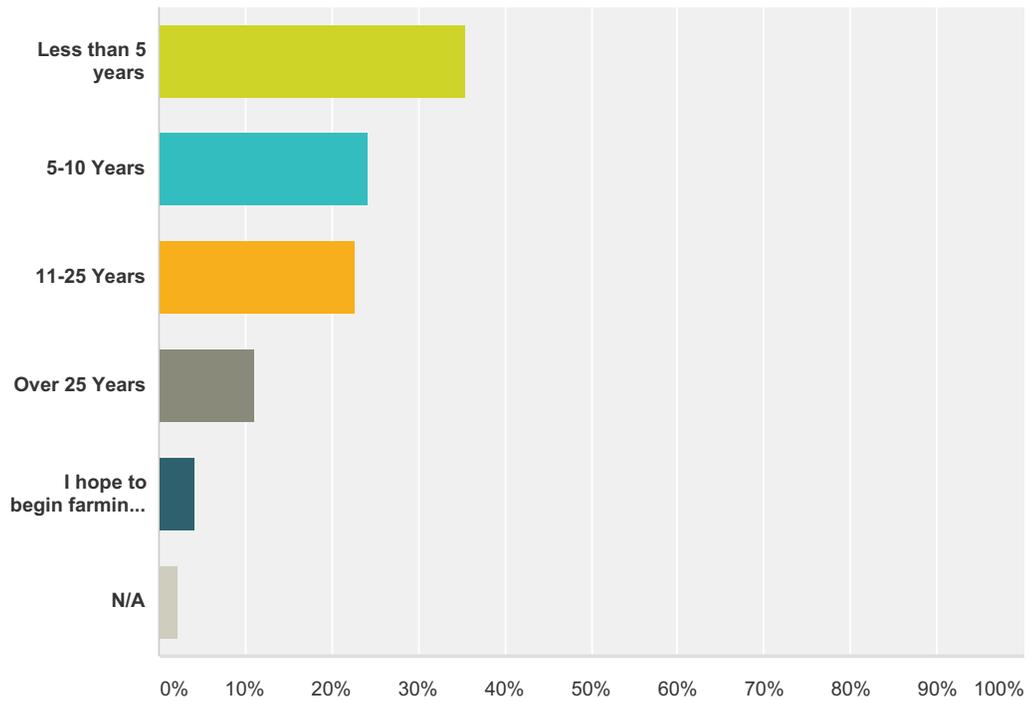


Q1 How long have you been farming?

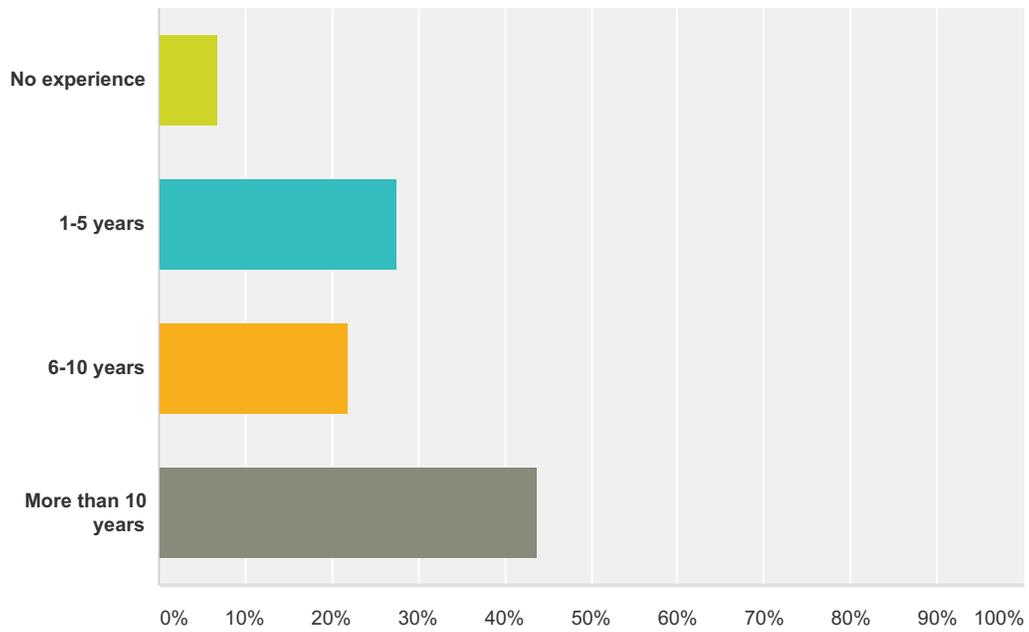
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Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 5 years	35.41% 165
5-10 Years	24.25% 113
11-25 Years	22.75% 106
Over 25 Years	11.16% 52
I hope to begin farming in the next 5 years	4.08% 19
N/A	2.36% 11
Total	466

Q2 How many years of farming experience do you have

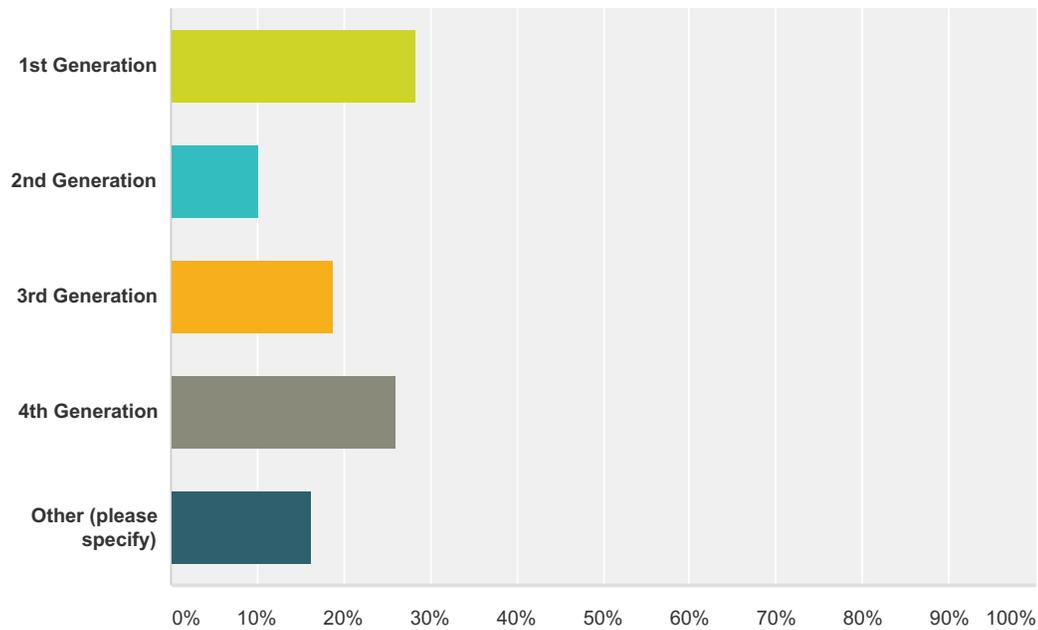
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Answer Choices	Responses
No experience	6.87% 32
1-5 years	27.47% 128
6-10 years	21.89% 102
More than 10 years	43.78% 204
Total	466

Q3 How long has farming been in your family?

Answered: 466 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
1st Generation	28.33% 132
2nd Generation	10.30% 48
3rd Generation	18.88% 88
4th Generation	26.18% 122
Other (please specify)	16.31% 76
Total	466

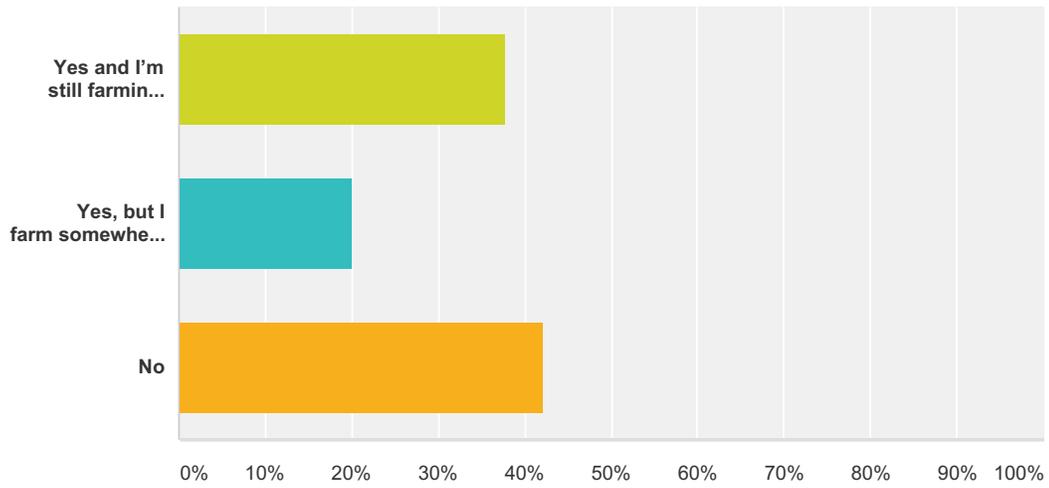
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2	45 plus yrs	1/14/2015 7:35 PM
3	5th Generation	1/14/2015 3:38 PM
4	9	1/13/2015 8:16 PM
5	i am 7th generation farmer	1/10/2015 2:52 PM
6	10th generation	1/9/2015 10:12 AM
7	never	1/8/2015 3:20 PM
8	My family always either owned or worked on a farm generations back.	1/8/2015 1:57 PM
9	grandparents are 3rd gen, but my parents didnt	1/8/2015 11:37 AM
10	grandparents farmed, skipped 2nd gen I am 3rd gen	1/6/2015 10:07 PM

11	assisting friends on their farms	1/6/2015 8:54 PM
12	6th generation	1/6/2015 3:40 PM
13	My parents and grandparents were not farmers, but my great grandparents and further back were.	1/6/2015 2:41 PM
14	7th generation	1/6/2015 2:03 PM
15	Not sure what the relevance of this question is, a long time	1/4/2015 4:24 PM
16	9 Generations	12/31/2014 2:09 PM
17	9 generations	12/31/2014 1:58 PM
18	more than 10 generations	12/29/2014 8:54 PM
19	past generation	12/27/2014 7:18 PM
20	5th generation	12/22/2014 8:14 PM
21	I'm the 5 th generation	12/21/2014 12:40 PM
22	5th Generation	12/20/2014 10:36 AM
23	7th that we're able to verify	12/20/2014 9:37 AM
24	n/a	12/20/2014 6:40 AM
25	It skipped a generation on one side, and two on the other before it got back to me	12/20/2014 5:40 AM
26	10th generation	12/19/2014 8:09 PM
27	10 generations or more	12/19/2014 6:25 PM
28	7	12/19/2014 4:34 PM
29	It's skipped a couple generations	12/17/2014 6:06 PM
30	4 or more	12/16/2014 11:49 PM
31	My family does not farm.	12/15/2014 5:15 PM
32	forever	12/11/2014 11:55 AM
33	8th generation	12/10/2014 11:43 AM
34	700000	12/10/2014 8:45 AM
35	over 200 years	12/9/2014 10:54 AM
36	6 generation but 3 generation in dairy	12/7/2014 10:05 PM
37	5th generation	12/7/2014 10:09 AM
38	5th generation	12/6/2014 9:02 PM
39	6th	12/5/2014 12:38 PM
40	Family was in ranching, not farming.	12/4/2014 8:03 PM
41	Over 400 years, as far back as we can trace.	12/4/2014 7:56 PM
42	6th generation	12/4/2014 7:52 PM
43	7 generations	12/4/2014 7:41 PM
44	7 generations	12/4/2014 4:03 PM
45	As many generations as I'm aware of.	12/4/2014 3:54 PM
46	more than 5 generations	12/4/2014 2:32 PM
47	Farming for 3 generations, skipped one, I came back to it.	12/4/2014 1:37 PM
48	5th generation	12/4/2014 1:26 PM

49	5th generation	12/3/2014 2:15 PM
50	i am 7th generation	12/1/2014 2:17 PM
51	5th	12/1/2014 6:59 AM
52	Since the Mayflower landed	11/30/2014 6:47 AM
53	skipped generations	11/29/2014 8:43 AM
54	What is the relevance of this question, yea my ancestors farmed.	11/28/2014 9:51 PM
55	never	11/26/2014 9:52 AM
56	great grandparents were farmers	11/26/2014 9:05 AM
57	Only small vegetable gardens and a few chickens, horses, and rabbits	11/26/2014 8:27 AM
58	we garden, not farm	11/25/2014 8:28 PM
59	not sure	11/25/2014 7:16 PM
60	5th generation	11/25/2014 5:47 PM
61	extended family for years, but for the immediate family we are the first	11/25/2014 2:27 PM
62	208 YEARS	11/25/2014 2:20 PM
63	6 Generations	11/25/2014 1:36 PM
64	8	11/25/2014 10:47 AM
65	7-8 generations	11/25/2014 10:17 AM
66	8+ generations	11/25/2014 5:17 AM
67	Since land grant	11/24/2014 10:11 PM
68	6	11/24/2014 9:59 PM
69	5th generation or more	11/24/2014 8:13 PM
70	5th or more	11/24/2014 7:59 PM
71	since 1762	11/24/2014 7:40 PM
72	The family has always been involved with agriculture.	11/24/2014 6:51 PM
73	None	11/24/2014 5:43 PM
74	6th generation	11/24/2014 5:43 PM
75	great grandparents had a farm	11/24/2014 5:14 PM
76	Since the Mayflower landed	11/24/2014 5:05 PM

Q4 Did you grow up on a farm?

