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|  | Recommendations  While we worked on the project, we found that certain detours could have been avoided by narrowing things down. For future references on similar projects, we recommend several things to be different:  1.) Narrowing down the subject: Since our survey consisted of horses and pastures, there were numerous variables (horse types, pasture/non-pasture, age of horse, etc.), and we found them very arduous and distracting when determining the data. We strongly recommend the use of only one category, such as young horses on pasture onlyî, ìtrail horses feeding on hay and pasture, etc.  2.) Longer duration of the project: As we progressed in research, we found that climate had a critical role in our project. We were only able to visit and observe stables during the winter, and we wished that we had more time to organize a visit during spring and summer. This can probably be arranged if the schedules are well planned; however, it takes a lot of dedication.  3.) More experimentation on grass: We regret not determining the chemical makeup of the grass in the Pleasanton-Livermore area. This would have been a very interesting study, since we are now aware of nitrogen and potassium deficiencies in the soil. If the levels of the deficiencies could be determined in the basic regions, it may be a helpful source for horse owners and cattle owners in the area!  4.) Stretching beyond the limits: It also may have been interesting to travel further away from the Pleasanton-Livermore area (since we have the areaís data now) and see the differences in the nutrition levels elsewhere. The changes were drastic between Pleasanton and Livermore soils, so it is not surprising if soils in nearby towns were various from the soils in the Pleasanton-Livermore area.  Our project had a positive outcome, but we believe that it could be polished up even more by these bits of advice. We found out how hard it was to construct a productive project, and we hope that our web page can be of help for future researchers. |

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