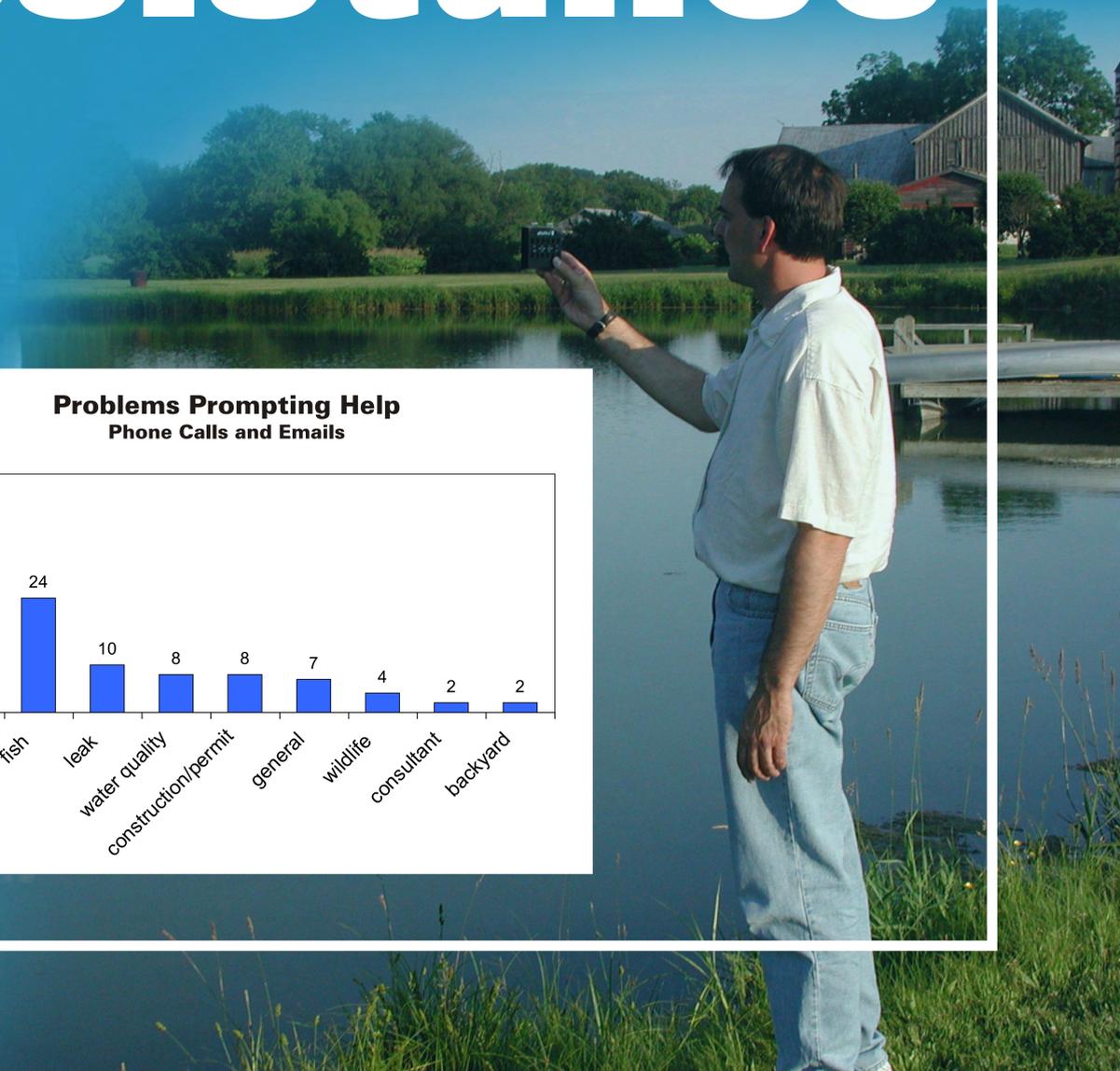
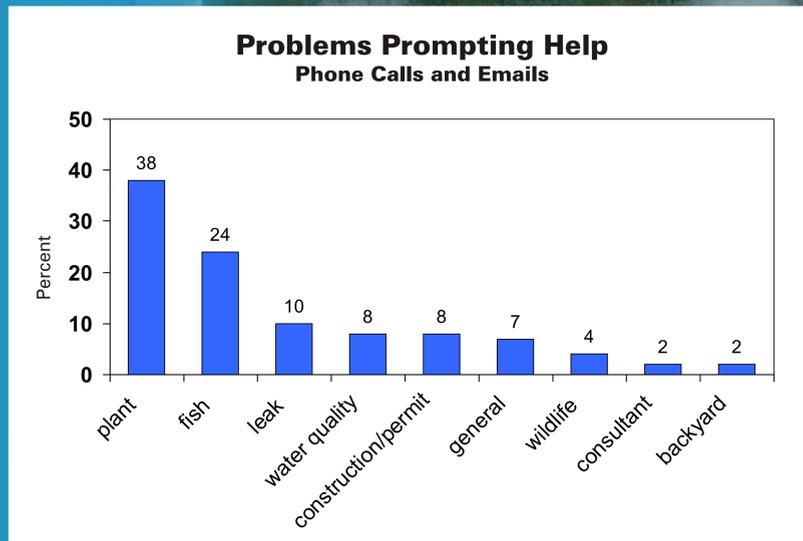


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saturday workshops

Meet the high demand for education and solutions to pond problems

- People moving into rural areas need to know how to manage/fix inherited pond problems
- Pond problems are difficult to diagnose /fix
- 92% of pond owners want to manage their own pond
- Education helps them to achieve self-management

WORKSHOP SURVEY RESULTS:
91% of 305 program attendees planned to take an action to improve their pond

SIX-MONTH FOLLOW-UP:
50% had taken an action to improve their pond



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Web-based
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resources
inspires action.

WEB-BASED SURVEY RESULTS:

91% of respondents found the Web site helpful in managing their pond

89% of the respondents found resources on the Web site to help them take action that improved their pond



The screenshot shows the 'Pond Management' website. At the top, there are logos for Penn State and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Below the logos is a navigation bar with links for 'College of Ag. Sciences', 'Cooperative Extension', 'Natural Resources & Environment', and 'Departments'. A central banner features several small images related to pond management. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column lists various resources under the heading 'Pond Publications', including links for 'Aquatic Plants and Algae', 'Permit to Apply an Herbicide', 'Grass Carp', 'Pond Links', 'Where to Buy Fish', 'Aquaculture', 'Frequently Asked Questions', 'List of Pond Consultants', 'New Extension Water Materials', 'Fish Kills', 'Pond PowerPoints', 'Questions', and 'Backyard pond publication'. The middle column has a 'Welcome!' section with a paragraph about the site's collaborative nature and a 'Contact Information' section with the name and address of Bryan Swistock. The right column features a 'Pond Workshops' section with a paragraph about Saturday workshops and a 'POND SURVEY' section with a prompt to suggest material for the survey.

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New for 2006—
an online pond
management
course

- A six-week pond management curriculum
- Designed to teach participants how to improve their ability to identify resources and manage their ponds
- Participants will receive individualized attention from instructors to solve their pond problems

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