

3000 ₁ Yes - Continue

No - Go to Section 4, page 15

- Many respondents will have riparian forest buffers that grew naturally adjacent to a waterway on their operation. A respondent may ask if a naturally established buffer counts. Yes it counts and the respondent should select Yes and complete Section 3.
- There may be respondents that say they do no have trees, but only have shrubs in their buffer. If they
 only have shrubs, that is ok, and they should select Yes and complete Section 3.

Riparian Forest Buffer Section – Q1

1.	Please estimate the total land	l area in riparian forest bu	ffer(s) for this operation	n.	
	INCLUDE: Esti ►land owned ►rented ►leased from others	mate as acres OR length	and width	ACRES	
	a. Riparian forest buffer			3001	
	OR	FEET			MILES
	b. Average width of buffers .	3002		length of buffers nearest 1/4 mile	3003

Do not be surprised if respondents are unsure of the exact acreage and say that they are only providing a best guess. That is ok.

Riparian Forest Buffer Section – Q2

2. Were any of the following activities used to establish riparian forest buffers on this operation?

Establishment Activities	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW						
Allowed trees and vegetation to grow naturally	1	3	2						
Planted buffer trees and vegetation	1	3	2						
Used herbicides for weed control/site preparation prior to planting trees 3006	1	3	2						
Used cultivation for weed control/site preparation prior to planting trees 3007	1	3	2						
Used barrier weed control (mulch, plastic, etc.) to establish trees	1	3	2						
Irrigated buffer vegetation during the 1-3 year establishment period	1	3	2						
Controlled weeds after planting trees during the 1-3 year establishment period . 3010	1	3	2						
Installed fencing and/or tree tubes to protect trees/shrubs from wildlife/livestock	1	3	2						
Replanted buffer trees or vegetation to fill gaps	1	3	2						
Other establishment activities - Specify: 3013									

There may be a situation where a respondent says they conducted some of these activities on a portion of a riparian forest buffer but not on the rest (or they have multiple buffers and conducted different establishment activities on each). That is ok. The question is simply asking respondents what activities they used on any of their riparian forest buffers.

3.	. When were riparian forest buffers established on this operation? Check all that apply									
	3114 Less than 5 years ago	3116 10 years - less than 15 years ago	3118 Don't Know							
	3 ₁₁₅ 5 years - less than 10 years ago	3117 15 years or more								

▶ Because of changes in land ownership and the perennial nature of agroforestry systems, there could be a situation where a respondent selects one or several of the time series choices (i.e., 5 years – less than 10 years ago) and "Don't Know" at the same time. One example of when this may occur is if the respondent purchased the land with existing riparian forest buffers and are unaware of when they were established yet have added new buffers to their operation since acquiring the land.

4.		ive years, will the acreage in riparstay the same? Check one	rian forest buffer(s) for this operation increase,
	3015 1	Increase - Specify reason(s):	3016
	2	Decrease - Specify reason(s):	3017
	3	Stay the same	
	4	Don't Know	

5. Have any of the following activities occurred, or will occur, to manage/maintain the riparian forest buffers on this operation?

Management/Maintenance Activities	YES	ИО	DON'T KNOW
Cultivation for weed control (disking, plowing, mowing, etc.)	8 1	3	2
Herbicide for weed control	9 1	3	2
Barrier weed control (mulching/fabric)	0 1	3	2
Flash or short duration grazing within buffer	1 1	3	2
Pruning of tree branches and stems	2 1	3	2
Root pruning	3 1	3	2
Removal of trees/buffer vegetation (thinning)	4 1	3	2
Removal of trees/debris that have fallen into waterways	5 1	3	2
Replanting trees/vegetation	6 1	3	2
Irrigation of trees/shrubs	7 1	3	2
Fertilization and/or soil amendments for the trees/shrubs	8 1	3	2
Fencing or tree tubes to protect trees/shrubs from wildlife/livestock	9 1	3	2
Other management activities - Specify: 3030			

- One of the choices "Flash or short duration grazing within buffer" may cause some respondents to pause, since this practice is strongly discouraged in some states, while not in others.
- If a respondent asks about root pruning, that is the practice of cutting lateral roots from buffer trees and shrubs to reduce competition with adjacent crops.

