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PAGE: FLORIDA GREEN INDUSTRY SURVEY

1. How far do you travel to provide services from your business address or center of operation (branch office)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
0-25 miles	76.3%	29
25-50 miles	18.4%	7
50-100 miles	2.6%	1
100-150 miles	0.0%	0
More than 150 miles	2.6%	1
answered question		38
skipped question		0

2. How long have you been certified as a GI-BMP professional?

	Response Percent	Response Count
answered question		38
skipped question		0

2. How long have you been certified as a GI-BMP professional?

Less than 1 year	18.4%	7
1-2 years	34.2%	13
2-3 years	18.4%	7
3-4 years	7.9%	3
4-5 years	5.3%	2
5-6 years	15.8%	6
	answered question	38
	skipped question	0

3. Indicate your current level of education:

	Response Percent	Response Count
No High School Diploma	2.6%	1
High School/GED Diploma	31.6%	12
Technical School Certificate/Diploma	18.4%	7
Associate Degree	18.4%	7
Bachelor's Degree	28.9%	11
Master's Degree	0.0%	0
Ph.D.	0.0%	0
	answered question	38
	skipped question	0

4. Please indicate which of the following describes your company:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Pest Control Company	10.5%	4
Education (Teacher, Instructor)	5.3%	2
Lawn/Landscape Maintenance Service (Mowing/Pruning)	31.6%	12
Ornamental Pest Control Services	18.4%	7
Turfgrass Pest Control Services	7.9%	3
Fertilizer Application Services	15.8%	6
Irrigation Installation/Maintenance Services	10.5%	4
Arborist	10.5%	4
Specialty Turfgrass Management (Golf/Sports Turf)	13.2%	5
Equipment/Material Retail Sales	0.0%	0
Consultant	5.3%	2
Institution (Condominium, Hospital, In-house)	0.0%	0
Government (Public Works, Facility Operations)	31.6%	12
	answered question	38
	skipped question	0

4. Please indicate which of the following describes your company:

Other (please specify) Show replies	7.9%	3
answered question		38
skipped question		0

5. Which of the following best describes your position?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Trainer	7.9%	3
Grounds Maintenance Technician (Mowing, Pruning, Trimming)	10.5%	4
Landscape Contractor	5.3%	2
Landscape Architect	0.0%	0
Landscape Designer	10.5%	4
Landscape Maintenance Pesticide/Fertilizer Technician	10.5%	4
Interiorscape	0.0%	0
Resort/Facility Manager	0.0%	0
Parks/Recreation/Gardens	7.9%	3
Urban Forester	2.6%	1
Irrigation Contractor	0.0%	0
answered question		38
skipped question		0

5. Which of the following best describes your position?

Irrigation Technician	2.6%	1
Golf Course Management	13.2%	5
Specialty Turfgrass Manager (Sports/Recreation Fields)	7.9%	3
Owner	28.9%	11
Branch/Account Manager	5.3%	2
Property Manager	7.9%	3
Pest Control Operator	10.5%	4
Other (please specify) Show replies	10.5%	4
answered question		38
skipped question		0

6. What was the total lawn area fertilized by this company/institution in the past 12 months?

	Response Average	Response Total	Response Count
Number of acres Show replies	84.59	2,284	27
Total sq.ft. Show replies	814,416.75	9,773,001	12
answered question		27	
skipped question		11	

7. What were your company's total revenues in the past 12 months?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than \$100 thousand	46.2%	12
\$100 to \$199 thousand	15.4%	4
\$200 to \$299 thousand	11.5%	3
\$300 to \$399 thousand	3.8%	1
\$400 to 499 thousand	7.7%	2
\$500 to \$999 thousand	0.0%	0
\$1 to \$1.9 million	7.7%	2
\$2 to \$4.9 million	3.8%	1
\$5 to \$9.9 million	0.0%	0
\$10 to \$14.9 million	0.0%	0
\$15 to \$19.9 million	0.0%	0
\$20 to \$24.9 million	0.0%	0
\$25 million or greater	3.8%	1
	answered question	26
	skipped question	12

8. What percentage (%) of your total revenue came from fertilizer application services?

	Response Percent	Response Count
None	54.8%	17
25% or less	35.5%	11
50%	3.2%	1
75%	3.2%	1
100%	3.2%	1
	answered question	31
	skipped question	7

