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Name _____

Organization (circle one)

Extension NRCS Not-For-Profit
Farmer/Educator Other _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone _____

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Please describe on another sheet of paper why you want to participate in this program.

Select a location for the program you wish to participate in, NY or NH. Attach the sheet to this form and mail to either Phil Metzger for the NY program or Seth Wilner for the NH program.

Phil Metzger C/O

Central NY RC&D

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Norwich, NY 13815

Or

Seth Wilner

Sullivan County Cooperative Extension

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HOLISTIC WHOLE FARM PLANNING:

FARMING FOR THE FUTURE

TODAY



 UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

HOLISTIC WHOLE FARM PLANNING

Why you? And why *Holistic Management* for Whole Farm Planning?

This is a **unique opportunity** to expand your skills and expertise in a topic much needed by your farmer clientele.

Whole farm planning is essential for many farmers looking to expand, diversify, transfer assets to the next generation, and improve environmental conditions and farm profitability.

Unique to this whole farm planning process is a land monitoring component that will allow participants to methodically collect data on the environmental process occurring on a farm. Yearly data will help farmers track the impact of their actions on the farm's ecosystem.

In 2001, eighteen farmer educators throughout the Northeast participated in a similar training. Many participants reported that they and their clients were helped tremendously.

As a result, six of us formed a team and wrote a grant to offer this training again. Our team consisted of farmers, NRCS, and Extension staff so that we could shape this training specifically to meet your needs as farmer educators.

We invite **anyone who works directly with farmers** to enroll in this educational opportunity.

Holistic Management is a specific set of processes. Through these processes, farmers and the agency staff they work with have reported improved on-farm decision making, increased farm efficiency, improved communication skills, increased profitability, and enhanced environmental conditions on farms.

This training will involve **three intensive sessions**. Each session will last **3-4 days**. The first session will be held in **April/May, 2008**, the second session in **September/October, 2008** and the third session will be held in **February/March, 2009**. The sessions will focus on:

- farm/family goal setting,
- farm resource delineation,
- on-farm decision making,
- farm financial planning and analysis,
- reading the land/environmental monitoring,
- grazing planning

All expenses for the training will be paid through a Northeast SARE Professional Development Grant. Covered expenses include travel, room and board, and supplies and materials. Additionally, a program mentor will assist participants through the use of a list serve, interactive web site and other distance education methods.

Farmers will receive an additional \$300 per session as a stipend for their time and to help defray costs while they are away from the farm.

Participants will be **required to attend all three sessions** and work with at least **two farms** between sessions to implement the knowledge and skills gained during their training. Farmer participants may use their farm as one of the two required.

Two concurrent training sessions will be offered. One set of sessions will be held in central NY and the other will be held in central New Hampshire. **Twelve participants will be accepted for each training site** (NY and NH). The training is targeted at educators across the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions.

For more information about the New York sessions call **Phil Metzger** at (607) 334-3231, Ext. 4 (Central NY RC&D). For information about the New Hampshire sessions, call **Seth Wilner** at (603) 863-9200 (UNH Cooperative Extension).