6.	. Of the crops/products originating from riparian forest buffer trees and shrubs listed below, please specify whether this operation has:									
	►s	old this before	▶plan to sell this in the future	►u	ise thi	is for	person	al or on	-farm us	е
							Che	ck all that	apply	
Cro	ops,	Products and Resources f	rom Buffer Trees and Shrubs		Sold befo		Plan to sell this in the future			for personal -farm use
	a.	Firewood			3031		3032		3033	
	b.	Trees for timber products (lu	mber, boards, veneer, utility poles, etc.)		3034		3035		3036	
	C.	Trees for non-timber product	ts (pulp, fence posts, woodchips, etc.)		3037		3038		3039	
	d.	Forages/hay/fodder for lives	tock		3040		3041		3042	
	e.	Edibles (raspberries, walnut	s, maple syrup, etc.)							
		Specify products: 3043	_	- 1	3044		3045		3046	
	f.	Medicinal plants and herbs (American ginseng, goldenseal, etc.)							
		Specify products: 3047			3048		3049		3050	
	g.	Decorative plants and/or ma								
		Specify products: 3051			3052		3053		3054	
	h.	Other crops/products: Speci	fy: ³⁰⁵⁵		3056		3057		3058	

- This question only asks about whether one of the three specified actions has occurred (i.e., sold, plans to sell, or use for personal onfarm use) and not the frequency of that activity.
 - A respondent may ask a clarifying question related to this. One appropriate response would be to say that if the action has occurred (even once) then check the box(s).
 - Respondents may also ask about what qualifies as personal or onfarm use. This could include using or consuming the product, giving it to a friend, neighbor or family member, etc. This column encompasses all uses of the crop, product or resource from riparian buffers without the transfer of money.

7. Do riparian forest buffers provide any of the following benefits to this operation?

Number	Conservation Benefits	YES			N	Ю	DON'T	KNOW
1	Improved erosion control	1			3		2	
2	Bank stabilization3060	1			3		2	
3	Improved soil health	1		i	3	$\overline{}$	2	
4	Improved water quality	1			3		2	
5	Improved nutrient management	1			3		2	
6	Chemical drift mitigation (pesticide, herbicide, fertilizer) 3064	1			3		2	
7	Shade for aquatic environment	1			3		2	
8	Increased carbon storage in soils, trees, and vegetation	1			3		2	
9	Habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects 3067	1			3		2	
10	Wildlife habitat (both land and water)	1			3		2	
	Economic Benefits						_	
11	Income from buffer trees/shrubs (firewood, timber, edibles, etc.) 3069	1			3		2	
12	Crops/products for on-farm or personal use from buffer trees/shrubs (firewood, timber, nuts, etc.)	1			3		2	
13	Income diversification from multiple crops/products	1			3		2	
14	Improvement of marginal, unproductive or unfarmable land	1			3		2	
15	Crop protection	1		1	3		2	
16	Increased land value	1		i	3		2	
17	Revenue from conservation payments	1			3		2	
18	Revenue from hunting leases	1		i	3		2	
19	Traps debris from being deposited on crop fields during flooding 3077	1		i	3		2	
	Other Benefits							
20	Hunting 3078	1			3		2	
21	Recreation (other than hunting)3079	1			3		2	
22	Improved resilience to weather extremes (drought, flood, etc.)	1			3		2	
23	Scenic beauty and aesthetics	1			3		2	
24	Other benefit(s) - Specify: 3082						'	

Riparian Forest Buffer Section – Q7

- The "benefits" question is the longest and possibly most time consuming per section.
- Do not be surprised if a respondent selects Yes for a majority (or all) of the choices.

8. Of the riparian forest buffer benefits listed above (1 - 24), which 3 are most important to this operation? Enter the corresponding number from the first column in the table above.

	Enter Number	
3083	3084	3085

- ▶ I would strongly encourage you to have the respondent have the questionnaire in front of them when responding to this question.
- ▶ Best strategy may be to re-read which benefits they said **Yes** to and have them select the three benefits most important to them from that selection.
- ▶ I would recommend writing the corresponding numbers on a notepad first, since they may say that more than 3 benefits are most important initially and you will have to go back and clarify the top 3.
- Respondents do not need to rank the top 3 benefits (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd).

Have any of the following been challenges on this operation when establishing or managing the riparian forest buffers?

Number	Potential Challenges	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
1	Lack of information about establishment	1	3	2
2	Difficulty establishing trees/shrubs	1	3	2
3	High startup costs	1	3	2
4	Lack of information on management and maintenance	1	3	2
5	Difficulty regrowing trees within an established buffer	1	3	2
6	Expense of maintenance 3091	1	3	2
7	Lack of information on recommended tree/shrub species	1	3	2
8	Lack of buffer knowledge among technical assistance providers 3093	1	3	2
9	Lack of examples or demonstration sites	1	3	2
10	Lack of financial assistance	1	3	2
11	Lack of markets for products from buffers	1	3	2
12	Loss of cropland	1	3	2
13	Adds labor and complexity to management	1	3	2
14	Conflict with farm equipment, practices, or layout	1	3	2
15	Trees and crops compete for space, light, water, and nutrients 3100	1	3	2
16	Trees falling into waterways	1	3	2
17	Harbors harmful crop pests (wildlife, insects, weeds, etc.)	1	3	2
18	Damage to buffer trees/vegetation from flooding	1	3	2
19	Tree/shrub pests and diseases	1	3	2
20	Herbicide drift damaging trees/shrubs	1	3	2
21	Issues with subsurface drainage tiles	1	3	2
22	Snow drift issues 3107	1	3	2
23	Damage to buffer trees/vegetation from livestock	1	3	2
24	Damage to buffer trees/vegetation from wildlife	1	3	2
25	Other challenge(s) - Specify: 3110			

Riparian Forest Buffer Section – Q9

- ► For the "challenge" question, it is particularly important to inquire about whether they have experienced other challenges not mentioned in the question.
- I would recommend asking "are there other challenges you have experienced that were not mentioned in this question"

10. Of the challenges listed above (1 - 25), which 3 are most significant to this operation? Enter the corresponding number from the first column in the table above.