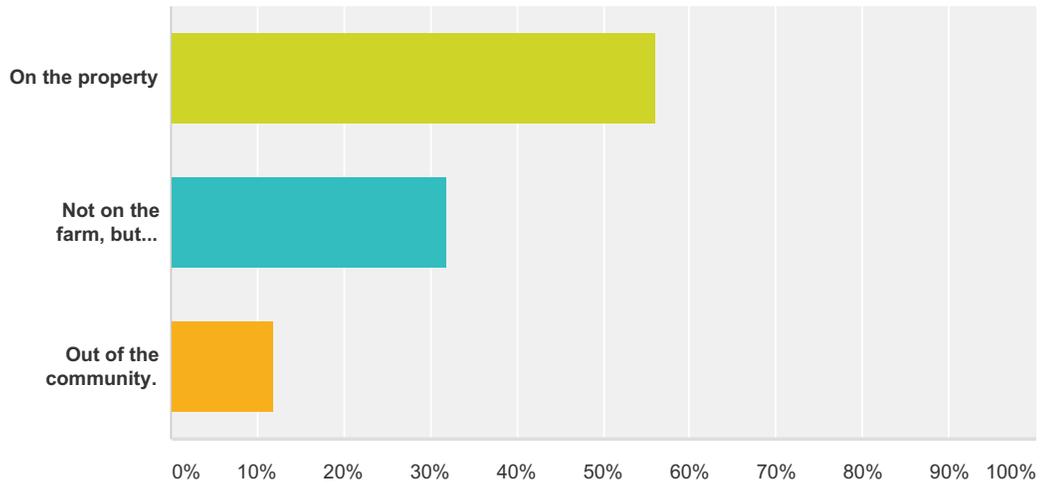
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes and I'm still farming there	37.77% 176
Yes, but I farm somewhere else	19.96% 93
No	42.27% 197
Total	466

Q5 Where do you live in relation to the farm?

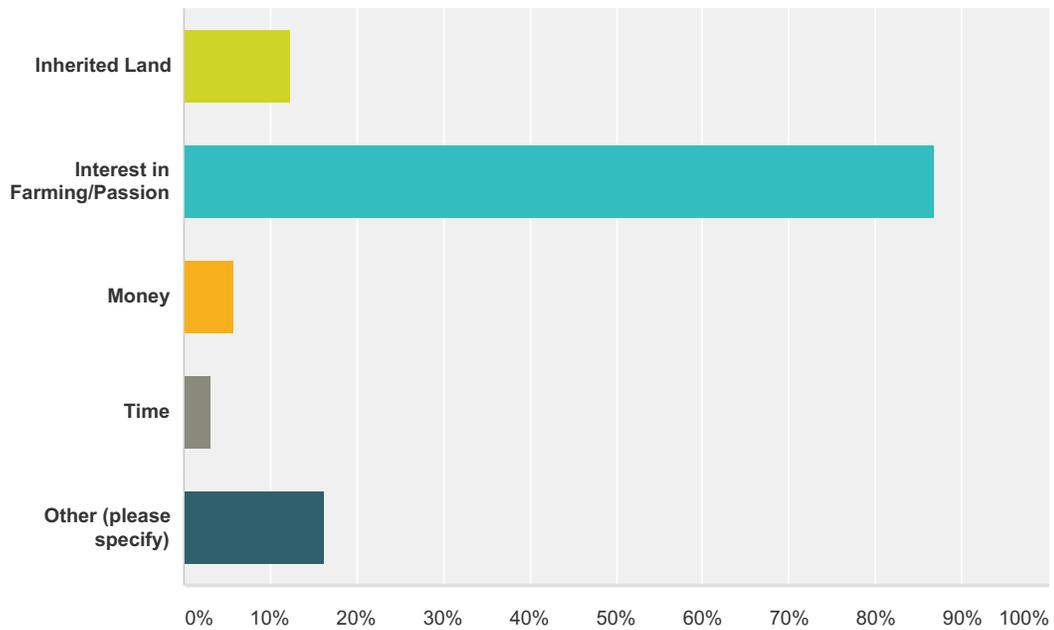
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Answer Choices	Responses
On the property	56.22% 262
Not on the farm, but nearby in the community	31.97% 149
Out of the community.	11.80% 55
Total	466

Q6 What motivated you to begin/continue farming?

Answered: 466 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Inherited Land	12.23% 57
Interest in Farming/Passion	86.91% 405
Money	5.79% 27
Time	3.22% 15
Other (please specify)	16.31% 76
Total Respondents: 466	

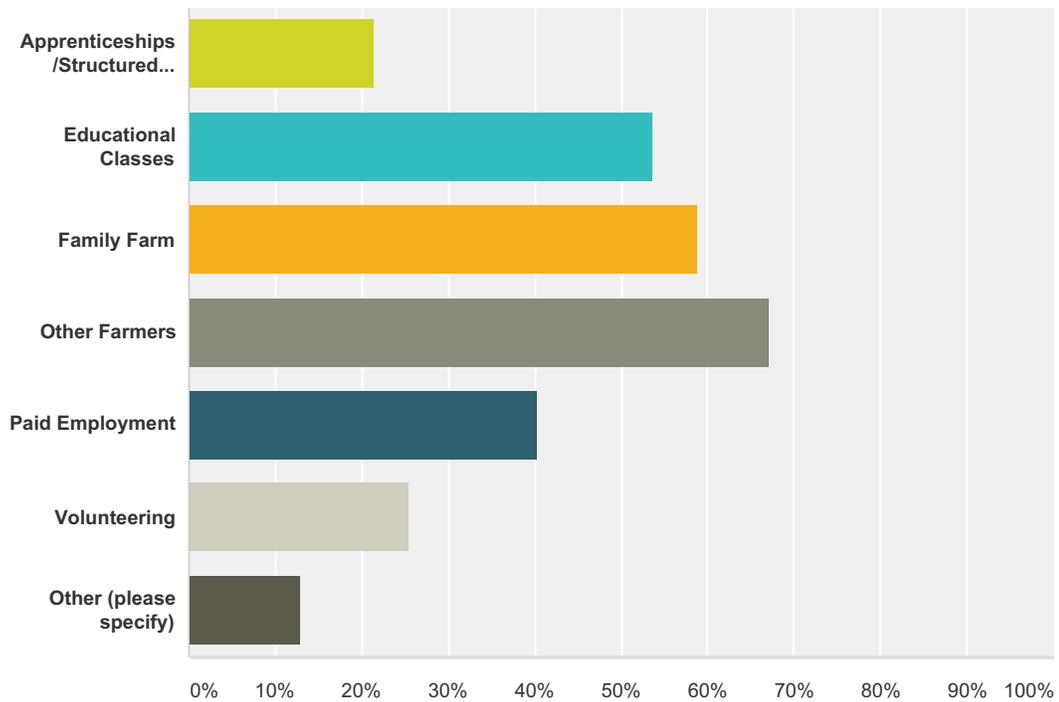
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1	Healthy eating. Slower pace of life. Teach my children well	1/17/2015 7:39 PM
2	Started gardening with my family, worked for an after school program focused on farming and cooking, now work on a community farm - motivated by lack of healthy food options in our city and by need for positive progressive community activity in our neighborhood	1/14/2015 8:52 AM
3	still live at home	1/14/2015 3:58 AM
4	teach are kids and keeps them out of trouble	1/13/2015 6:00 PM
5	the love of it	1/10/2015 12:22 PM
6	the love of it	1/10/2015 12:20 PM
7	family business	1/9/2015 3:50 PM
8	to provide our own food and excellent products to my community	1/8/2015 1:47 PM
9	It is a career I can pursue while raising my children at home. I can also share/teach this trade to my children.	1/8/2015 1:20 PM

10	family	1/8/2015 11:50 AM
11	Sustainability	1/7/2015 1:21 PM
12	entrepreneurship	1/7/2015 12:16 PM
13	time with friends, joy of working with hands	1/6/2015 8:54 PM
14	To be able to be self-sustainable.	1/6/2015 4:15 PM
15	I wanted organic food that I knew was organic	1/6/2015 1:12 PM
16	Raising children	1/4/2015 4:24 PM
17	Healthy lifestyle, self-sufficiency, ethical ag.	1/2/2015 2:19 PM
18	love	12/30/2014 9:01 PM
19	Family has always done it	12/29/2014 8:56 PM
20	Clean health local food	12/27/2014 7:18 PM
21	providing people with healthy organic, GMO free, pesticide free food	12/22/2014 11:27 AM
22	Healthier lifestyle	12/21/2014 7:11 PM
23	Healthier living	12/21/2014 6:46 PM
24	It is my passion	12/20/2014 9:26 AM
25	Nobody else in the area is starting to farm.	12/20/2014 8:15 AM
26	My grandfather	12/19/2014 8:09 PM
27	to help the farm grow & to help my parents so my children could experience farm work & values.	12/19/2014 6:25 PM
28	Relaxation and physical conditioning.	12/19/2014 4:21 PM
29	Think we are on the verge of a big shift in agriculture and I want to be part of it. Doing so helps align my values and my actions.	12/18/2014 10:03 AM
30	N/A	12/15/2014 5:15 PM
31	Became interested when I took a permaculture course	12/13/2014 10:37 PM
32	Became interested when I took a permaculture course	12/13/2014 10:35 PM
33	Always wanted to continue farming on family farm after college	12/11/2014 4:18 PM
34	hobby, and important to relation of ancestors.	12/10/2014 11:43 AM
35	taint	12/10/2014 8:45 AM
36	Healing land and community. Life style centered on family and intimacy with the living world around us.	12/10/2014 12:00 AM
37	Health	12/9/2014 9:35 PM
38	Grow my own food and teach my family	12/9/2014 6:05 PM
39	Malnutrition and food access issues in community	12/9/2014 3:16 PM
40	Food access issues and malnutrition in my community	12/9/2014 3:14 PM
41	community activism (urban farming)	12/9/2014 10:35 AM
42	lifestyle, think it's the right thing to do - heal the land & the community through healthy soils, food	12/9/2014 10:34 AM
43	sustainability, social justice	12/9/2014 10:00 AM
44	My experience in 4-H	12/8/2014 10:12 AM
45	I went back to the farm after working an "in town" job. I needed to get away from the ridiculousness of "city folks"	12/5/2014 10:42 AM
46	Family heritage	12/4/2014 7:56 PM

47	Social justice / reclaim food/health for communities	12/4/2014 7:52 PM
48	Family business	12/4/2014 3:13 PM
49	lifestyle	12/4/2014 1:26 PM
50	Married a farmer	12/4/2014 1:26 PM
51	Not currently farming	12/3/2014 2:15 PM
52	Teaching my kids how to works,survive,etc	12/2/2014 8:39 PM
53	teaching the kids to have high quality fresh food	12/2/2014 8:40 AM
54	teaching the kids and family to have high quality fresh food	12/2/2014 8:38 AM
55	my wife!	11/29/2014 9:07 PM
56	Second Career after beig laid off and better for mental & physical health	11/29/2014 5:44 PM
57	raising our own food	11/28/2014 11:40 PM
58	provide a better qualitu food for my large family	11/28/2014 10:42 PM
59	Desire to be self-employed and work in a fulfilling profession	11/28/2014 9:51 PM
60	Fed up with food industry practices	11/28/2014 12:57 PM
61	being/eating healthy.	11/27/2014 10:25 PM
62	married a farmer	11/27/2014 10:22 AM
63	I found that I had a talent for canning.	11/26/2014 5:35 PM
64	High school trade taught me	11/26/2014 3:28 PM
65	environmental and social justice	11/26/2014 8:37 AM
66	community outreach - addressing local food issues	11/25/2014 8:32 PM
67	self sustainability and effective contributions to community and environmental health	11/25/2014 8:28 PM
68	help the community	11/25/2014 7:16 PM
69	What I grew up dong	11/25/2014 5:47 PM
70	desire to improve the environment and food supply of our local area	11/25/2014 2:27 PM
71	My mother started the farm.	11/25/2014 2:15 PM
72	Family Business	11/25/2014 1:47 PM
73	Inspired by another farmer's story	11/25/2014 1:37 PM
74	have control over my family's food	11/25/2014 9:41 AM
75	Lifestyle	11/24/2014 3:20 PM
76	Farm had not been in production agriculture in many years, we decided to get into production agriculture	11/24/2014 12:25 PM

Q7 In what ways have you gained farming experience?

