

Survey of needs for an electronic decision support tool

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1. Are you a

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grower | <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant, PCA, CCA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm manager / foreman | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Name (optional): _____

2. For which aspects of processing tomato production would a decision support tool be most valuable for you (choose all that apply)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> For irrigation management | <input type="checkbox"/> Record keeping for reporting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For nitrogen management | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't really need computer based tools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

3. How much time would you be willing to spend on average per field every week to update a decision support tool?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 10 minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> 20-30 minutes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10-20 minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 30 minutes |

4. How much money would you be willing to spend on soil and plant tissue sampling per year per field?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> less than \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ More than \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100-\$200 | |

5. How often are soil and/or plant tissue samples taken in a field?

- | Soil nitrate | Soil (complete) | Plant tissue |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Never |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Every few years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Every year in some fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Every year in every field |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> When problems are detected |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Just one more question on the back!

6. What are your irrigation and fertilization decisions currently based on (choose all that apply)?

Irrigation

- Personal experience
- UC guidelines
- Recommendation by a consultant/PCA/CCA
- Soil moisture sensors
- Other: _____

Nitrogen / Potassium management

- Personal experience
- UC guidelines
- Recommendation by a consultant/PCA/CCA
- Soil tests
- Plant tissue analyses
- Nitrate in irrigation water

Comments, suggestions:

Thank you very much for taking the time!