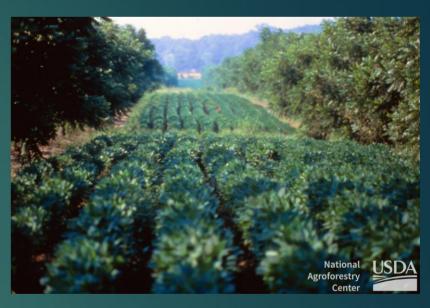
	Enter Number								
	3111	3112	3113						
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- ▶ I would strongly encourage you to have the respondent have the questionnaire in front of them when answering this question.
- Best strategy may be to re-read which challenges they said Yes to and have them select the three challenges most significant to them.
- ▶ I would recommend writing the corresponding numbers on a notepad first, since they may say that more than 3 challenges are most significant initially and you will have to go back and clarify the top 3.
- Respondents do not need to rank the top 3 challenges (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Section 4 – Alley Cropping and Intercropping







Alley Cropping and Intercropping Screener

Section 4 - Alley Cropping and Intercropping with Trees and Crops

Alley cropping is the cultivation of crops or forages between rows of trees/shrubs. Orchards and tree plantations are considered as alley cropping if crops or forages are grown/harvested from between the rows of trees/shrubs. Intercropping is the deliberate cultivation of trees with crops or forages on the same field but does not need to be in defined rows and alleys.

Does this operation have any land in alley cropping and/or intercropping with trees/crops?

4000 ₁ Yes - Continue

No - Go to Section 5, page 19

- ▶ There may be a situation where a respondent says that they grow forages (hay, legumes, etc.) in alleys between the trees. If the forages are removed from the system and then consumed by livestock elsewhere, then they should select Yes and fill out Section 4.
 - ▶ If the forages are consumed by livestock that are grazing within the system, then the respondent should fill out Section 2 (Silvopasture) for this scenario. There may also be a situation where the respondent does both and should then fill out both Section 2 (silvopasture) and Section 4.

1. How many acres of land does this operation have in alley cropping/intercropping? INCLUDE: land owned, rented, and leased from others. Report acreage as the combined total of land 4001 in trees, crops, idle or fallow. . -----

Alley and Intercropping Acres



Important that respondents report acreage as the combined total of land in trees, crops, idle or fallow in the alley cropping/intercropping system (not just the land in tree rows or in crop alleys)

2. Does alley cropping/intercropping provide any of the following benefits to this operation?

Number	Conservation Benefits	YE	S	NO		DON'T KNO	W
1	Habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects	1		3		2	
2	Wildlife habitat4003	1		3		2	
3	Improved soil health	1		3	1	2	
4	Improved soil erosion control	1		3		2	
5	Improved nutrient management	1		3		2	
6	Increased carbon storage in soils, trees, and vegetation	1		3]	2	
7	Chemical drift mitigation (pesticide, herbicide, fertilizer) 4008	1		3		2	
8	Improved water quality	1		3		2	
	Economic Benefits						
9	Income from sale of products (crops, timber, etc.)	1		3		2	
10	Crops/products for on-farm or personal use	1		3]	2	
11	Increased production/yield of crops, forage, and/or tree products			3		2	
12	Improved quality of crops, forage, and/or tree products	1		3		2	
13	Increased crop water use efficiency and/or irrigation efficiency 4014	1		3		2	
14	Increased land value	1		3		2	
15	Revenue from conservation payments	1		3		2	
16	Revenue from hunting leases	1		3]	2	
17	Improved crop protection from insects and pests	1		3]	2	
18	Improvement of marginal, unproductive or unfarmable land	1		3		2	
19	Income diversification from multiple crops/products	1		3		2	
	Other Benefits						
20	Aesthetics/scenic beauty	1		3		2	
21	Hunting	1		3		2	
22	Recreation (other than hunting)	1		3		2	
23	Improved resilience to weather extremes (drought, flood, etc.)	1		3		2	
24	Other benefit(s) - Specify: 4025						

Alley Cropping and Intercropping – Q2

- The "benefits" question is the longest and possibly most time consuming per section.
- Do not be surprised if a respondent selects Yes for a majority (or all) of the choices.