PAGE: FERTILIZATION

1. BEFORE participating in the GI-BMP training program, I

	Never	Occasionally	Often	Always	N/A	Response Count
Used weather forecasting information to plan a fertilization schedule.	8.8% (3)	11.8% (4)	29.4% (10)	41.2% (14)	8.8% (3)	34
Used soil test results to determine fertilization needs.	20.6% (7)	44.1% (15)	11.8% (4)	8.8% (3)	14.7% (5)	34
Established fertilizer-free buffer zones around water bodies.	11.8% (4)	8.8% (3)	11.8% (4)	52.9% (18)	14.7% (5)	34
						answered question
						34
						skipped question
						4

1. BEFORE participating in the GI-BMP training program, I

Used a fertilizer broadcast spreader deflector shield.	20.6% (7)	14.7% (5)	11.8% (4)	35.3% (12)	17.6% (6)	34
Read the fertilizer label to determine slow- and quick-release nitrogen sources.	5.9% (2)	2.9% (1)	11.8% (4)	70.6% (24)	8.8% (3)	34
Inspected plant for insect and disease pressures before applying nutrients.	8.8% (3)	14.7% (5)	20.6% (7)	44.1% (15)	11.8% (4)	34
Calibrated fertilizer application equipment.	5.9% (2)	11.8% (4)	8.8% (3)	64.7% (22)	8.8% (3)	34
answered question						34
skipped question						4

2. AFTER participating in the GI-BMP training program, I

	Never	Occasionally	Often	Always	N/A	Response Count
Use weather forecasting information to plan a fertilization schedule.	5.9% (2)	5.9% (2)	14.7% (5)	67.6% (23)	5.9% (2)	34
Use soil test results to determine fertilization needs.	14.7% (5)	32.4% (11)	23.5% (8)	20.6% (7)	8.8% (3)	34
Establish fertilizer-free buffer zones around water bodies.	5.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	8.8% (3)	76.5% (26)	8.8% (3)	34
Use a fertilizer broadcast spreader deflector shield.	5.9% (2)	11.8% (4)	11.8% (4)	52.9% (18)	17.6% (6)	34
answered question						34
skipped question						4

2. AFTER participating in the GI-BMP training program, I

Read the fertilizer label to determine slow- and quick-release nitrogen sources.	2.9% (1)	0.0% (0)	5.9% (2)	85.3% (29)	5.9% (2)	34
Inspect plant for insect and disease pressures before applying nutrients.	5.9% (2)	2.9% (1)	20.6% (7)	61.8% (21)	8.8% (3)	34
Calibrate fertilizer application equipment.	2.9% (1)	5.9% (2)	11.8% (4)	70.6% (24)	8.8% (3)	34
answered question						34
skipped question						4

PAGE: PEST MANAGEMENT

1. BEFORE participating in the GI-BMP training program, I

	Never	Occasionally	Often	Always	N/A	Response Count
Used Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when handling and/or applying pesticides.	3.4% (1)	17.2% (5)	17.2% (5)	48.3% (14)	13.8% (4)	29
Used IPM to determine pest control method(s).	6.9% (2)	6.9% (2)	17.2% (5)	51.7% (15)	17.2% (5)	29
Monitored pest populations to determine when to apply pesticides.	3.4% (1)	6.9% (2)	20.7% (6)	51.7% (15)	17.2% (5)	29
Scouted routinely to identify existing or potential pest problems.	3.4% (1)	6.9% (2)	17.2% (5)	58.6% (17)	13.8% (4)	29
answered question						29
skipped question						9

1. BEFORE participating in the GI-BMP training program, I

Performed spot treatment when appropriate.	3.4% (1)	3.4% (1)	17.2% (5)	58.6% (17)	17.2% (5)	29
Stored all pesticides in a secured area.	3.4% (1)	6.9% (2)	3.4% (1)	69.0% (20)	17.2% (5)	29
Established pesticide application-free buffer zones per label instructions.	3.4% (1)	6.9% (2)	6.9% (2)	62.1% (18)	20.7% (6)	29
Maintained proper records of all pesticide applications.	6.9% (2)	6.9% (2)	17.2% (5)	51.7% (15)	17.2% (5)	29
Read and followed all label directions.	3.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	6.9% (2)	72.4% (21)	17.2% (5)	29
Trained other employees in proper pest identification and pesticide selection techniques.	3.4% (1)	6.9% (2)	20.7% (6)	44.8% (13)	24.1% (7)	29
Used spill cleanup equipment to clean, control, contain, collect, and store spilled material until proper disposal.	6.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	10.3% (3)	51.7% (15)	31.0% (9)	29
answered question						29
skipped question						9