Answered: 436 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Responses
Apprenticeships/Structured internships	21.56% 94
Educational Classes	53.67% 234
Family Farm	58.94% 257
Other Farmers	67.20% 293
Paid Employment	40.37% 176
Volunteering	25.46% 111
Other (please specify)	12.84% 56
Total Respondents: 436	

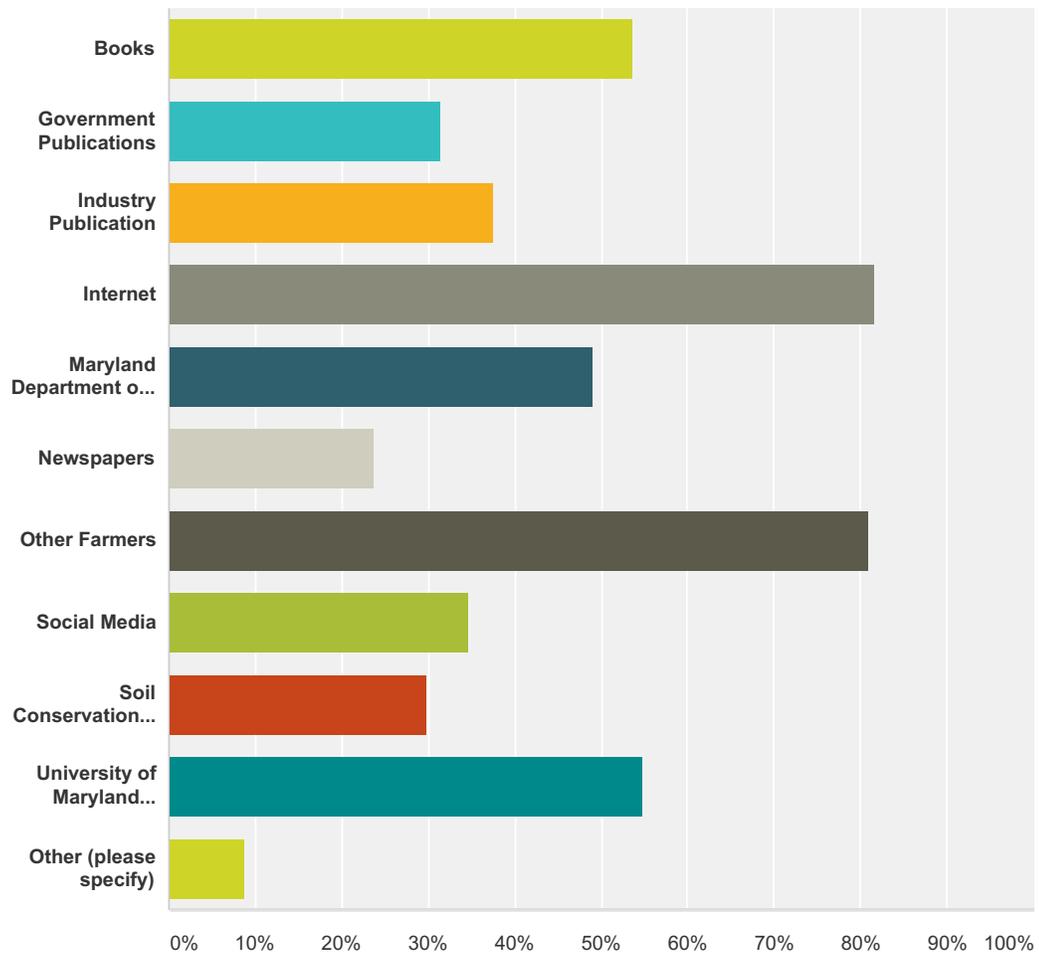
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1	CASA conference.	1/17/2015 7:40 PM
2	from grand parents who raise me on the farm	1/14/2015 7:37 PM
3	Reading	1/13/2015 9:14 PM
4	judge sent me to live with some menonites instead of boys camp	1/13/2015 6:03 PM
5	4H	1/13/2015 2:33 PM

6	i was invloved with 4h and ffa where i meet several wonderful families and i love to speard agricultural experince to everyone	1/13/2015 2:19 PM
7	since I was 5	1/13/2015 2:19 PM
8	Alpha gamma rho national fraternity	1/13/2015 1:59 PM
9	Internet research	1/10/2015 2:26 PM
10	Trail and error!	1/8/2015 9:17 PM
11	4H	1/8/2015 1:59 PM
12	school of hard knocks! Self taught!	1/8/2015 1:49 PM
13	Internet, books, podcasts	1/8/2015 11:38 AM
14	self taught and self experience	1/7/2015 7:33 PM
15	Started my own aquaculture company	1/7/2015 12:18 PM
16	internet forum	1/7/2015 11:42 AM
17	4-H	1/6/2015 6:05 PM
18	Hobby farming	1/6/2015 1:37 PM
19	Reading and hands on	1/6/2015 1:12 PM
20	Online resources, trial and error, UMD Extension	1/2/2015 2:22 PM
21	trial and error	12/29/2014 7:05 PM
22	Internet Information	12/22/2014 1:12 PM
23	New Farmer Pilot Project Montgomery County	12/21/2014 6:15 PM
24	Trial and error	12/20/2014 10:50 AM
25	Learning on my own, believe me not all the older farmers want to help a young farmer	12/20/2014 8:19 AM
26	undergraduate and graduate school	12/20/2014 3:05 AM
27	Educational classes - online, at conferences, and by doing!	12/18/2014 9:30 AM
28	Hard Knocks	12/17/2014 8:04 PM
29	4-h, FFA	12/10/2014 11:45 AM
30	Reading and experience	12/9/2014 9:37 PM
31	Self education	12/9/2014 6:06 PM
32	Conferences	12/9/2014 10:02 AM
33	Books, internet, self taught	12/4/2014 8:06 PM
34	Books	12/4/2014 8:02 PM
35	Reading	12/4/2014 7:54 PM
36	conferences	12/4/2014 2:35 PM
37	learning by watching on youtube about farming etc	12/2/2014 8:43 PM
38	from YouTube, magazines, garden books,etc	12/2/2014 8:48 AM
39	CASA Futureharvest educational programs	12/1/2014 1:06 PM
40	internet research and books	11/29/2014 8:44 AM
41	UMES	11/28/2014 10:44 PM
42	Reading books, going to Polyface, watching videos, planting family garden	11/28/2014 1:01 PM

43	Teaching	11/26/2014 3:29 PM
44	conferences	11/26/2014 1:23 PM
45	workshops	11/26/2014 9:06 AM
46	A lot of reading	11/25/2014 9:15 PM
47	certifications such as NMP, food processing, Master Gardener	11/25/2014 8:34 PM
48	Beginner Farmer Training Program	11/25/2014 8:34 PM
49	College	11/25/2014 5:49 PM
50	UMBC AGRICULTURE GRADUATE	11/25/2014 2:23 PM
51	individual research, trial and erroe	11/25/2014 1:40 PM
52	Learning as I go	11/25/2014 1:38 PM
53	internet groups	11/25/2014 9:43 AM
54	Reading and online research	11/24/2014 8:03 PM
55	4-H	11/24/2014 5:44 PM
56	Involved with 4-H	11/24/2014 1:14 PM

Q8 What sources do you use when you need information regarding farming?

Answered: 436 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Responses
Books	53.67% 234
Government Publications	31.42% 137
Industry Publication	37.61% 164
Internet	81.65% 356
Maryland Department of Agriculture	49.08% 214
Newspapers	23.85% 104
Other Farmers	80.96% 353
Social Media	34.63% 151
Soil Conservation District	29.82% 130

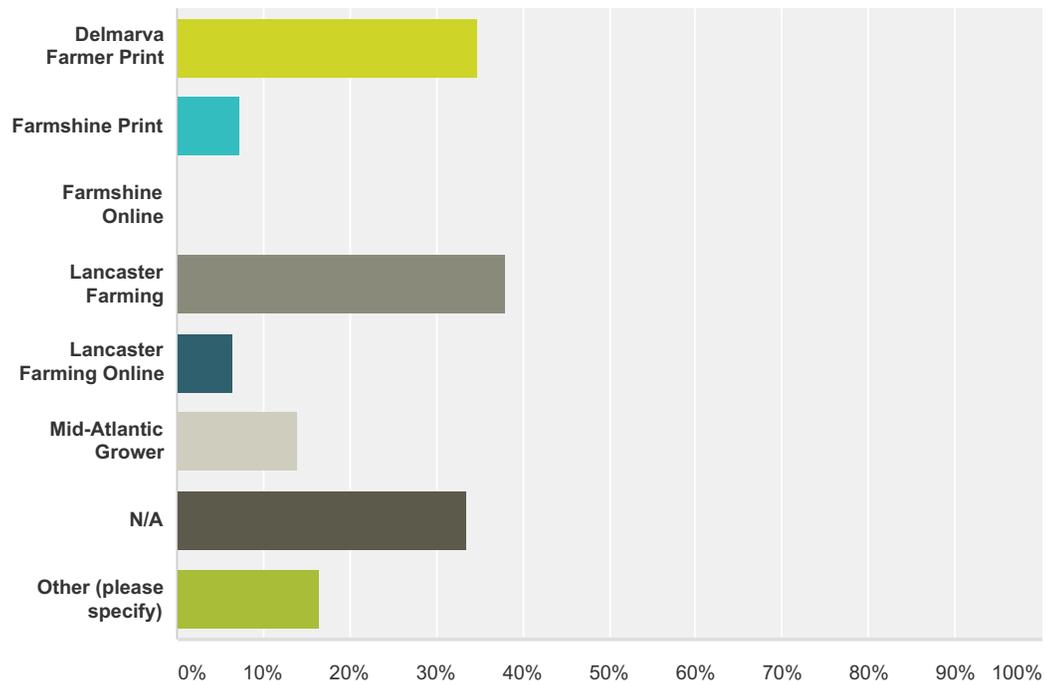
University of Maryland Extension	54.82%	239
Other (please specify)	8.72%	38
Total Respondents: 436		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	older farmers	1/14/2015 7:37 PM
2	Family	1/13/2015 6:23 PM
3	been doing this since I was 5	1/13/2015 2:19 PM
4	other farming organizations such as PASA or CRAFT or CASA or ATTRA or Rodale.	1/8/2015 1:22 PM
5	SARE, NOFA, NOP	1/8/2015 1:11 PM
6	FBEN	1/8/2015 12:00 PM
7	Podcasts	1/8/2015 11:38 AM
8	Agronomist/ salesmen	1/7/2015 5:30 AM
9	Annual Conferences	1/6/2015 8:34 PM
10	4-H	1/6/2015 6:05 PM
11	SMADC, Maryland FarmLINK	1/6/2015 1:31 PM
12	Wholesale Supply, Wholesale Auctions	12/22/2014 1:12 PM
13	Montgomery County	12/21/2014 6:15 PM
14	My father he is the smartest man I know.	12/19/2014 6:26 PM
15	other land grant universities	12/19/2014 4:35 PM
16	University of Maryland (student)	12/17/2014 6:07 PM
17	Future Harvest CASA, Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture, ATTRA, Extension research (but rarely from UMD)	12/10/2014 12:06 AM
18	Higher ed extension publications	12/9/2014 3:18 PM
19	Other Universities extension bulletins	12/5/2014 11:44 PM
20	nracs	12/4/2014 9:08 PM
21	Alternative agriculture organizations	12/4/2014 8:02 PM
22	Farm Manager	12/4/2014 6:38 PM
23	magazines	12/4/2014 1:36 PM
24	emails	12/4/2014 1:28 PM
25	Colleagues	12/3/2014 8:17 AM
26	cross road farmers market food network	12/2/2014 8:48 AM
27	other university publications	12/1/2014 7:23 PM
28	Land Grant University publications/research articles	11/30/2014 6:49 AM
29	PASA, FHCASA	11/29/2014 5:48 PM
30	Penn state extension	11/29/2014 8:08 AM
31	Farming conferences	11/28/2014 9:53 PM
32	IPM Scout	11/27/2014 1:21 PM

33	Growing For Market, ATTRA	11/26/2014 8:40 AM
34	My dad	11/25/2014 8:55 PM
35	other state university extension sites, ncat, accat, webinars	11/25/2014 8:34 PM
36	Speciality magazines including Acres, Growing for Market	11/25/2014 8:17 PM
37	1. Private Crop Consultant, 2. Farm Service Agency/NRCS	11/25/2014 10:23 AM
38	extension p	11/25/2014 7:54 AM

Q9 Do you subscribe to any online or print Farming/Agriculture publications?

