

## Group Summaries

### Student Informational Meeting

Thursday, September 4, 2014 | 116 BBH

27 attendees

#### **Group 1**

To us, a student farm is...

small community-driven that encompasses the business production and planning components of running a farm

Where we will be able to...

gain hands-on experience through internships research and volunteer work-share opportunities

So that someday we can...

incorporate farm experiences into university curriculum through minors and specializations

And Penn State will...

benefit from access to local whole foods a more aware and healthy student body and fortify relationships with regional farmers

#### **Group 2**

To us, a student farm is...

an integrated space

Where we will be able to...

share in a learning experience focused on sustainable and local agriculture

So that someday we can...

create a community rooted in understanding how agriculture impacts our overall health and wellbeing

And Penn State will be...

a greener healthy place to live

#### **Group 3**

To us, a student farm is...

holistic living, academic progress, chance to create sustainable model that can help promote agriculture, students can learn about sustainable agriculture, platform to engage many colleges

Where we will be able to...

learn about agriculture, sustainability and how to manage a farm; impact community through Penn State dining halls and long-term all of State College; work with great people; forge connections between people and place

So that someday we can...

contribute food to the dining halls; change perspectives about distribution to consumption; get a good job!; share knowledge and experience here and back home; see the positive impact of the student farm

And Penn State will be...

a true agriculture school; stronger; more aware and proactive of sustainable practices; interdisciplinary by including so many colleges and major

#### **Group 4**

To us, a student farm is...

a place where students and community members can learn about and experience agriculture first-hand

Where we will be able to...

gain hands-on experience experiment with different production methods educate the community about a wide range of agricultural topics including how to farm sustainably and efficiently and learn if farming is for us

So that someday we can...

have our own farm and be better informed citizens

And Penn State will be...

happier, healthier, and a leader in sustainability while also better fulfilling the land grant mission statement

#### **Group 5**

To us, a student farm is...

a way to reconnect to food system use teamwork to build community

Where we will be able to...

full-time operation for food production as well as devoted space for experiential and research learning; relate agriculture to all aspects of life not just for farmers, touches everyone

So that someday we can...

create a closed-loop system; continue being a leader in agriculture and sustainability--have to walk-the-walk!

And Penn State will be...

creating a healthy, locally-sourced, environmentally aware leader in food systems education