3. Of the alley cropping/intercropping benefits listed above (1 - 24), which 3 are most important to this operation? Enter the corresponding number from the first column in the table above.

		Enter Number	
	4026	4027	4028
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- ▶ I would strongly encourage you to have the respondent have the questionnaire in front of them when responding to this question.
- Best strategy may be to re-read which benefits they said Yes to and have them select the three benefits most important to them from that selection.
- ▶ I would recommend writing the corresponding numbers on a notepad first, since they may say more than 3 benefits are most important initially and you will have to go back and clarify the top 3.
- Respondents do not need to rank the top 3 benefits (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd).

	the next five years, will the acreage in a rease, decrease or stay the same? Ch	-	
4029	1 Increase - Specify reason(s):	4030	
	2 Decrease - Specify reason(s):	4031	
	3 Stay the same	_	
	₄ Don't Know		

	. Of the crops/products originating from alley cropping/intercropping listed below, please specify whether this operation has:								
•	sold this before ► plan to sell this in the future	►u	use this for	personal or on	-farm use				
				Check all that	apply				
Crop	s, Products and Resources from Alley Cropping/intercropping		Sold this before	Plan to sell this in the future	Use this for person or on-farm use	al			
a	Firewood		4032	4033	4034				
b	Trees for timber products (lumber, boards, veneer, utility poles, etc.)	[4035	4036	4037				
C.	Trees for non-timber products (pulp, fence posts, woodchips, etc.)		4038	4039	4040				
d	Forages/hay/fodder for livestock		4041	4042	4043				
e	Edibles/crops (walnuts, apples, pecans, grapes, etc.)								
	Specify products: 4044		4045	4046	4047				
f.	Medicinal plants and herbs (American ginseng, goldenseal, etc.)								
	Specify products: 4048		4049	4050	4051				
g	Decorative plants and/or materials for landscaping								
	Specify products: 4052		4053	4054	4055				
h	Other crops/products - Specify: ⁴⁰⁵⁶		4057	4058	4059				

- This question only asks about whether one of the three specified actions has occurred (i.e., sold, plans to sell, or use for personal on-farm use) and not the frequency of that activity.
 - A respondent may ask a clarifying question related to this. One appropriate response would be to say that if the action has occurred (even once) then check the box(s).
- Respondents may also ask about what qualifies as personal or on-farm use. This could include using or consuming the product, giving it to a friend, neighbor or family member, etc. This column encompasses all uses of the crop, product or resource from the alley cropping / intercropping system without the transfer of money.

6. Please list the 3 most abundant tree and crop species combinations in alley cropping/intercropping system(s) by common name (example: black walnut, pecan, corn, soybean, etc.). If multiple combinations exist, please describe in the rows below.

		TREES and/or SHRUBS	an	d	CROPS and/or FORAGES
Specify species:	4060			4061	
Specify species:	4062			4063	
Specify species:	4064			4065	

▶ This question may be difficult for a respondent to answer if not looking at the survey question. If a respondent is having trouble answering, feel free to ask, "what trees are growing in the alley cropping / intercropping system and what crops are growing in between those trees."

7.	7. When were alley cropping/intercropping systems established on this operation? Check all that apply									
	4118 Less than 5 years ago	4120	10 years - less than 15 years ago	4122 Don't Know						
	4 ₁₁₉ 5 years - less than 10 years ago	4121	15 years or more							

▶ Because of changes in land ownership and the perennial nature of agroforestry systems, there could be a situation where a respondent selects one or several of the time series choices (i.e., 5 years – less than 10 years ago) and "Don't Know" at the same time. An example of when this may occur is if the respondent purchased the land with an existing alley cropping system and is unaware of when it was established yet have added a new alley cropping / intercropping system to their operation since acquiring the land.

8 Were any of the following activities used to establish alley cropping/intercropping on this operation?

Establishment Activities		YES	NO	DON'T KNO
Converted a pasture or field to alley cropping by planting trees	4067	1	3	2
Converted an existing tree plantation to alley cropping by removing some trees and adding crops or forage	4068	1	3	2
Converted an existing forest or woodlot to alley cropping by removing some trees and adding crops or forage	4069	1	3	2
Converted an orchard to alley cropping by adding crops or forage	4070	1	3	2
Other conversion strategy - Specify: 4071				
Site Preparation and Infrastructure Activities				
Used herbicides for weed control/site preparation prior to planting trees	4072	1	3	2
Used cultivation for weed control/site preparation prior to planting trees	4073	1	3	2
Used barrier weed control (mulch, plastic, etc.) to establish trees	4074	1	3	2
Irrigated trees during the 1- 3 year establishment period	4075	1	3	2
Controlled weeds after planting trees during the 1 - 3 year establishment period	4076	1	3	2
Replanted tree seedlings to fill gaps	4077	1	3	2
Used fertilizer and/or soil amendments prior to or during establishment	4078	1	3	2
Installed fencing and/or tree tubes to protect trees from wildlife/livestock	4079	1	3	2
Installed or improved irrigation infrastructure	4080	1	3	2
Other establishment activities - Specify: 4081				

There may be a situation where a respondent says they conducted some of these activities on a portion of their alley cropping / intercropping system but not on the rest (or they have multiple systems and conducted different establishment activities on each). That is ok. The question is simply asking respondents what activities they used on any of their alley cropping / intercropping systems.