Answered: 436 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Responses
Delmarva Farmer Print	34.86% 152
Farmshine Print	7.34% 32
Farmshine Online	0.23% 1
Lancaster Farming	38.07% 166
Lancaster Farming Online	6.42% 28
Mid-Atlantic Grower	13.99% 61
N/A	33.72% 147
Other (please specify)	16.51% 72
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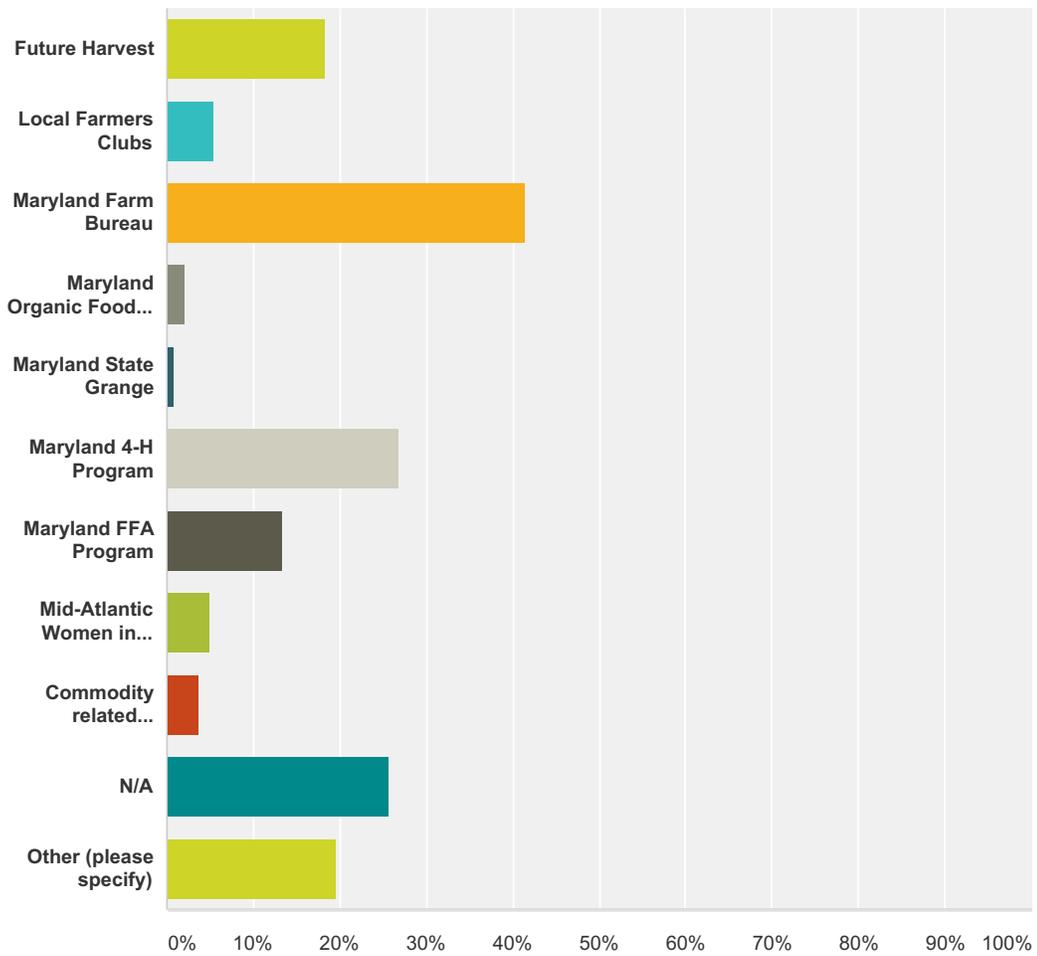
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2	Farm link. Future harvest CASA	1/17/2015 7:40 PM
3	no	1/14/2015 4:00 AM
4	Mother Earth news	1/13/2015 9:14 PM
5	goat rancher	1/13/2015 2:19 PM

6	Hobby Farms, Acres, Progressive Farmer	1/11/2015 10:30 AM
7	Bay journal	1/10/2015 2:26 PM
8	Goat Rancher, ABGA and USBGA	1/8/2015 1:59 PM
9	ATTRA newsletter, various email lists	1/7/2015 3:50 PM
10	successful farming, progressive farmer magazine's	1/7/2015 7:16 AM
11	dairy herd management agweb farm journal dairy today	1/6/2015 10:11 PM
12	growing for market, on pasture	1/6/2015 3:40 PM
13	Caprine News, Hobby Farm, Mother Earth News	1/6/2015 2:38 PM
14	Hoards Dairyman, Farm Journal	1/6/2015 2:06 PM
15	Hoards dairyman	1/6/2015 2:02 PM
16	Urban Farming	1/6/2015 1:32 PM
17	Progressive Farmer	1/6/2015 12:59 PM
18	acres, vegetable grower	1/5/2015 2:37 PM
19	Backyard Poultry magazine	1/2/2015 2:22 PM
20	Hoards	12/31/2014 11:25 AM
21	progressive farmer	12/29/2014 8:59 PM
22	Sucessful Farming	12/28/2014 3:34 PM
23	Progressive Farmer	12/27/2014 12:46 PM
24	Wines & Vines. Wine Business Monthly	12/26/2014 3:06 PM
25	Progressive farmer	12/24/2014 5:24 PM
26	Forage Grower	12/20/2014 9:39 AM
27	Vegetable Grower, Greenhouse Grower	12/20/2014 9:31 AM
28	The Stockman Grass Farmer	12/20/2014 8:55 AM
29	no - till farmer	12/20/2014 8:19 AM
30	Acres , small farmers journal	12/20/2014 5:43 AM
31	Growing for Market	12/19/2014 5:56 AM
32	APPPA	12/19/2014 3:32 AM
33	growing for market	12/18/2014 10:05 AM
34	Growing for Market	12/18/2014 9:30 AM
35	top producer, successful farming	12/17/2014 8:04 PM
36	Farming Magazine, Small Farmer's Journal	12/17/2014 7:06 PM
37	Small Farmer's Journal, Acres USA	12/13/2014 10:39 PM
38	Holstein World, Progressive Farmer, Hoards Dairyman	12/11/2014 4:21 PM
39	Acres USA, Stockman Grass Farmer, Backyard Poultry	12/10/2014 9:38 AM
40	North American Farmer Direct Marketing Assoc magazine, MD Winery Assoc. online, MD Grape Growers online,	12/10/2014 7:12 AM
41	Growing For Market, The Stockman Grass Farmer	12/10/2014 12:06 AM
42	Mother earth News, o g	12/9/2014 9:37 PM
43	Hobby Farm, Growing for Market	12/9/2014 10:53 AM

44	Growing For Market, ACRES, ATTRA	12/9/2014 10:02 AM
45	Hobby Farms	12/8/2014 10:13 AM
46	10 or more publications	12/6/2014 4:56 AM
47	hoards dairyman, holstein world, progressive farmer,	12/5/2014 1:05 PM
48	ACRES USA, Stockman Grass Farmer, Mother Earth News	12/4/2014 8:02 PM
49	American Sheep Industry Newsletter	12/4/2014 2:52 PM
50	Growing for Market, Farm Show	12/4/2014 2:35 PM
51	Modern Farmer	12/3/2014 8:17 AM
52	local harvest, Eco city farm	12/2/2014 8:43 PM
53	dc urban garden,	12/2/2014 8:48 AM
54	garden center and nursery publications	12/1/2014 7:23 PM
55	ACRES	11/30/2014 6:49 AM
56	Grit, Hobby Farm, Mother Earth News	11/29/2014 7:48 AM
57	grit	11/28/2014 10:44 PM
58	Hoards Dairyman, American Agriculturalist, Farm Journal, Jersey Journal, Northeast Dairy Business, Progressive Dairyman, Dairy Today	11/28/2014 9:54 PM
59	Grape Growers Association	11/28/2014 1:01 PM
60	various magazines	11/27/2014 10:27 PM
61	Growing for Market	11/26/2014 1:23 PM
62	growing for market	11/26/2014 11:28 AM
63	Growing For Market, ACRES, ATTRA	11/26/2014 8:40 AM
64	Progressive Farmer	11/26/2014 8:25 AM
65	farm aid newsletter	11/25/2014 8:34 PM
66	Growing for Market and Acres	11/25/2014 8:17 PM
67	growing for market	11/25/2014 6:18 PM
68	Wines & Vines, Vineyard & Winery Management Magazines	11/25/2014 1:51 PM
69	Growing For Market	11/25/2014 1:38 PM
70	farm and ranch	11/25/2014 7:54 AM
71	No Till Farmer, various online publications	11/24/2014 8:03 PM
72	Hobby Farmer	11/24/2014 4:49 PM

Q10 With what Agriculture organizations are you affiliated?

Answered: 436 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Responses
Future Harvest	18.35% 80
Local Farmers Clubs	5.50% 24
Maryland Farm Bureau	41.51% 181
Maryland Organic Food & Farming Association	2.06% 9
Maryland State Grange	0.92% 4
Maryland 4-H Program	26.83% 117
Maryland FFA Program	13.30% 58
Mid-Atlantic Women in Agriculture	5.05% 22
Commodity related organization	3.67% 16

