Getting a Handle on the Barriers to Financing Sustainable Agriculture: The Gaps Between Farmers & Lenders in Minnesota and Wisconsin

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Audience: sustainable farmers (or those interested in getting into sustainable ag), lenders, policy makers

To investigate the challenges of the farmer-lender relationship / farmers' entrepreneuring efforts (to expand on anecdotal knowledge by surveying both sides)

Surveys sent to 1600 ag educators, lenders, & sustainable farmers (all represented in the survey administration team). "Sustainable" farmers targeted because of membership in sust ag organization(s).