9. Have any of the following activities occurred, or will occur, to manage/maintain the alley cropping/intercropping on this operation?

Management/Maintenance Activities		YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Cultivation for weed control (disking, plowing, mowing, etc.)	4082	1	3	2
Herbicide for weed control	4083	1	3	2
Barrier weed control (mulching/fabric)	4084	1	3	2
	4085	1	3	2
	4086	1	3	2
Irrigation	4087	1	3	2
Fertilization and/or soil amendments	4088	1	3	2
Replanting trees	4089	1	3	2
Replanting crops	4090	1	3	2
Pruning of tree branches and stems	4091	1	3	2
Pruning of tree roots to reduce competition with crops	4092	1	3	2
Removal of living or dead trees (thinning)	4093	1	3	2
Fencing or tree tubes to protect trees or crops from wildlife/livestock	4094	1	3	2
Other management activities - Specify: 4095				

This "management" question is similar to the "establishment" question (Q8), so refer to that for guidance.

10. Have any of the following been challenges on this operation when establishing or managing the alley cropping/intercropping systems?

Number	Potential Challenges	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
1	Lack of information about establishment	1	3	2
2	Difficulty establishing trees, crops, or forage	1	3	2
3	High startup costs 4098	1	3	2
4	Lack of information on management and maintenance	1	3	2
5	Difficulty regrowing trees in an established alley cropping system 4100	1	3	2
6	Expense of maintenance 4101	1	3	2
7	Lack of information on recommended tree/crop species combinations 4102	1	3	2
8	Lack of knowledge among technical assistance providers 4103	1	3	2
9	Lack of examples or demonstration sites	1	3	2
10	Lack of financial assistance	1	3	2
11	Lack of markets for products	1	3	2
12	Adds labor and complexity to management	1	3	2
13	Conflict with farm equipment, practices, or layout	1	3	2
14	Trees and crops compete for space, light, water, and nutrients	1	3	2
15	Wildlife damage to trees and crops	1	3	2
16	Tree/shrub pests and diseases	1	3	2
17	Herbicide drift damaging trees/shrubs	1	3	2
18	Issues with snow drifts 4113	1	3	2
19	Other challenge(s) - Specify:			

Alley Cropping and Intercropping – Q10

- ► For the "challenge" question, it is particularly important to inquire about whether they have experienced other challenges not mentioned in the question.
- I would recommend asking "are there other challenges you have experienced that were not mentioned in this question"

11. Of the challenges listed above (1 - 19), which 3 are most significant to this operation? Enter the corresponding number from the first column in the table above.

		Enter Number	
	4115	4116	4117
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- I would strongly encourage you to have the respondent have the questionnaire in front of them when answering this question.
- Best strategy may be to re-read which challenges they said Yes to and have them select the three challenges most significant to them.
- I would recommend writing the corresponding numbers on a notepad first, since they may say that more than 3 challenges are most significant initially and you will have to go back and clarify the top 3.
- Respondents do not need to rank the top 3 challenges (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Section 5 – Forest Farming / Multi-Story Cropping





Forest Farming / Multi-Story Cropping - Screener

Section 5 - Forest Farming / Multi-Story Cropping

Multi-Story Cropping/Forest Farming is the deliberate cultivation of crops under a canopy of trees. The canopy is often modified to provide levels of light that favor growth and enhanced production of the understory crops. Crops may include edibles (fruits, vegetables, nuts, mushrooms, etc.) tapping trees for syrup, nursery or landscaping plants, woodland herbal/medicinal plants, and decorative/floral products. A tree farm or plantation is not considered forest farming unless understory crops are intentionally cultivated underneath the canopy of trees.

Does this operation have any land in forest farming/multi-story cropping?

⁵⁰⁰⁰ ₁ Yes - Continue ₃ No - Go to Section 6, bottom of page 22

▶ Of the five agroforestry practices, forest farming is often the most misunderstood. Do not be surprised if someone with a tree farm or plantation believes their system to be forest farming. However, these other management practices and not agroforestry.