N/A	25.69%	112
Other (please specify)	19.72%	86
Total Respondents: 436		

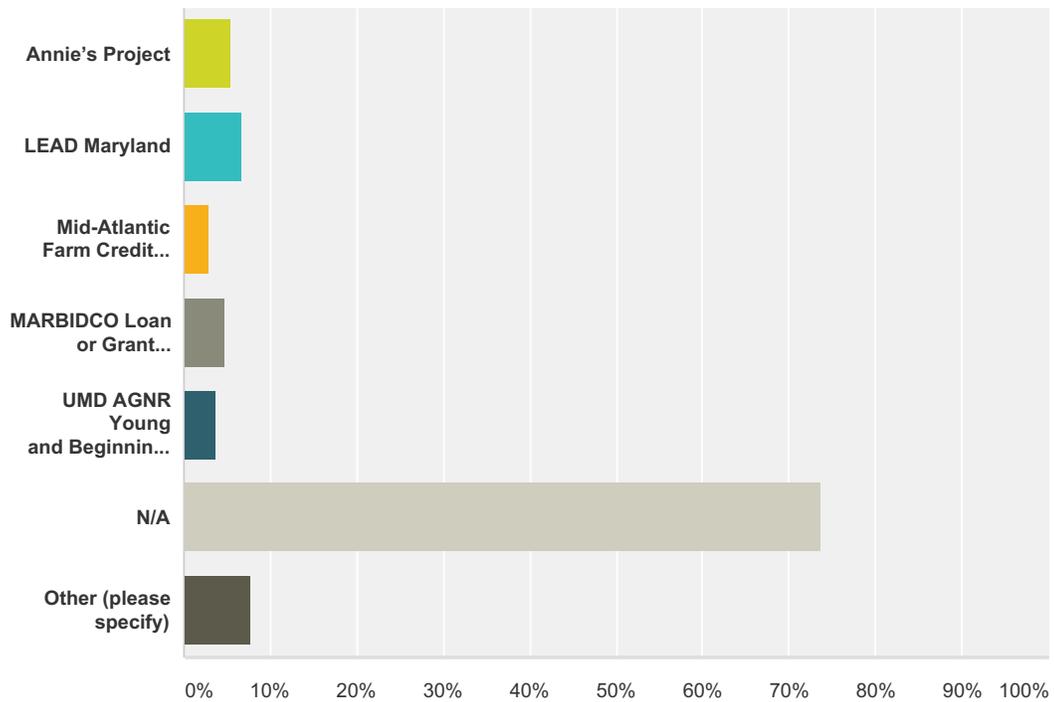
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1	Farm Alliance of Baltimore	1/14/2015 8:53 AM
2	NAFDMA	1/13/2015 8:17 PM
3	Red angus national and local associations	1/13/2015 2:34 PM
4	i was competitive in 4h and ffa still i aged out. but i am involed with American boer goat association where i show my goats in open shows on the east coast	1/13/2015 2:19 PM
5	Alpha Gamma Rho National Fraternity	1/13/2015 1:59 PM
6	Baltimore City Farm Alliance	1/13/2015 9:13 AM
7	PASA	1/10/2015 10:07 AM
8	local harvest	1/8/2015 1:49 PM
9	PASA	1/7/2015 3:50 PM
10	Southern Maryland Shellfish Growers Association	1/7/2015 1:41 PM
11	SMADC	1/6/2015 10:24 PM
12	MD Christmas Tree Growers Assoc.	1/6/2015 6:34 PM
13	Pasa	1/6/2015 4:37 PM
14	NOFA, PASA	1/6/2015 3:40 PM
15	Children are in 4-H	1/6/2015 3:22 PM
16	ADGA, MDGA,	1/6/2015 2:38 PM
17	Maryland Grazers Network	1/6/2015 2:06 PM
18	Delmarva Poultry Industry	1/6/2015 12:59 PM
19	Alpha Gamma Rho	1/6/2015 11:55 AM
20	pasa, penn state	1/5/2015 2:37 PM
21	MGGA	12/29/2014 8:10 PM
22	urban farmer	12/27/2014 7:20 PM
23	Maryland Nursery and Landscape Assoc.	12/22/2014 2:33 PM
24	UMD and USDA	12/21/2014 8:39 PM
25	Chesapeake CRAFT	12/21/2014 8:35 PM
26	Montgomery Countryside Alliance	12/21/2014 7:12 PM
27	Montgomery Countryside Alliance	12/21/2014 6:47 PM
28	Montgomery Countryside Alliance	12/21/2014 6:42 PM
29	New Farmer Pilot Project Montgomery County	12/21/2014 6:15 PM
30	Calvert young farmers	12/21/2014 6:45 AM
31	Maryland Horticulture Society	12/21/2014 6:43 AM
32	Delaware 4H	12/20/2014 9:39 AM

33	Frederick County Young Farmers, even though most of them don't even farm, or there parents do and they think they are farmers	12/20/2014 8:19 AM
34	PASA	12/20/2014 5:43 AM
35	livestock breed association	12/20/2014 3:05 AM
36	Pennsylvania vegetable growers association	12/19/2014 4:37 PM
37	Farm service agency	12/17/2014 8:04 PM
38	LEAD	12/15/2014 11:50 AM
39	Eastern Shore & MD Holstein, MDIA	12/11/2014 4:21 PM
40	Maryland Ag Education Foundation, Maryland Ag Council	12/11/2014 11:58 AM
41	livestock conservancy (heritage breeds)	12/10/2014 11:45 AM
42	I'm also an active member of the North American Farmers Direct Marketing Association (NAFDMA), The National Agritourism Professionals Association (NAPA), The Maryland Wineries Association (MWA), The Maryland Grape Growers Association (MGGA), and the National Association of Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (NAFMNP).	12/10/2014 7:12 AM
43	Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture	12/10/2014 12:06 AM
44	National Young Farmers Coalition	12/9/2014 11:21 AM
45	our farm runs a young farmers meet up group	12/9/2014 10:56 AM
46	MAEF	12/9/2014 10:52 AM
47	community greening resource network CGRN	12/9/2014 10:37 AM
48	Farm Alliance of Baltimore City	12/9/2014 10:02 AM
49	Sigma Alpha	12/8/2014 10:13 AM
50	Md holstein	12/7/2014 12:06 PM
51	holstein association, jersey association, dairy shrine	12/5/2014 1:05 PM
52	Sigma Alpha, Perdue	12/5/2014 12:00 AM
53	Master Gardeners, blacksmith guild of central Maryland, mont. Co. Beekeepers assoc., audubon naturalist society, dexter cattlemans assoc., Masonic lodge,	12/4/2014 8:02 PM
54	NAFDMA	12/4/2014 4:05 PM
55	Maryland Turfgrass Association	12/4/2014 3:14 PM
56	Soil Conservation	12/4/2014 3:02 PM
57	Maryland Department of Agriculture	12/4/2014 2:43 PM
58	Maryland Farmers Market Association, PASA	12/4/2014 2:35 PM
59	American Quarter Horse Association and other equine affiliated groups	12/4/2014 1:36 PM
60	MNLA, Young Farmers Advisory Board	12/2/2014 10:47 AM
61	PA Farm Bureau	12/1/2014 7:23 PM
62	Maryland Winery Association	12/1/2014 12:50 PM
63	PASA	11/30/2014 6:49 AM
64	MGGA	11/29/2014 9:09 PM
65	PASA, Vegetable Growers Assoc, Master Gardeners	11/29/2014 5:48 PM
66	PA farm bureau, PA 4h, PA FFA	11/29/2014 8:08 AM
67	SMM, LocalHarvest	11/28/2014 10:44 PM
68	PASA	11/28/2014 9:53 PM

69	md grape growers	11/28/2014 1:37 PM
70	MD. NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASS.// MD. GRAPE GROWER AND WINERY ASS.	11/28/2014 12:25 PM
71	Vegetable Growers Associations	11/27/2014 1:21 PM
72	CommonGround	11/26/2014 8:57 AM
73	Farm Alliance of Baltimore City	11/26/2014 8:40 AM
74	I work for Soil Conservation District	11/26/2014 8:33 AM
75	PASA	11/25/2014 8:17 PM
76	civicwork real food farm	11/25/2014 7:18 PM
77	Sassafras and chester riverkeeper	11/25/2014 3:13 PM
78	PPA	11/25/2014 2:23 PM
79	MGGA	11/25/2014 1:51 PM
80	WOw, PASA not on the list?	11/25/2014 1:40 PM
81	PASA	11/25/2014 1:38 PM
82	Maryland Cattlemens Assoc.	11/25/2014 9:10 AM
83	Frederick county young farmers	11/24/2014 9:42 PM
84	Maryland Cattlemen's Assoc.	11/24/2014 8:53 PM
85	MNLA	11/24/2014 7:19 PM
86	county fair board	11/24/2014 1:14 PM

Q11 In what Agriculture programs have you participated?

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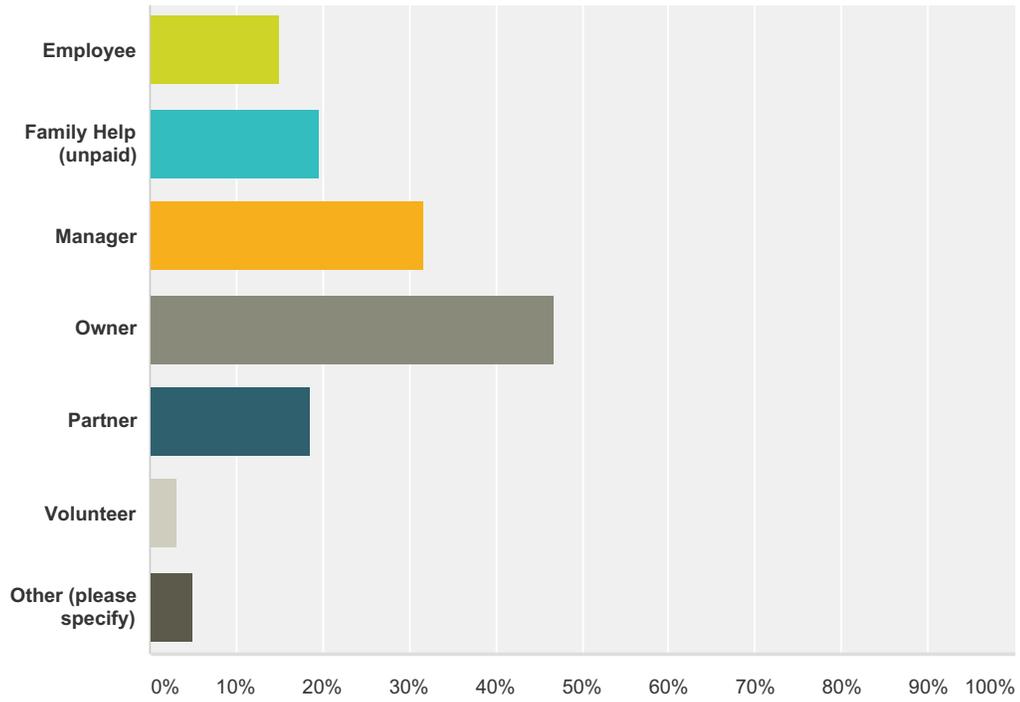
Answer Choices	Responses
Annie's Project	5.50% 24
LEAD Maryland	6.65% 29
Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit StartRight Program	2.98% 13
MARBIDCO Loan or Grant Incentive Programs	4.82% 21
UMD AGNR Young and Beginning Farmers Program	3.67% 16
N/A	73.62% 321
Other (please specify)	7.80% 34
Total Respondents: 436	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Will participate in Future Harvest Beginner Farmer Training Program in 2015	1/9/2015 4:56 PM
2	FSA direct farm ownership loan	1/6/2015 10:11 PM
3	high school ffa	1/6/2015 8:55 PM
4	4-H, Young farmers	1/6/2015 4:21 PM
5	New Farmer Pilot Project Montgomery County	12/21/2014 6:15 PM
6	USDA Grant	12/20/2014 10:50 AM

7	never heard of any of the programs	12/20/2014 9:31 AM
8	I would like to participate in annie's project, but none close enough	12/20/2014 5:43 AM
9	permaculture design course.	12/18/2014 10:05 AM
10	Farm Beginnings - Land Stewardship Project, Minnesota	12/13/2014 10:39 PM
11	Future Harvest Small scale intensive farming training	12/9/2014 3:18 PM
12	VAPG, Future Harvest Beginning Farmer Training Program	12/9/2014 11:21 AM
13	Future Harvest Beginning Farmer Training Program	12/9/2014 10:02 AM
14	Ag in the Classroom	12/8/2014 10:13 AM
15	Miss Maryland Agriculture contest	12/7/2014 10:51 AM
16	None	12/4/2014 3:47 PM
17	In next LEAD class	12/2/2014 10:47 AM
18	Farm Credit Ag Biz Classes	11/29/2014 5:48 PM
19	Future Harvest Beginner Farmer Training Program	11/26/2014 1:44 PM
20	Future Harvest training programs	11/26/2014 8:40 AM
21	Pencil to Plow (Salisbury Chamber of Commerce), Master Gardener, Nutrient Management Licensed and Certified	11/26/2014 8:33 AM
22	Beginner Farmer Training Program	11/25/2014 8:34 PM
23	CASA Future Harvest Beginning Farmer Training Program graduate.	11/25/2014 8:17 PM
24	civicwork real food farm	11/25/2014 7:18 PM
25	beginning farmers training program	11/25/2014 6:18 PM
26	MD GRANTS ,SBLA, SAM	11/25/2014 2:23 PM
27	Future Harvest CASA: Beginning Farmer Training Program	11/25/2014 1:38 PM
28	afgc meetings, asa national meeting	11/25/2014 7:54 AM
29	Harford County AG Marketing Coop	11/25/2014 5:18 AM
30	Farming Pencil to Plow	11/24/2014 8:14 PM
31	Farming Pencil to Plow	11/24/2014 8:03 PM
32	4H & FFA , young farmers	11/24/2014 6:54 PM
33	Ag biz masters	11/24/2014 4:46 PM
34	Young Dairy Leadership Institute; Syngenta Leadership at Its Best Program	11/24/2014 12:25 PM

Q12 What is your role/position on the farm?