2. AFTER participating in the GI-BMP training program, I

	Never	Occasionally	Often	Always	N/A	Response Count
answered question						29
skipped question						9

2. AFTER participating in the GI-BMP training program, I

Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when handling and/or applying pesticides.	3.4% (1)	3.4% (1)	10.3% (3)	69.0% (20)	13.8% (4)	29
Use IPM to determine pest control method(s).	3.4% (1)	3.4% (1)	10.3% (3)	69.0% (20)	13.8% (4)	29
Monitor pest populations to determine when to apply pesticides.	3.4% (1)	3.4% (1)	13.8% (4)	69.0% (20)	10.3% (3)	29
Scout routinely to identify existing or potential pest problems.	3.4% (1)	3.4% (1)	13.8% (4)	69.0% (20)	10.3% (3)	29
Spot treat when appropriate.	3.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	3.4% (1)	75.9% (22)	17.2% (5)	29
Store all pesticides in a secured area.	3.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	79.3% (23)	17.2% (5)	29
Establish pesticide application-free buffer zones per label instructions.	3.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	3.4% (1)	75.9% (22)	17.2% (5)	29
Maintain proper records of all pesticide applications.	3.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	6.9% (2)	75.9% (22)	13.8% (4)	29
Read and follow all label directions.	3.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	3.4% (1)	82.8% (24)	10.3% (3)	29
Train other employees in proper pest identification and pesticide selection techniques.	3.4% (1)	6.9% (2)	10.3% (3)	58.6% (17)	20.7% (6)	29
Use spill cleanup equipment to clean, control, contain, collect, and store spilled material until proper disposal.	3.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	3.4% (1)	69.0% (20)	24.1% (7)	29
				answered question		29
				skipped question		9

PAGE: MOWING, MULCHING & RECYCLING

 1. BEFORE participating in the GI-BMP training program, I

	Never	Occasionally	Often	Always	N/A	Response Count
Left grass clippings on the lawn after mowing.	3.4% (1)	3.4% (1)	13.8% (4)	65.5% (19)	13.8% (4)	29
Maintained a mulch depth of 2-3 inches.	0.0% (0)	6.9% (2)	17.2% (5)	69.0% (20)	6.9% (2)	29
Avoided mulching around tree trunks and shrub bases.	6.9% (2)	20.7% (6)	6.9% (2)	58.6% (17)	6.9% (2)	29
Used the highest acceptable mowing height for the grass being grown.	3.4% (1)	10.3% (3)	10.3% (3)	62.1% (18)	13.8% (4)	29
Avoided removing more than a third of the grass leaf blade at one time.	3.4% (1)	13.8% (4)	20.7% (6)	44.8% (13)	17.2% (5)	29
Sharpened mower blades to maintain clean mowing cuts.	3.4% (1)	10.3% (3)	13.8% (4)	58.6% (17)	13.8% (4)	29
Mowed turf when dry to maintain turf quality and health.	3.4% (1)	13.8% (4)	34.5% (10)	31.0% (9)	17.2% (5)	29
				answered question		29
				skipped question		9

2. AFTER participating in the GI-BMP training program, I

	Never	Occasionally	Often	Always	N/A	Response Count
Leave grass clippings on the lawn after mowing.	6.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	10.3% (3)	69.0% (20)	13.8% (4)	29
Maintain a mulch depth of 2-3 inches.	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	20.7% (6)	72.4% (21)	6.9% (2)	29
Avoid mulching around tree trunks and shrub bases.	6.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	10.3% (3)	75.9% (22)	6.9% (2)	29
Use the highest acceptable mowing height for the grass being grown.	3.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	10.3% (3)	72.4% (21)	13.8% (4)	29
Avoid removing more than a third of the grass leaf blade at one time.	3.4% (1)	3.4% (1)	24.1% (7)	55.2% (16)	13.8% (4)	29
Sharpen mower blades to maintain clean mowing cuts.	3.4% (1)	3.4% (1)	10.3% (3)	69.0% (20)	13.8% (4)	29
Mow turf when dry to maintain turf quality and health.	6.9% (2)	10.3% (3)	24.1% (7)	41.4% (12)	17.2% (5)	29
				answered question		29
				skipped question		9