1.	ls t	the forest farming system on this operation managed in any of the following ways?		
	a.	Wild-stewarded: Managing existing wild plant populations in a wooded environment with the goal of sustainable harvest. Involves minimal site preparation or inputs	5001 1 Yes	з По
	b.	Wild-simulated: Deliberately cultivating crops in a natural growing environment. Involves minimal management to expose the soil for planting. Can involve modification of the forest canopy to favor growth	⁵⁰⁰² ₁ Yes	з По
	C.	Woods-grown: Cultivation in rows and/or clusters of a single crop under the forest canopy. May involve tilling, fertilizing, weeding and controlling disease and pests. Often includes clearing vegetation in the understory and thinning the forest overstory	⁵⁰⁰³ ₁ Yes	3 No

Do not be surprised if a respondent is managing multiple forest farming systems and selects Yes for all three choices.

Establishment Activities		YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Cultivation for weed control/site preparation	5005	1	3	2
Used barrier weed control (mulch, plastic, etc.) to establish crops	5006	1	3	2
Used herbicides for weed control/site preparation	5007	1	3	2
Used fertilizer and/or soil amendments prior to or during establishment	5008	1	3	2
Cleared debris (leaf layer, fallen trees, branches, rocks, etc.)	5009	1	3	2
Removed trees (thinning)	5010	1	3	2
Pruned tree branches	5011	1	3	2
Removed competing understory vegetation	5012	1	3	2
Installed irrigation infrastructure	5013	1	3	2
Installed fencing and/or tree tubes to protect trees/shrubs from livestock/wildlife	5014	1	3	2

▶ There may be a situation where a respondent says they conducted some of these activities on a portion of their forest farming system but not on the rest (or they have multiple forest farming systems and conducted different establishment activities on each). That is ok. The question is simply asking respondents what activities they used on any of their forest farming systems.

4.	When were forest farming system(s) establish	shed on this	operation? Check all that apply	
	₅₁₀₉ Less than 5 years ago	5111	10 years - less than 15 years ago	5113 Don't Know
	5 ₁₁₀ 5 years - less than 10 years ago	5112	15 years or more	

▶ Because of changes in land ownership and the perennial nature of agroforestry systems, there could be a situation where a respondent selects one or several of the time series choices (i.e., 5 years – less than 10 years ago) and Don't Know at the same time. One example of when this may occur is if the respondent purchased the land with an existing forest farming system and is unaware of when it was established yet has added a new forest farming system to their operation since acquiring the land.

5. Have any of the following activities occurred, or will occur, to manage/maintain the forest farming system on this operation?

Management Activities		YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Cultivation for weed control (pulling, disking, plowing, etc.)	5017	1	3	2
Herbicides for weed control	5018	1	3	2
Barrier weed control (mulching/fabric)	5019	1	3	2
	5020	1	3	2
Prescribed fire	5021	1	3	2
Irrigation	5022	1	3	2
	5023	1	3	2
Replanting trees	5024	1	3	2
Replanting understory crops	5025	1	3	2
	5026	1	3	2
Pruning of understory branches and stems	5027	1	3	2
Removal of living or dead trees (thinning)	5028	1	3	2
Removal/clearing of understory vegetation, rocks, and forest debris	5029	1	3	2
Fencing or tree tubes to protect trees/crops from wildlife/livestock	5030	1	3	2
Other management activities- Specify: 5031				

This "management" question is similar to the "establishment" question (Q3), so refer to that for guidance.

6.	Of	the crops/products originatin	g from forest farming syst	ems listed belo	w, plea	ase sp	ecify	whethe	er this o	operatio	n has:
	►s	old this before	▶plan to sell this in the	future	►us	e this	for pe	rsonal	or on-f	arm use	;
								Check	all that	apply	
Cro	rops, Products and Resources from Forest Farming						this ore	Plan to sell this in the future		persor	this for nal or on- m use
	a.	Firewood				5032		5033		5034	
	b.	Trees for timber products (le	umber, boards, veneer, ut	ility poles, etc.)		5035		5036		5037	
	C.	Trees for non-timber produc	cts (pulp, fence posts, woo	odchips, etc.)		5038		5039		5040	
	d.	Edibles (shiitake mushroom	s, maple syrup, ramps, et	cc.)							
		Specify products: 5041				5042		5043		5044	
	e.	Medicinal plants and herbs	(American ginseng, golde	nseal, etc.)							
		Specify products: 5045				5046		5047		5048	
	f.	Decorative plants and/or ma	aterials for landscaping								
		Specify products: 5049				5050		5051		5052	
	g.	Other crops/products - Spe	cify: ⁵⁰⁵³			5054		5055		5056	

- This question only asks about whether one of the three specified actions has occurred (i.e., sold, plans to sell, or use for personal on-farm use) and not the frequency of that activity.
 - A respondent may ask a clarifying question related to this. One appropriate response would be to say that if the action has occurred (even once) then check the box(s).
- Respondents may also ask about what qualifies as personal or onfarm use. This could include using or consuming the product, giving it to a friend, neighbor or family member, etc. This column encompasses all uses of the crop, product or resource from the forest farming system without the transfer of money.

