



New Jersey Equine Farm Owners Learn to Manage Risks

Tara Brick missed owning a farm and, specifically, she missed having her own horses. So when the opportunity arose to purchase a property where she and her husband could have a small stable of horses, she jumped at the chance. There was only one small problem, however – she had been away from the farm for so long that she wasn't sure she had enough knowledge to successfully board her own horses. "I grew up out in the country but things have changed a lot in 20 years," said Brick.

Through the "Equine Risk Management Workshop Series" headed by David Lee of Rutgers Cooperative Extension and funded by a grant from the Northeast Center for Risk Management Education, Brick was able to learn information vital to running her farm.

There were a total of five educational workshops conducted for 53 equine farm owners or managers, each focusing on one area of risk management. At the end of the series, participants had a better understanding of the tools available to them. Two months after the series, 46 participants had implemented at least one tool covered in a workshop that they did not have in place before.

Brick and her husband, for example, began rotating their pastures and testing their soil and hay in hopes of improving the pasture quality and management, which will eventually reduce their commercial concentrate purchases. They started to make sure that they are in compliance with the New Jersey Animal Waste Management Rule, and have been discussing an animal waste management plan. They have also made legal changes to their farm, including looking into insurance as a result of taking part in a legal risk management workshop.

Brick said that as a special education teacher and with her husband working as a sales representative, this educational series was very informative for folks like them who had been away from the farming industry. "It's been good to make some connections, and I've already told them that if they offer any more courses, I would like to be notified because I would like to attend them."

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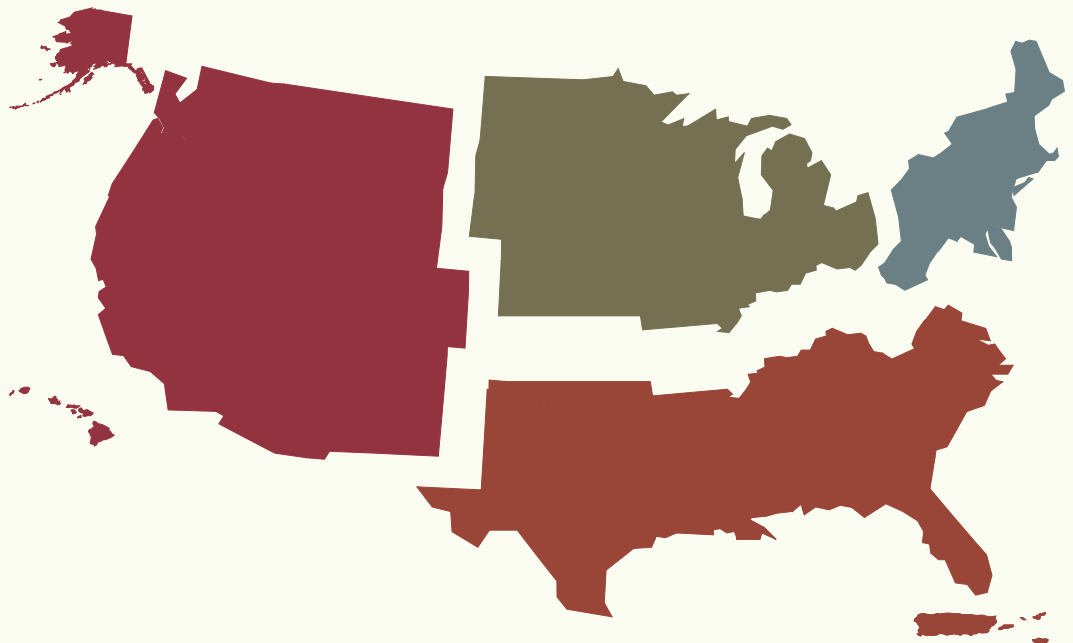
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