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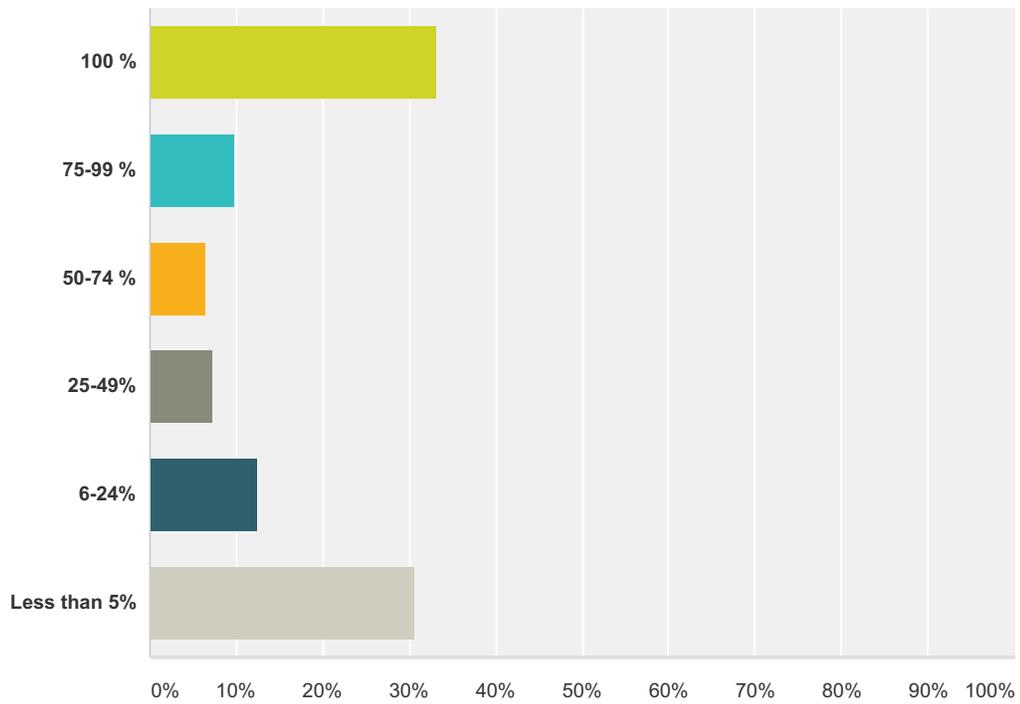
Answer Choices	Responses
Employee	15.03% 52
Family Help (unpaid)	19.65% 68
Manager	31.79% 110
Owner	46.82% 162
Partner	18.50% 64
Volunteer	3.18% 11
Other (please specify)	4.91% 17
Total Respondents: 346	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	all of the above	1/8/2015 5:11 PM
2	Asst Manager	1/8/2015 1:14 PM
3	Event coordinator and Director of Educational programs	1/8/2015 12:04 PM
4	help by friend	1/6/2015 8:59 PM
5	rent some land of my own, but hard to grow with limited funds and all the big timers hogging up all the land raking in subsidies, insurance that the small guy cant get and govt programs.	12/25/2014 12:31 PM
6	Intern	12/23/2014 3:23 PM

7	Everything	12/9/2014 9:44 PM
8	None	12/9/2014 6:12 PM
9	Collective member	12/9/2014 10:42 AM
10	Help	12/5/2014 7:28 AM
11	Currently in planning stages of my own farm, but help out on my parents' farm	12/3/2014 8:21 AM
12	Farm-based Educator	12/2/2014 11:55 AM
13	I was family help	11/26/2014 8:58 AM
14	intern	11/25/2014 8:43 PM
15	Horse owner	11/25/2014 8:21 AM
16	student	11/25/2014 8:01 AM
17	wife	11/24/2014 5:18 PM

Q13 What percentage of your personal income is from Agriculture?

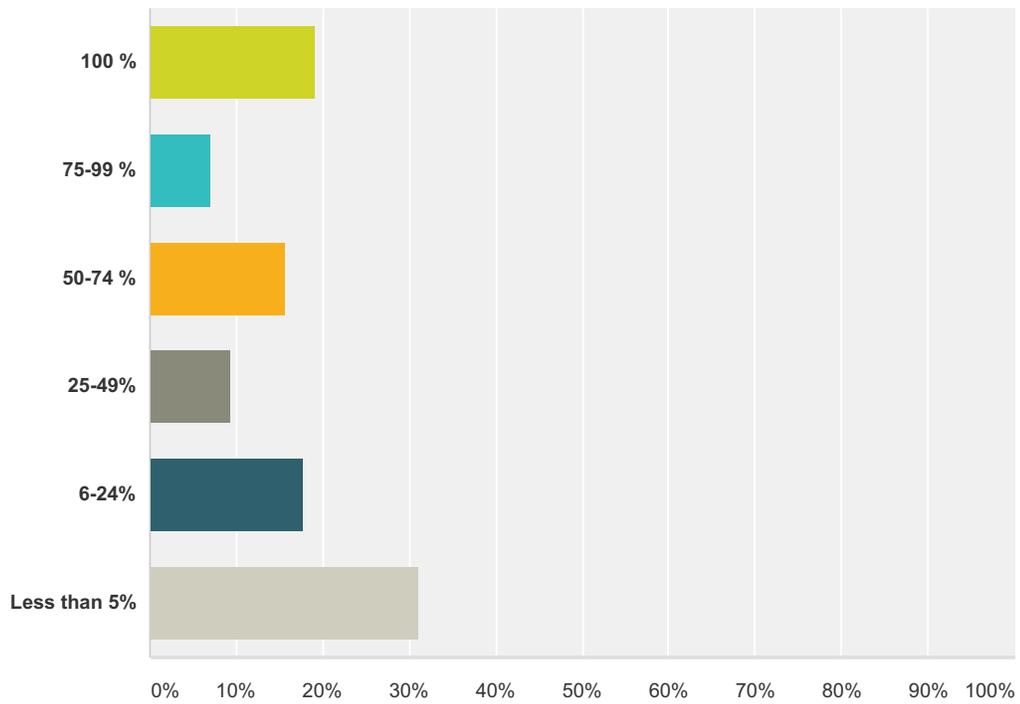
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
100 %	33.24%	114
75-99 %	9.91%	34
50-74 %	6.41%	22
25-49%	7.29%	25
6-24%	12.54%	43
Less than 5%	30.61%	105
Total		343

Q14 What percentage of your household income is from Agriculture?

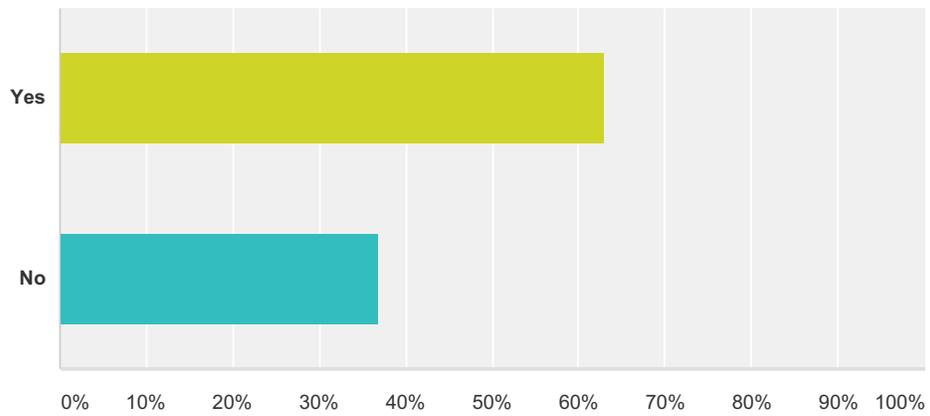
Answered: 340 Skipped: 126



Answer Choices	Responses
100 %	19.12% 65
75-99 %	7.06% 24
50-74 %	15.59% 53
25-49%	9.41% 32
6-24%	17.65% 60
Less than 5%	31.18% 106
Total	340

Q15 Do you depend on off the farm income to continue farming?

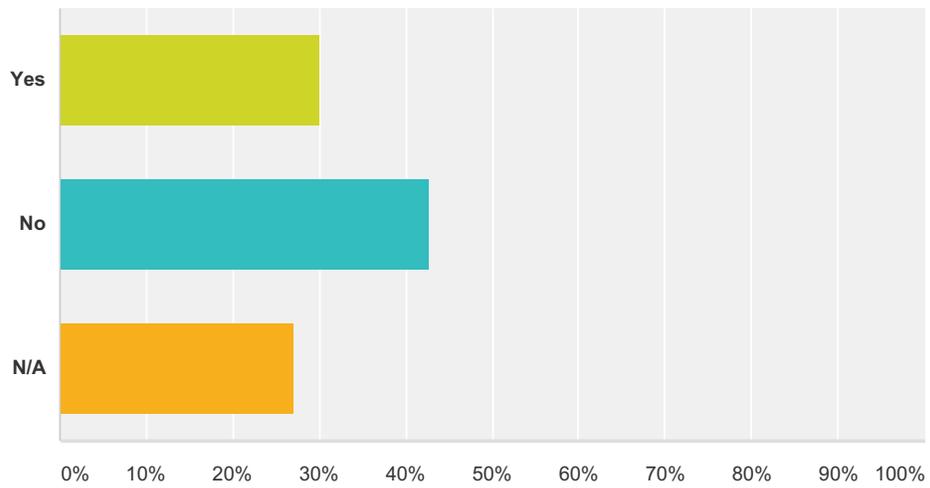
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	63.01% 218
No	36.99% 128
Total	346

Q16 If you answered yes to question 15, is your off farm job related to agriculture?

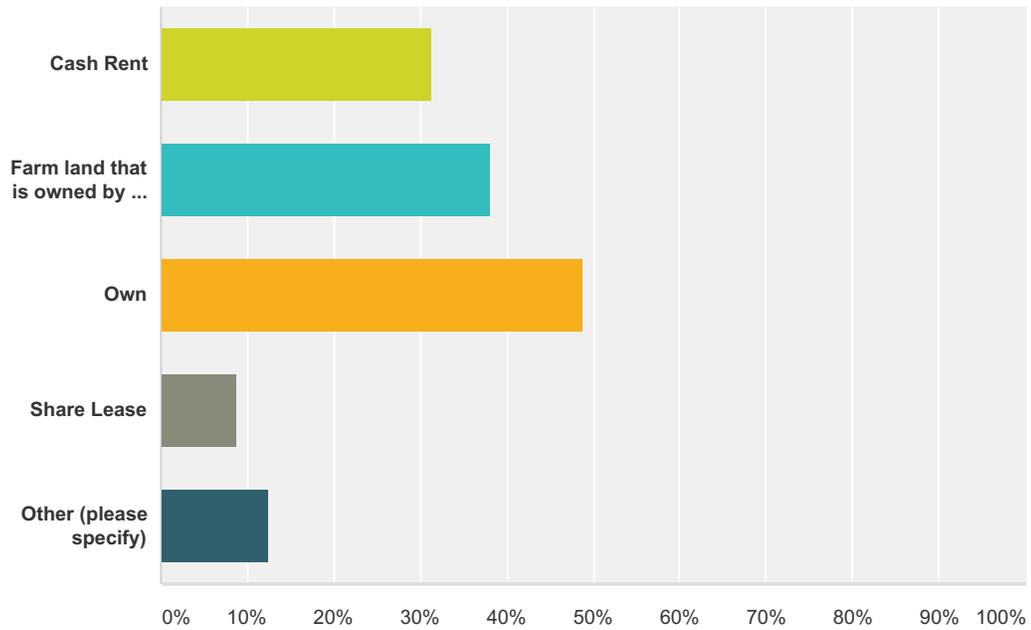
Answered: 299 Skipped: 167



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	30.10% 90
No	42.81% 128
N/A	27.09% 81
Total	299

Q17 In regards to land, do you:

