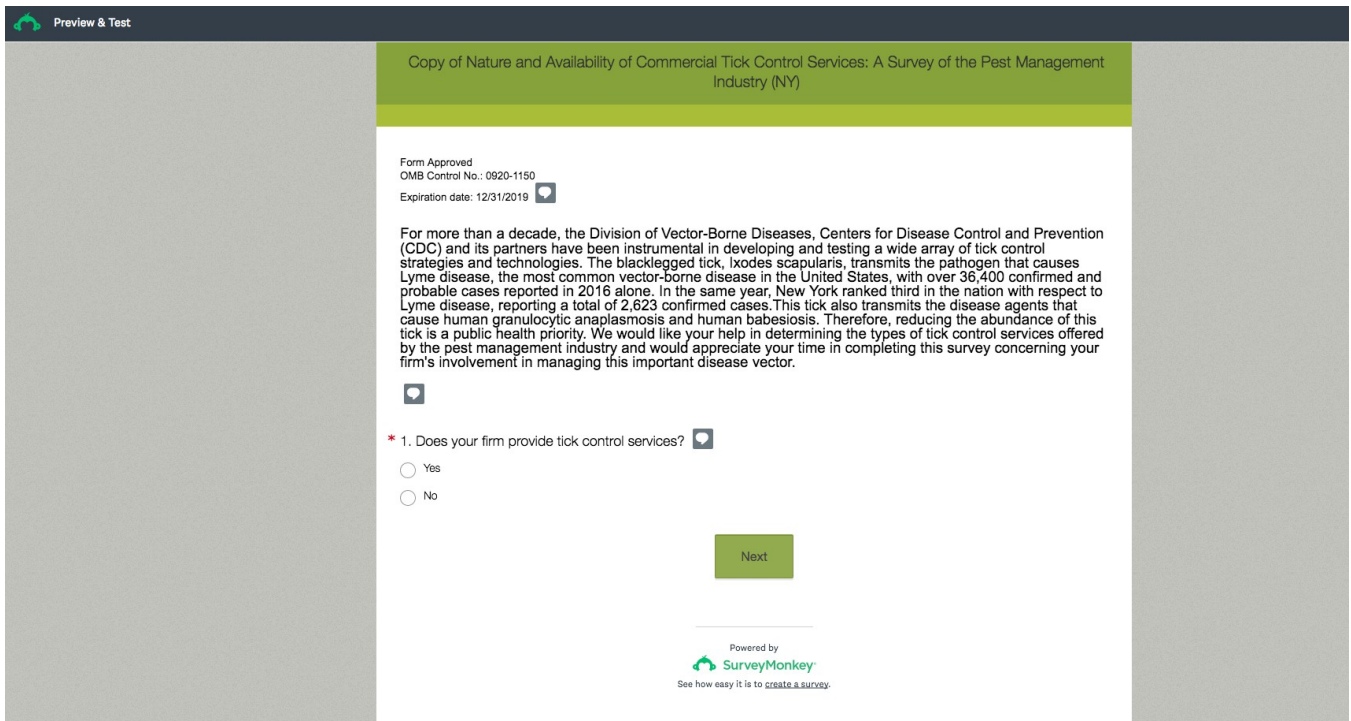
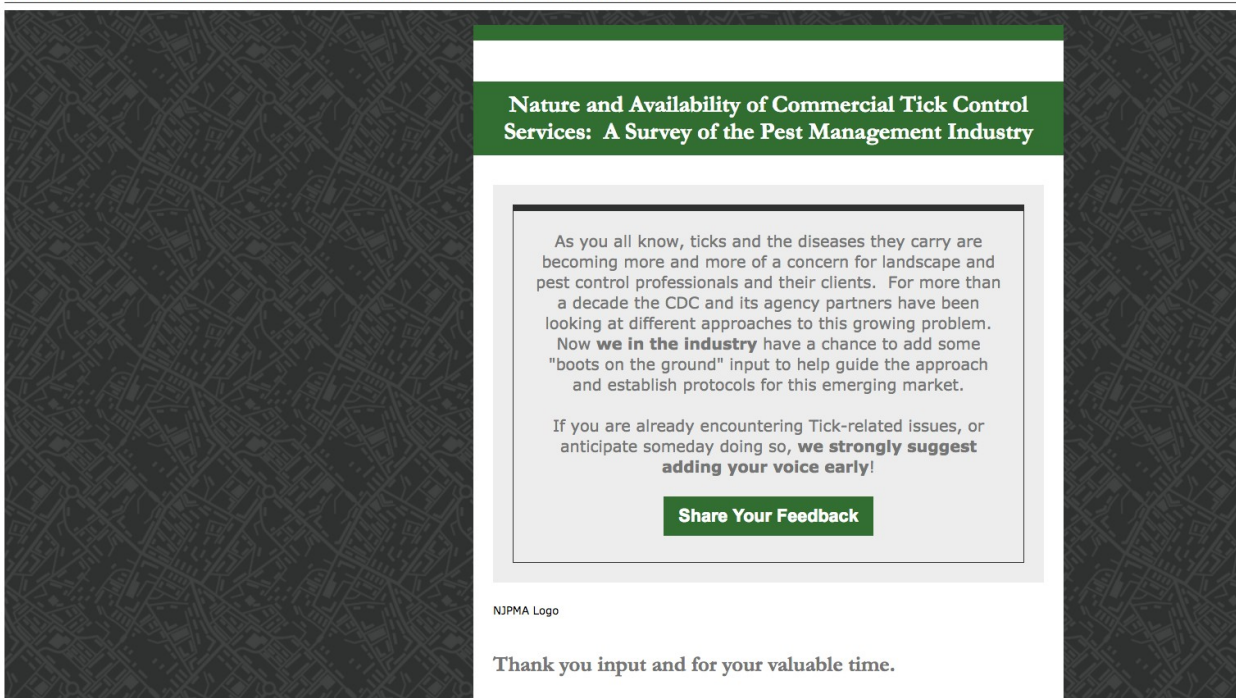


Introductory email message:



* 2. In how large an area does your firm provide tick management services? (list all) 

- 1 to 3 counties
- Regionally
- Statewide

* 3. How many field personnel/technicians does your firm employ? 


