Post Nutrient Management Assessment

Your Name: __________________________________     Today’s Date:___________________

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, please indicate how helpful it was to you to complete the NRCS Nutrient Management Budget Worksheets.

   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

2. How will you apply nutrients in future years? Please check all that apply.
   ____ Pre-plant incorporated
   ____ Fertigate (apply through irrigation system)
   ____ Side-dress in-season
   ____ Other, please describe: ____________________________________________________________

3. If you fertigate, at what point in an irrigation set do you plan to inject fertilizer to the lines? Please check all that apply.
   ____ When it is most convenient for me or my irrigation manager.
   ____ When I begin the irrigation event.
   ____ Midway through my irrigation event.
   ____ In the last hours of my irrigation event.

4. I will complete a nutrient budget for my operation to plan nutrient applications. If yes, please check all of the below that are true.

   I will calculate how many lbs/A of each nutrient I apply with each of the following:
   ____ synthetic fertilizers
   ____ compost (or other soil amendments including organic material)
   ____ irrigation water
   ____ cover crops
   ____ crop residues
   ____ other (please specify: ___________________________________________________________

5. Please check all the are true:
   ____ I plan to do a soil test at the start of each growing season
   ____ I plan to do a soil test at the end of each growing season
   ____ I plan to regularly monitor soil nutrient status throughout the growing season
   ____ I plan to regularly monitor plant nutrient status throughout the growing season
   ____ I plan to complete a nitrate analysis for my irrigation water
   ____ I know where to find crop specific information to guide my nutrient management
   ____ I plan to use crop specific information to guide my nutrient management

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6. What information guides your nutrient management decisions? Please check all that apply and add any comments you would like to explain further.

____ Use knowledge based on past crop performance and yield.
____ Use University of CA guidance documents
____ Use other guidance documents, please describe if possible: ________________________________
____ Hire a crop advisor to guide nutrient management decisions
____ Based on in-season soil test results
____ Look at pre-plant soil test results
____ Look at in-season soil test results (e.g. Soil Nitrate Quick Test)
____ Look at plant nutrient deficiency symptoms
____ Based on crop plant tissue samples taken from previous crops
____ Based on crop plant tissue samples taken in-season from the current crop

COMMENTS:

7. What knowledge or tools have helped you improve your nutrient management practices? Please check all that apply.

____ Knowing how to collect a soil sample.
____ Knowing how to read a soil test result.
____ Working with knowledgeable crop advisors to guide my nutrient management decisions.
____ Working with conservation professionals to guide my understanding of nutrient management.
____ Attending workshops (Please indicate who presented workshops _____________________________)
____ Testing my soil nutrient status in-season
____ Doing crop tissue testing to guide fertilizer application
____ Understanding crop demand changes during growing season
____ Understanding nutrient sources and nutrient release patterns from these sources
____ Other, please describe:

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COMMENTS:

8. Please offer any comments you would like to share regarding nutrient management and how NRCS planners can best support your Nutrient Management Planning.