Answered: 346 Skipped: 120



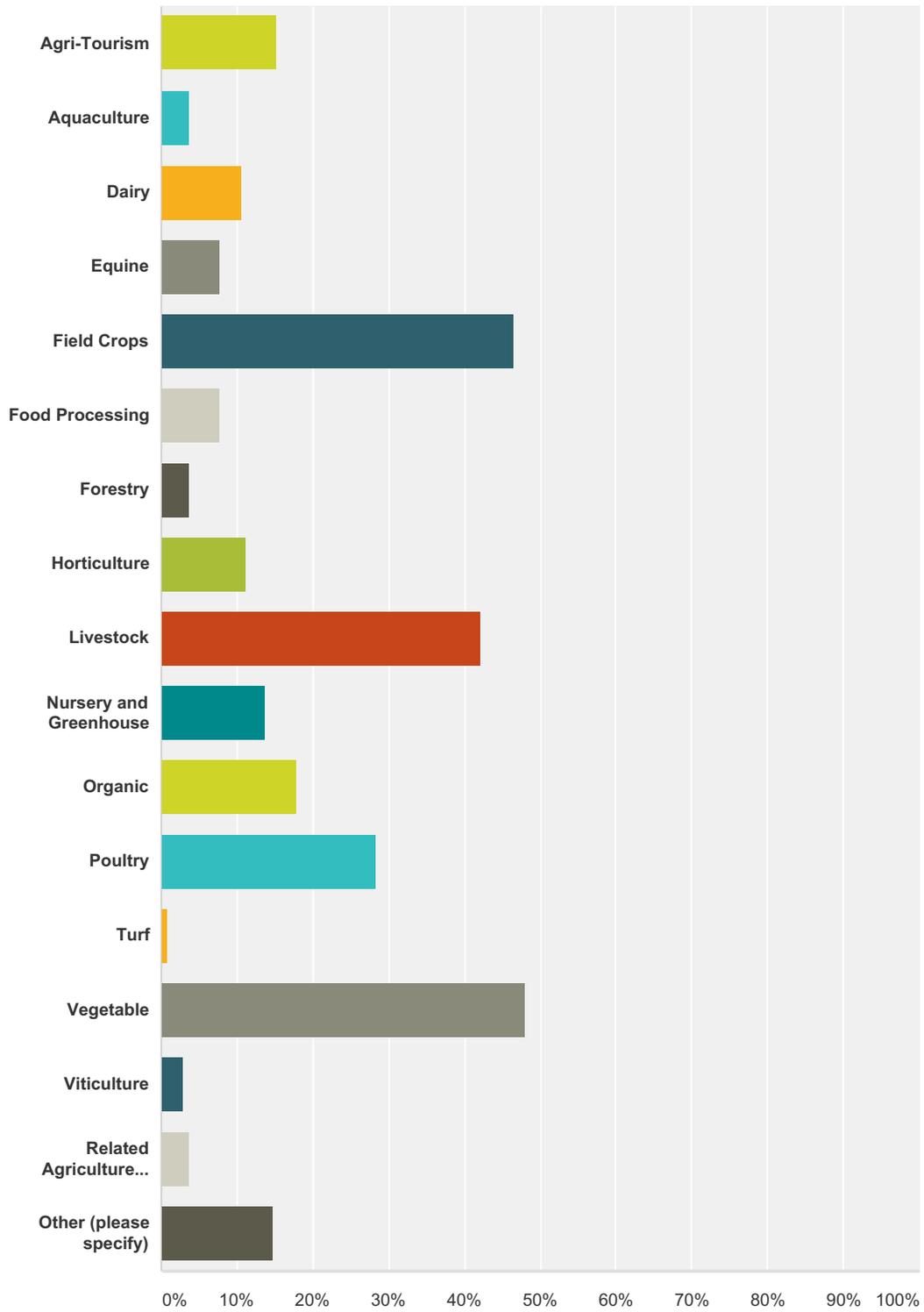
Answer Choices	Responses
Cash Rent	31.21% 108
Farm land that is owned by a family member	38.15% 132
Own	48.84% 169
Share Lease	8.67% 30
Other (please specify)	12.43% 43
Total Respondents: 346	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Looking	1/17/2015 7:44 PM
2	Own but zoning wont allow me to even have chickens although I am Rural no neighbor near by but only have 1.5 acres	1/13/2015 6:28 PM
3	DNR issued lease	1/10/2015 2:31 PM
4	Adopt a lot from City of Baltimore	1/9/2015 4:59 PM
5	family owned but I rent it	1/8/2015 5:11 PM
6	lease	1/8/2015 3:30 PM
7	Employed by another farmer	1/8/2015 1:14 PM
8	land is a donation	1/7/2015 3:57 PM
9	Some land is rented for free just so landlords can keep there ag assessment.	1/7/2015 7:27 AM
10	n/a can't afford	1/6/2015 8:59 PM

11	I farm independently but most of my time is spent working for a larger farm nearby	1/6/2015 8:41 PM
12	plan to run farm after parents pass over	1/6/2015 7:01 PM
13	I do not own the farm I work at	12/23/2014 3:23 PM
14	Work for non-profit farm, living on site managing farm	12/22/2014 11:31 AM
15	rent at no cost	12/20/2014 3:16 AM
16	free rent and machinery use in exchange for employing at-risk teenage boys housed by a nonprofit	12/19/2014 10:46 PM
17	i work for a non-profit foundation that holds the land and the equipment. They pay me a salary, regardless of how much money the farm makes.	12/18/2014 10:12 AM
18	I work on land provided by my job	12/10/2014 10:32 AM
19	Use land as a resource from employer	12/9/2014 3:23 PM
20	we farm 3 plots each under a different arrangement	12/9/2014 11:05 AM
21	Adopted vacant lot in Baltimore City	12/9/2014 10:58 AM
22	Both use family land & barter for additional land for produce	12/9/2014 10:46 AM
23	Various arrangements	12/9/2014 10:42 AM
24	free lease	12/9/2014 10:24 AM
25	na	12/7/2014 10:33 AM
26	family business	12/5/2014 7:28 AM
27	work on someone's land	12/2/2014 11:21 AM
28	None of the above, just an employee. Hope to have my own farm in the future.	12/1/2014 9:07 PM
29	Work	12/1/2014 10:57 AM
30	Lease farm home & land	11/29/2014 6:03 PM
31	Split milk check lease	11/29/2014 8:16 AM
32	manage	11/26/2014 11:35 AM
33	i do not have land yet	11/26/2014 9:09 AM
34	I do not have land	11/26/2014 8:58 AM
35	City lease	11/26/2014 8:45 AM
36	Farmland that is owned by a friend	11/25/2014 9:26 PM
37	adopt from city	11/25/2014 8:43 PM
38	have a right of entry from the city (like adopt a lot)	11/25/2014 8:40 PM
39	Farm land that is owned by an organization; i.e. The University of Maryland	11/25/2014 5:35 PM
40	Lease in return of land improvement, invasive weed control and providing support to at risk youth of the non-profit that owns the land	11/25/2014 2:33 PM
41	Free occupation with landowners permission (MOU)	11/25/2014 1:42 PM
42	hoping to own in future	11/25/2014 8:01 AM
43	It is not my farm	11/24/2014 2:19 PM

Q18 What products do you grow/operate?

Answered: 346 Skipped: 120



Answer Choices	Responses
Agri-Tourism	15.32% 53

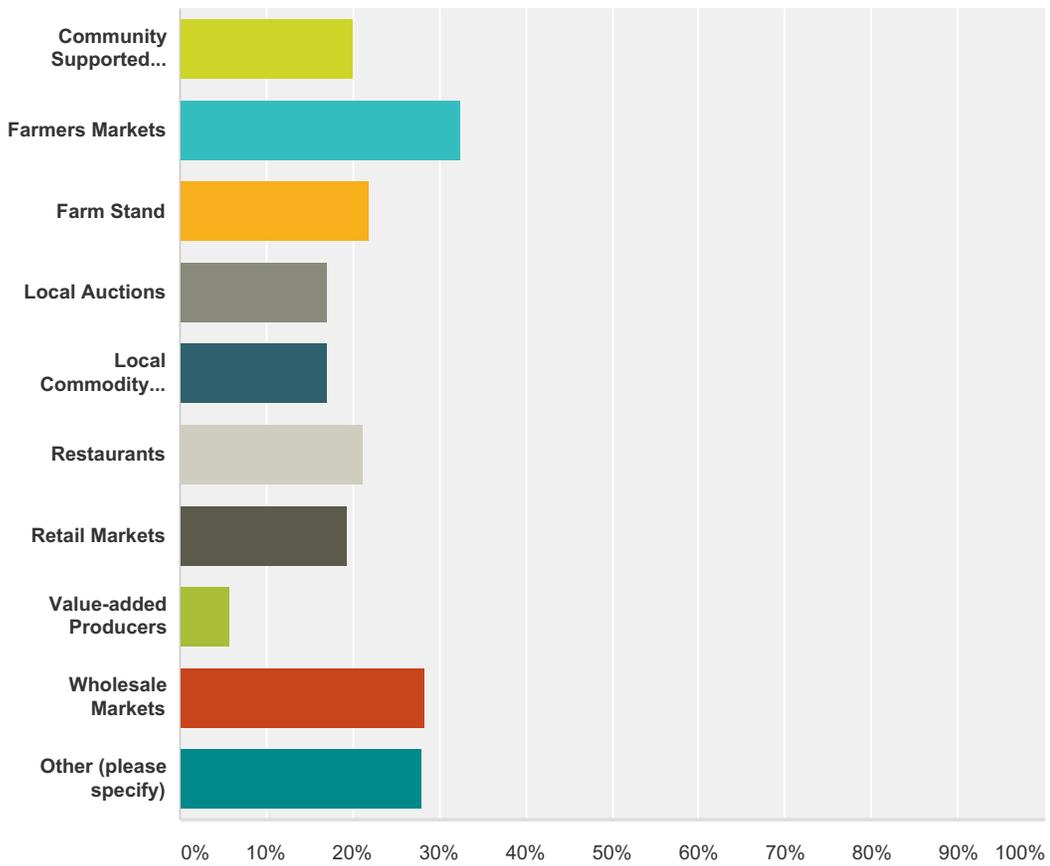
Aquaculture	3.76%	13
Dairy	10.69%	37
Equine	7.80%	27
Field Crops	46.53%	161
Food Processing	7.80%	27
Forestry	3.76%	13
Horticulture	11.27%	39
Livestock	42.20%	146
Nursery and Greenhouse	13.87%	48
Organic	17.92%	62
Poultry	28.32%	98
Turf	0.87%	3
Vegetable	47.98%	166
Viticulture	2.89%	10
Related Agriculture Business: Please specify	3.76%	13
Other (please specify)	14.74%	51
Total Respondents: 346		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Fruit	1/19/2015 3:24 PM
2	Honey pollen	1/17/2015 7:44 PM
3	fruit	1/14/2015 4:25 AM
4	Christmas Trees	1/13/2015 2:05 PM
5	Tobacco	1/13/2015 6:05 AM
6	Hay	1/9/2015 8:12 AM
7	meat rabbits	1/8/2015 10:45 PM
8	Apiary	1/8/2015 9:21 PM
9	bees	1/8/2015 1:27 PM
10	Hay	1/7/2015 11:45 AM
11	Hay for cattle and to sell	1/7/2015 7:27 AM
12	I raise dairy goats and use the milk to make soap for my soap business.	1/6/2015 3:26 PM
13	Fodder	1/6/2015 1:54 PM
14	Hay	12/29/2014 11:31 PM
15	goat clearing business	12/29/2014 7:12 PM
16	Hay	12/21/2014 4:05 PM

17	Goat clearing	12/21/2014 6:54 AM
18	Hay	12/20/2014 9:42 AM
19	mushrooms, hay	12/20/2014 5:48 AM
20	fruit	12/19/2014 4:44 PM
21	CNG	12/19/2014 3:37 AM
22	herbs, small fruits, and flowers	12/18/2014 9:34 AM
23	Custom farming and applicator	12/17/2014 8:13 PM
24	Mushrooms	12/17/2014 7:11 PM
25	Lawn and Landscape	12/16/2014 7:02 PM
26	build coops and hutches and milking stands also.	12/10/2014 11:49 AM
27	Educational tours	12/10/2014 12:17 AM
28	Flowers	12/9/2014 11:23 AM
29	Herbs, Apiary, Eggs	12/9/2014 10:46 AM
30	chrismas trees and farmers markets	12/5/2014 8:38 PM
31	600 ac. Hay operation	12/5/2014 10:52 AM
32	adding organic produce this year!	12/4/2014 8:13 PM
33	Hay. Straw	12/4/2014 1:35 PM
34	Apiculture	12/2/2014 11:55 AM
35	Hay, grapes, misc, ...	11/29/2014 9:15 PM
36	fruits, herbs, flowers	11/29/2014 6:03 PM
37	farm market	11/29/2014 2:21 PM
38	Chicks, Meat, table eggs, hatching eggs, vegetables	11/29/2014 8:02 AM
39	aquaponic herbs	11/28/2014 10:51 PM
40	Value Added	11/28/2014 10:03 PM
41	We are only beginning, but expandin, taking over our farmland from conventional farmer, etc.	11/28/2014 1:08 PM
42	berries	11/26/2014 5:41 PM
43	Cut flowers	11/26/2014 3:33 PM
44	mobile farmer's market coordinator	11/26/2014 9:09 AM
45	I would love to grow organic vegetables, provide agri-tourism, and grow animal fiber	11/26/2014 8:58 AM
46	Creamery	11/26/2014 1:30 AM
47	herbs for production of fresh sale and processed for tea and health care products, mushrooms	11/25/2014 8:43 PM
48	Blueberries and Blackberries	11/25/2014 2:21 PM
49	goals when open farm	11/25/2014 8:01 AM
50	Hay	11/24/2014 3:26 PM
51	Rabbits	11/24/2014 1:17 PM

Q19 How does your farm market its products?