7. Does forest farming provide any of the following benefits to this operation?

Number	Conservation Benefits	١	'ES	NO		DON'T KNOW
1	Habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects 5057	1		3		2
2	Wildlife habitat 5058	1		3		2
3	Improved soil health 5059	1		3]	2
4	Improved soil erosion control 5060	1		3	<u> </u>	2
5	Improved water quality 5061	1		3]	2
6	Improved nutrient management	1		3]	2
7	Increased carbon storage in soils, trees, and vegetation	1		3		2
8	Invasive weed control 5064	1		3		2
	Economic Benefits					
9	Income from sale of products (edibles, timber, etc.) 5065	1		3		2
10	Crops/products for on-farm or personal use	1		3		2
11	Increased crop production/yield	1		3		2
12	Improved crop quality 5068	1		3		2
13	Income diversification from multiple crops/products	1		3	$\overline{1}$	2
14	Improvement of marginal unproductive or unfarmable land 5070	1		3		2
15	Increased water-use efficiency 5071	1		3		2
16	Increased land value 5072	1		3		2
17	Revenue from conservation payments	1		3		2
18	Revenue from hunting leases	1		3		2
19	Timber stand improvement	1		3		2
	Other Benefits					
20	Cultural/family tradition 5076	1		3		2
21	Hunting 5077	1		3		2
22	Recreation (other than hunting)	1		3		2
23	Improved resilience to weather extremes (drought, flood, etc.) 5079	1		3		2
24	Aesthetics/scenic beauty	1		3		2
25	Other benefit(s) - Specify: 5081					

Forest Farming / Multi-Story Cropping – Q7

- ► The "benefits" question is the longest and possibly most time consuming per section.
- Do not be surprised if a respondent selects Yes for a majority (or all) of the choices.

8. Of the forest farming benefits listed above (1 - 25), which 3 are most important to this operation? Enter the corresponding number from the first column in the table above.

Enter Number									
5082	5083	5084							

- I would strongly encourage you to have the respondent have the questionnaire in front of them when responding to this question.
- Best strategy may be to re-read which benefits they said Yes to and have them select the three benefits most important to them from that selection.
- ▶ I would recommend writing the corresponding numbers on a notepad first, since they may say more than 3 benefits are most important initially and you will have to go back and clarify the top 3.
- Respondents do not need to rank the top 3 benefits (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd).

In the next five years, will the acreage in forest farming or multi-story cropping for this operation increase, decrease or stay the same? Check one								
5085	1 Increase - Specify reason(s):	5086						
	² Decrease - Specify reason(s):	5087						
	₃ Stay the same							
	4 Don't Know							

10. Have any of the following been challenges on this operation when establishing or managing the forest farming system?

Number	Potential Challenges	Yes	No	Don't Know
1	Lack of information about establishment 5088	1	3	2
2	Difficulty establishing crops 5089	1	3	2
3	High startup costs 5090	1	3	2
4	Lack of information on management and maintenance 5091	1	3	2
5	Difficulty regrowing trees within an established forest farming system . 5092	1	3	2
6	Expense of maintenance	1	3	2
7	Lack of information on recommended crop species	1	3	2
8	Lack of knowledge among technical assistance providers 5095	1	3	2
9	Lack of examples or demonstration sites 5096	1	3	2
10	Lack of financial assistance 5097	1	3	2
11	Lack of markets for products	1	3	2
12	Adds labor and complexity to management	1	3	2
13	Conflict with farm equipment, practices, or layout	1	3	2
14	Trees and crops compete for space, light, water, and nutrients ⁵¹⁰¹	1	3	2
15	Wildlife damage to trees and/or understory crops	1	3	2
16	Tree/shrub pests and diseases	1	3	2
17	Theft of forest farming crops 5104	1	3	2
18	Other challenge(s) - Specify: 5105			

Forest Farming / Multi-Story Cropping – Q10

- For the "challenge" question, it is particularly important to inquire about whether they have experienced other challenges not mentioned in the question.
- ▶ I would recommend asking "are there other challenges you have experienced that were not mentioned in this question"

11. Of the challenges listed above (1 - 18), which 3 are most significant to this operation? Enter the corresponding number from the first column in the table above.