PAGE: IRRIGATION

1. BEFORE participating in the GI-BMP training program, I

	Never	Occasionally	Often	Always	N/A	Response Count
Reset irrigation controllers/timers seasonally.	3.4% (1)	13.8% (4)	13.8% (4)	55.2% (16)	13.8% (4)	29
Calibrated rain shut-off devices and/or other automated methods to manage irrigation.	20.7% (6)	20.7% (6)	6.9% (2)	27.6% (8)	24.1% (7)	29
Ensured irrigation rates to prevent leaching and runoff.	10.3% (3)	13.8% (4)	20.7% (6)	41.4% (12)	13.8% (4)	29
Used soil moisture or other sensing devices to ensure effective water use.	48.3% (14)	13.8% (4)	13.8% (4)	10.3% (3)	13.8% (4)	29
Applied no more than ½ to ¾ inches of water per irrigation event.	6.9% (2)	20.7% (6)	17.2% (5)	41.4% (12)	13.8% (4)	29
Considered over-irrigation harmful to the plant and environment.	10.3% (3)	3.4% (1)	17.2% (5)	62.1% (18)	6.9% (2)	29
				answered question		29
				skipped question		9

2. AFTER participating in the GI-BMP training program, I

	Never	Occasionally	Often	Always	N/A	Response Count
Reset irrigation controllers/timers seasonally.	3.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	20.7% (6)	62.1% (18)	13.8% (4)	29
Calibrate rain shut-off devices and/or other automated methods to manage irrigation.	6.9% (2)	13.8% (4)	20.7% (6)	41.4% (12)	17.2% (5)	29
Ensure irrigation rates to prevent leaching and runoff.	3.4% (1)	3.4% (1)	27.6% (8)	55.2% (16)	10.3% (3)	29
Use soil moisture or other sensing devices to ensure effective water use.	31.0% (9)	17.2% (5)	24.1% (7)	17.2% (5)	10.3% (3)	29
Apply no more than ½ to ¾ inches of water per irrigation event.	3.4% (1)	6.9% (2)	13.8% (4)	62.1% (18)	13.8% (4)	29
Consider over-irrigation harmful to the plant and environment.	6.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	6.9% (2)	79.3% (23)	6.9% (2)	29
				answered question		29
				skipped question		9

PAGE: CUSTOMER RELATIONS

1. BEFORE participating in the GI-BMP training program, I

	Never	Occasionally	Often	Always	N/A	Response Count
Used brochures or included comments with billing to educate clients.	27.6% (8)	17.2% (5)	3.4% (1)	20.7% (6)	31.0% (9)	29
Assisted clients in setting/programming the irrigation timer.	10.3% (3)	24.1% (7)	0.0% (0)	27.6% (8)	37.9% (11)	29
Assisted clients or provided services in calibrating irrigation.	10.3% (3)	24.1% (7)	6.9% (2)	24.1% (7)	34.5% (10)	29
Assisted clients or provided services inspecting the rain sensor.	17.2% (5)	20.7% (6)	6.9% (2)	17.2% (5)	37.9% (11)	29
Educated clients about the importance of a nutrient management plan.	13.8% (4)	24.1% (7)	6.9% (2)	37.9% (11)	17.2% (5)	29
Educated clients about the importance of IPM.	13.8% (4)	24.1% (7)	6.9% (2)	34.5% (10)	20.7% (6)	29
Educated clients about effective irrigation management.	13.8% (4)	20.7% (6)	10.3% (3)	34.5% (10)	20.7% (6)	29
Educated clients about proper mowing practices, such as mowing heights, the need to leave clippings on the lawn, etc.	10.3% (3)	24.1% (7)	3.4% (1)	44.8% (13)	17.2% (5)	29
				answered question		29
				skipped question		9

2. AFTER participating in the GI-BMP program, I

	Never	Occasionally	Often	Always	N/A	Response Count
Use brochures or include comments with billing to educate clients.	13.8% (4)	13.8% (4)	24.1% (7)	20.7% (6)	27.6% (8)	29
Assist clients in setting/programming the irrigation timer.	6.9% (2)	6.9% (2)	17.2% (5)	31.0% (9)	37.9% (11)	29
Assist clients or provide services in calibrating irrigation.	6.9% (2)	6.9% (2)	20.7% (6)	31.0% (9)	34.5% (10)	29
Assist clients or provide services inspecting the rain sensor.	10.3% (3)	6.9% (2)	20.7% (6)	24.1% (7)	37.9% (11)	29
Educate clients about the importance of a nutrient management plan.	10.3% (3)	6.9% (2)	17.2% (5)	48.3% (14)	17.2% (5)	29
Educate clients about the importance of IPM.	10.3% (3)	3.4% (1)	24.1% (7)	41.4% (12)	20.7% (6)	29
Educate clients about effective irrigation management.	6.9% (2)	3.4% (1)	20.7% (6)	48.3% (14)	20.7% (6)	29
Educate clients about proper mowing practices, such as mowing heights, the need to leave clippings on the lawn, etc.	6.9% (2)	3.4% (1)	13.8% (4)	58.6% (17)	17.2% (5)	29
				answered question		29
				skipped question		9