- Fewer than 5
- 5-10
- 11-20
- More than 20

* 4. Are the tick control services offered by your firm 

- Specific to tick control alone
- Part of a lawn care/landscaping package

* 5. Does your firm evaluate the client's property for ticks before attempting control? 


- Yes
- No

6. If you answered "No" to the previous question, why not? (please check all that apply) 


- Too expensive
- Don't know how
- Decision to treat based on presence of tick habitat
- Client complained of tick bites
- Other (please describe)

* 7. On what basis does your firm decide to treat a client's property to control ticks? (check all that apply) 


- Client request
- Routinely included as part of lawn care/landscaping package
- Recommended based on presence of tick habitat
- Result of tick surveys
- Other (please describe)

* 8. How often do you treat a client's property for ticks? 


- Once per year
- Twice per year
- Three times per year
- Four or more times per year

* 9. Against which stage(s) of ticks does your firm direct control efforts? (check all that apply) 

- Nymph
- Larva
- Adult

* 10. If your firm targets nymphs, when do you initiate control? (check all that apply) 


- January-March
- April-June
- July-September
- October-December
- Not applicable, we do not treat for nymphs

* 11. If your firm targets larvae, when do you initiate control? (check all that apply) 


- January-March
- April-June
- July-September
- October-December
- Not applicable, we do not treat for larvae

* 12. If your firm targets adults, when do you initiate control? (check all that apply) 


- January-March
- April-June
- July-September
- October-December
- Not applicable, we do not treat for adults

* 13. When attempting to control ticks, what areas do you treat? (check all that apply) 


- Lawn
- Landscaping
- Woodland edge
- Woodland


* 14. What tick control methods does/has your firm used? (check all that apply) 

- Application of conventional synthetic acaricides
- Habitat management (e.g. trimming back vegetation, leaf litter removal)
- Application of plant-derived natural products (e.g. EcoEXEMPT®)
- Application of pathogenic fungus (e.g. Tick-Ex™)
- Exclusion (e.g. deer fencing)
- Deployment of host-targeted devices (e.g. 4-poster deer treatment stations, Select Tick Control System [TCS™] rodent bait boxes, Damminix® tubes)
- Distribution of educational materials
- Other (please describe)


15. If your firm uses conventional synthetic pesticides, plant derived natural products, and/or pathogenic fungal pesticides to control ticks, what equipment does your firm use to apply these products?(check all that apply) 

- Backpack/knapsack sprayers
- High pressure hydraulic sprayers
- Mist blowers
- Drop or cyclone spreaders
- Chest-mounted cyclone spreaders
- Mist blowers modified to apply granules
- Not applicable. Your firm does not use synthetic pesticides for tick control.
- Other (please describe)

16. If your firm uses conventional synthetic pesticides to control ticks, please list: 

17. If your firm does not use Select TCS™ rodent bait boxes, why not? (check all that apply) 


- Didn't know the product existed/ don't know much about the technology
- Not requested by clients
- Too expensive
- Concerned about liability
- Delay in efficacy
- Not sure if they work
- Other (please describe)

18. If your firm does not use 4-poster deer treatment stations, why not? (check all that apply) 


- Didn't know the product existed/ don't know much about the technology
- Not requested by clients
- Too expensive
- Concerned about liability
- Delay in efficacy
- Not sure if they work
- Other (please describe)

19. If your firm does not use Damminix®, why not? (check all that apply) 


- Didn't know the product existed/ don't know much about the technology
- Not requested by clients
- Too expensive
- Concerned about liability
- Delay in efficacy
- Not sure if they work
- Other (please describe)

20. If your firm does not use plant-derived natural products, why not?(check all that apply) 


- Didn't know the product existed/ don't know much about the technology
- Not requested by clients
- Too expensive
- Concerned about liability
- Delay in efficacy
- Not sure if they work
- Other (please describe)

21. If your firm does not use pathogenic fungus, why not? (check all that apply) 


- Didn't know the product existed/ don't know much about the technology
- Not requested by clients
- Too expensive
- Concerned about liability
- Delay in efficacy
- Not sure if they work
- Other (please describe)

* 22. On average, how much does your firm charge to treat a 1 acre property to control ticks with conventional synthetic pesticides/visit? 


- Less than \$100
- \$100-\$150
- \$151-\$200
- More than \$200
- Not applicable. Your firm does not treat with synthetic pesticides for tick control

* 23. On average, how many times per year does your firm apply conventional synthetic pesticides to client properties? 


- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4
- Not applicable. Your firm does not use synthetic pesticides for tick control.

* 24. If your firm was convinced that less toxic or "eco-friendly" alternatives to conventional synthetic pesticide applications were effective in controlling ticks, would you consider offering/using these technologies alone or as part of an integrated tick management program? 

- Yes
- No

* 25. If your firm offered less toxic or "eco-friendly" alternatives to the use of conventional synthetic pesticide applications to control ticks, do you think your clients would pay more for tick control? 

- Yes
- No


* 26. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, how much more? 

- 50%
- 100%
- 200%
- More than 200%

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27. May contact you for clarification or with any additional questions? 

Name

Name of firm

Telephone number

Email address

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