Enter Number								
5106	5107	5108						

- I would strongly encourage you to have the respondent have the questionnaire in front of them when answering this question.
- Best strategy may be to re-read which challenges they said Yes to and have them select the three challenges most significant to them.
- ▶ I would recommend writing the corresponding numbers on a notepad first, since they may say that more than 3 challenges are most significant initially and you will have to go back and clarify the top 3.
- ▶ Respondents do not need to rank the top 3 challenges (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Section 6: General Knowledge



General Knowledge Section - Screener

Did you fill out at least one of the previous agroforestry sections in this survey (i.e. for windbreaks, silvopasture, riparian forest buffers, alley cropping and/or forest farming)? 6000 Yes - I filled out at least one section - Go to item 1, page 23 No - this operation **never** practiced agroforestry - Go to Section 7, back page 6002 No - this operation **stopped** using agroforestry since filling out the 2017 Census of Agriculture. Specify which agroforestry practice was stopped and why: 6003 Go to Section 7, back page 6004 No - this operation uses other forms of agroforestry not specified in this survey. Briefly describe the system: 6005

Go to Section 7, back page

1. Do you use any of the following resources when gathering information about agroforestry?

Number	Information Source		YES	NO
1	Neighboring farmers, non-neighbor farmers or farmer groups	6006	1	3
2	Neighboring farmers, non-neighbor farmers or farmer groups Conservation district staff Private forester Agricultural or conservation consultant from a for-profit business Non-profit organization University Cooperative Extension State agricultural, environment or forestry staff Federal agricultural, environment or forestry staff Internet		1	3
3	Neighboring farmers, non-neighbor farmers or farmer groups Conservation district staff Private forester Agricultural or conservation consultant from a for-profit business Non-profit organization University Cooperative Extension State agricultural, environment or forestry staff Federal agricultural, environment or forestry staff Internet		1	3
4	Agricultural or conservation consultant from a for-profit business	6009	1	3
5	Non-profit organization	6010	1	3
6	University Cooperative Extension	6011	1	3
7	State agricultural, environment or forestry staff	6012	1	3
8	Federal agricultural, environment or forestry staff	6013	1	3
9	Internet		1	3
10	Social media	6015	1	3
11	Email/E-newsletter	6016	1	3
12	Farming/conservation magazines		1	3
13	Books, print newsletters, brochures	6018	1	3
14	Peer reviewed scientific journals	6019	1	3
15	Have someone visit this operation	6020	1	3
16	Visit a different operation (field tour, demonstration site, etc.)	6021	1	3
17	Attendance at a conference or workshop	6022	1	3
18	Other information source - Specify: 6023			

Of the information sources listed above (1 - 18), which 3 are most useful to this operation? Enter the corresponding number from the first column in the table above.

Enter Number								
6024	6025	6026						

- ▶ I would strongly encourage you to have the respondent have the questionnaire in front of them when responding to this question.
- Best strategy may be to re-read which information sources they said Yes to and have them select the three sources most important to them from that selection.
- I would recommend writing the corresponding numbers on a notepad first, since they may say more than 3 information sources are most useful initially and you will have to go back and clarify the top 3.

Has this operation used any of the following fu	nding sources to establish, manage and/or support agroforestry practice
a. Self-funded with own money?	1 Yes 3 No
b. Loans from banks or credit unions?	6028 ₁ Yes ₃ No
c. Loans from private investors?	6029 ₁ Yes ₃ No
d. Federal funding (grants, loans, cost share,	etc.)?
6030 1 Yes - Please specify program:	6031
3 No	
e. State funding (grants, loans, cost share, et	c.)?
⁶⁰³² ₁ Yes - Please specify program:	6033
3 No	
f. Funding from a non-governmental organiza	ation?
6034 ₁ Yes - Please specify: 6035	
3 No	
g. Other - Please specify:	

For some of the "specify" questions, a respondent may provide an acronym for a funding program. Please encourage them to define the acronym.

4. If this operation **sells products** originating from any of its agroforestry systems, please indicate where they have been sold. Only check boxes in column(s) corresponding to the agroforestry practice(s) this operation utilizes.

Places where agroforestry crops/products have been or will be sold	Products from Windbreak	Products from Silvopasture	Products from Riparian Forest Buffer	Products from Alley/ Intercropping	Products from Forest Farming
a. Food distributor, broker, or processor	6037	6038	6039	6040	6041
b. Grain elevator	6042	6043	6044	6045	6046
c. Ethanol or biodiesel facility	6047	6048	6049	6050	6051
d. Restaurants, grocery stores, or institutions like schools and hospitals	6052	6053	6054	6055	6056
e. Food cooperative	6057	6058	6059	6060	6061
f. Animal stockyards	6062	6063	6064	6065	6066
g. Other farmers	6067	6068	6069	6070	6071
h. Farmers' market	6072	6073	6074	6075	6076
i. U-pick	6077	6078	6079	6080	6081
j. Farm stand or store	6082	6083	6084	6085	6086
k. Community Supported Agriculture	6087	6088	6089	6090	6091
Loggers purchasing standing trees (stumpage)	6092	6093	6094	6095	6096
m. Wood products direct-to-mill, wood manufacturer, timber supplier, etc.	6097	6098	6099	6100	6101
n. Other: Please Specify: 6102	6103	6104	6105	6106	6107

If a producer has multiple agroforestry practices, I would ask them the question first then focus on one agroforestry practice at a time to reduce any confusion.

Section 7 - Conclusion

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