PAGE: TRAINING AND INFORMATION NEEDS

1. BEFORE becoming GI-BMP Certified, who did you contact for help with a landscape/lawn problem?

	Never	Rarely	Often	Always	N/A	Response Count
UF/IFAS County Extension Agent	20.7% (6)	13.8% (4)	34.5% (10)	31.0% (9)	0.0% (0)	29
UF/IFAS State Specialist	37.9% (11)	27.6% (8)	24.1% (7)	10.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	29
Chemical company representative	27.6% (8)	13.8% (4)	34.5% (10)	24.1% (7)	0.0% (0)	29
Private consultant	44.8% (13)	31.0% (9)	10.3% (3)	10.3% (3)	3.4% (1)	29
answered question						29
skipped question						9

2. AFTER becoming GI-BMP Certified, who do you contact for help with a landscape/lawn problem?

	Never	Rarely	Often	Always	N/A	Response Count
UF/IFAS County Extension Agent	10.3% (3)	13.8% (4)	41.4% (12)	34.5% (10)	0.0% (0)	29
UF/IFAS State Specialist	20.7% (6)	31.0% (9)	31.0% (9)	17.2% (5)	0.0% (0)	29
Chemical company representative	24.1% (7)	17.2% (5)	34.5% (10)	24.1% (7)	0.0% (0)	29
Private consultant	48.3% (14)	27.6% (8)	13.8% (4)	10.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	29
answered question						29
skipped question						9

3. Indicate your level of satisfaction with the information provided by the GI-BMP training program:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	No Opinion	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Response Count
The information was relevant.	41.4% (12)	44.8% (13)	3.4% (1)	3.4% (1)	6.9% (2)	
The information was easy to understand.	51.7% (15)	44.8% (13)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	3.4% (1)	
The information was helpful.	48.3% (14)	34.5% (10)	10.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	6.9% (2)	

answered question

skipped question

PAGE: VALUE

1. What is the value of the GI-BMP program for your company?

	Not Applicable	Slightly Important	Important	Very Important	Critical to Company	Response Count
It creates a positive public image.	10.3% (3)	20.7% (6)	31.0% (9)	20.7% (6)	17.2% (5)	
It provides cost-savings.	24.1% (7)	6.9% (2)	41.4% (12)	17.2% (5)	10.3% (3)	
It offers reduced liability.	24.1% (7)	6.9% (2)	41.4% (12)	13.8% (4)	13.8% (4)	
It provides CEUs used to maintain certification.	17.2% (5)	6.9% (2)	37.9% (11)	27.6% (8)	10.3% (3)	

answered question

skipped question

1. What is the value of the GI-BMP program for your company?

Certification helps with marketing to the public.	17.2% (5)	20.7% (6)	20.7% (6)	27.6% (8)	13.8% (4)
It generates additional revenue	58.6% (17)	17.2% (5)	10.3% (3)	3.4% (1)	10.3% (3)

answered question

skipped question

2. What is the value of the GI-BMP program for you?

	Not Important	Slightly Important	Important	Very Important	Critical	Response Count
CEUs to maintain certification	24.1% (7)	6.9% (2)	41.4% (12)	20.7% (6)	6.9% (2)	29
Knowledge increase	10.3% (3)	6.9% (2)	31.0% (9)	34.5% (10)	17.2% (5)	29
Better employment opportunities	24.1% (7)	13.8% (4)	27.6% (8)	34.5% (10)	0.0% (0)	29
More job security	27.6% (8)	6.9% (2)	34.5% (10)	31.0% (9)	0.0% (0)	29
Higher income	41.4% (12)	6.9% (2)	20.7% (6)	27.6% (8)	3.4% (1)	29

answered question 29

skipped question 9

3. Are you aware of the new FDACS "Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certificate" requirement for urban commercial fertilizer applicators?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	86.2%	25
No	13.8%	4
answered question		29
skipped question		9

4. What percentage (%) of your total employees will require the new limited Urban Commercial Landscape Applicator certificate from FDACS.

	Response Percent	Response Count
25% or less	62.1%	18
50%	10.3%	3
75%	6.9%	2
100%	20.7%	6
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1. What did we miss? Please provide additional comments regarding your experiences as a GI-BMP Certified Professional.

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