Answered: 346 Skipped: 120



Answer Choices	Responses
Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)	19.94% 69
Farmers Markets	32.66% 113
Farm Stand	21.97% 76
Local Auctions	17.05% 59
Local Commodity Markets	17.05% 59
Restaurants	21.39% 74
Retail Markets	19.36% 67
Value-added Producers	5.78% 20
Wholesale Markets	28.32% 98
Other (please specify)	28.03% 97
Total Respondents: 346	

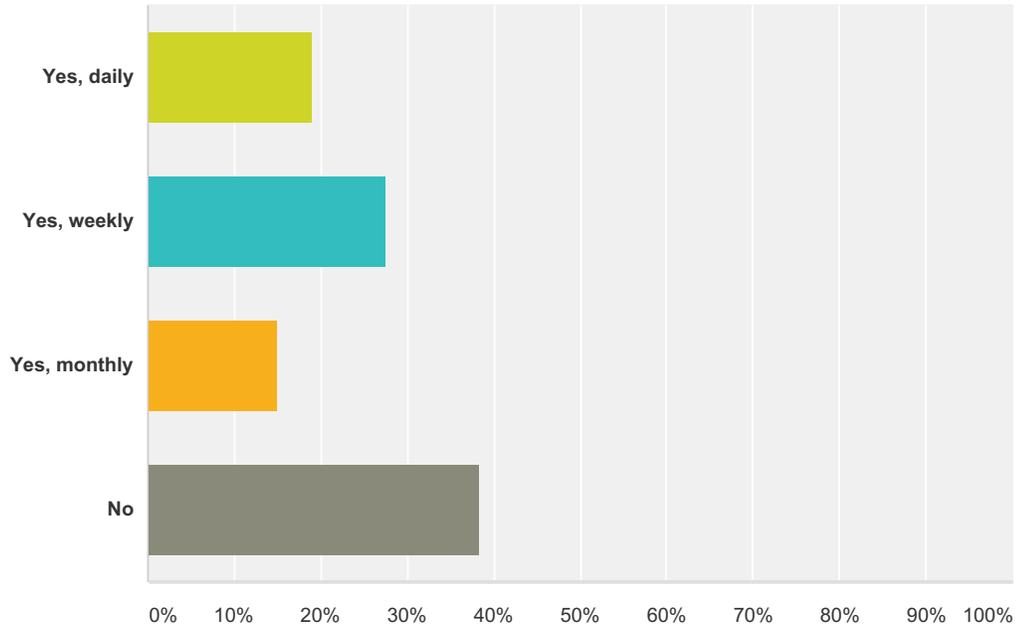
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Grocery stores, direct wholesale	1/19/2015 3:24 PM
2	Word of mouth	1/17/2015 7:44 PM
3	Private sales	1/13/2015 2:38 PM
4	social media	1/13/2015 2:27 PM
5	Advertisement signs and word of mouth	1/13/2015 2:05 PM
6	word of mouth	1/11/2015 10:37 AM
7	Our livestock operation is small (just starting) so it's direct to consumer sales through friends/family at this point.	1/9/2015 4:03 PM
8	friends and family mostly	1/9/2015 6:42 AM
9	website and social meia	1/8/2015 9:21 PM
10	4H youth projects	1/8/2015 2:02 PM
11	haven't sold products yet.	1/8/2015 1:27 PM
12	Direct Saled from the farm	1/8/2015 1:14 PM
13	Social Media, Internet, WOM	1/8/2015 11:42 AM
14	I have not sold any of my crop, only given to other family members	1/7/2015 1:31 PM
15	somd	1/7/2015 11:45 AM
16	Private sales	1/7/2015 8:39 AM
17	southern maryland so good farm listing, word of mouth, local online classifieds	1/7/2015 7:27 AM
18	website facebook word of mouth	1/6/2015 10:19 PM
19	Internet and local advertising	1/6/2015 9:00 PM
20	personal connections	1/6/2015 8:59 PM
21	website	1/6/2015 6:09 PM
22	N/a	1/6/2015 5:52 PM
23	Not yet.	1/6/2015 4:42 PM
24	online "shop"	1/6/2015 3:26 PM
25	Personal use, friends & fam sales	1/6/2015 3:00 PM
26	Word of Mouth	1/6/2015 1:54 PM
27	We only grow/raise for our family, and for neighborhood sharing	1/2/2015 2:27 PM
28	Milk Coop	12/31/2014 11:28 AM
29	Word-of-mouth	12/30/2014 9:49 AM
30	Somd classifieds and Craigslist	12/29/2014 11:31 PM
31	Social Media	12/29/2014 8:17 PM
32	online	12/29/2014 7:12 PM
33	Trade with friends and neighbors	12/29/2014 11:33 AM
34	Wine Club. On-farm sales	12/26/2014 3:11 PM
35	Word of mouth	12/24/2014 5:32 PM
36	Forge list, talking to people, customers telling friends.	12/22/2014 9:33 AM
37	website	12/21/2014 8:32 PM

38	Leased Land from Community Garden/State Park prohibits sale of goods	12/21/2014 7:21 PM
39	I don't market; land leased from Park Service prohibits sale	12/21/2014 6:59 PM
40	Regular Customers	12/21/2014 4:05 PM
41	Face to Face	12/20/2014 9:42 AM
42	sell breeding stock, 4-H Lambs, custom processed meat	12/20/2014 3:16 AM
43	produce auctions	12/19/2014 4:42 PM
44	website	12/19/2014 4:17 PM
45	Direct Sale	12/16/2014 7:02 PM
46	local private sales	12/11/2014 12:04 PM
47	farm website	12/10/2014 11:49 AM
48	The agritourism in on farm - marketing an experience. The grapes will soon be wine and that will be value added retail marketing	12/10/2014 7:18 AM
49	We eat them	12/9/2014 9:44 PM
50	Not on market	12/9/2014 6:12 PM
51	Mobile Farmers Market	12/9/2014 10:24 AM
52	Milk Cooperative	12/7/2014 12:10 PM
53	County Fair auctions	12/7/2014 10:56 AM
54	na	12/7/2014 10:33 AM
55	Individual, private meat sales	12/5/2014 11:50 PM
56	Sales	12/5/2014 7:29 PM
57	Milk = coop Hay = auction / craigslist	12/5/2014 10:52 AM
58	grainery	12/5/2014 7:28 AM
59	Grainery sold	12/5/2014 7:20 AM
60	will be doing on farm sales	12/4/2014 8:13 PM
61	Direct marketing	12/4/2014 8:06 PM
62	Internet for farm - traditional media for ag entertainment	12/4/2014 3:24 PM
63	Social Media, Website + Word of Mouth	12/4/2014 2:47 PM
64	word of mouth - social media	12/4/2014 1:39 PM
65	Word of mouth, Facebook	12/4/2014 1:35 PM
66	on farm	12/4/2014 11:43 AM
67	only for personal use	12/3/2014 10:16 PM
68	Internet	12/3/2014 8:21 AM
69	deliever hay and straw to customers	12/1/2014 7:06 AM
70	direct marketing	11/30/2014 1:45 PM
71	Online, Catering	11/29/2014 6:03 PM
72	internet advertising	11/29/2014 8:47 AM
73	Maryland and Virginia	11/29/2014 8:16 AM
74	website, facebook	11/29/2014 8:02 AM

75	Milk co-op	11/29/2014 7:35 AM
76	do not market	11/28/2014 11:45 PM
77	Craigslist	11/28/2014 11:21 PM
78	Marketed by Cooperative	11/28/2014 10:03 PM
79	Word of mouth, for now.	11/28/2014 1:08 PM
80	N/A	11/28/2014 12:11 PM
81	N/A	11/28/2014 11:48 AM
82	Direct to wedding customers	11/26/2014 3:33 PM
83	mobile farmer's market	11/26/2014 9:09 AM
84	I do not have a farm yet	11/26/2014 8:58 AM
85	Mobile Farmers Market	11/26/2014 8:45 AM
86	online sale	11/25/2014 8:43 PM
87	University of Maryland Department of Dining Services	11/25/2014 5:35 PM
88	Co-op/buying club	11/25/2014 1:42 PM
89	I make feed using my grain and customers pick up on farm	11/25/2014 10:57 AM
90	craigslist and facebook	11/25/2014 9:50 AM
91	horse boarding and lessons	11/25/2014 8:21 AM
92	goals when in operation	11/25/2014 8:01 AM
93	Private sales	11/24/2014 10:03 PM
94	word of mouth	11/24/2014 7:43 PM
95	Word of mouth and print ads	11/24/2014 3:26 PM
96	Small operation - word of mouth	11/24/2014 1:17 PM
97	Word of Mouth, Direct with consumer	11/24/2014 12:28 PM

Q20 Do you use social media for your farm?

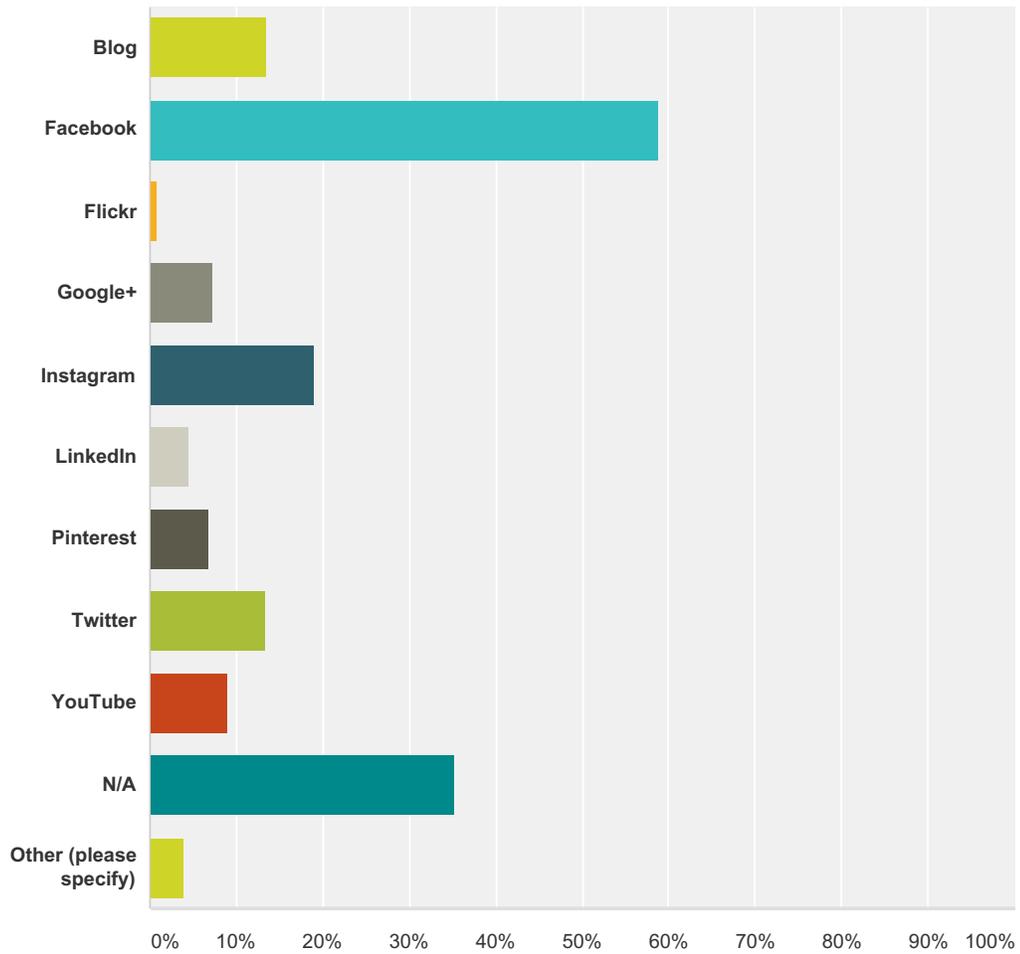
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, daily	19.08% 66
Yes, weekly	27.46% 95
Yes, monthly	15.03% 52
No	38.44% 133
Total	346

Q21 Do you use social media for your farm?

Answered: 346 Skipped: 120



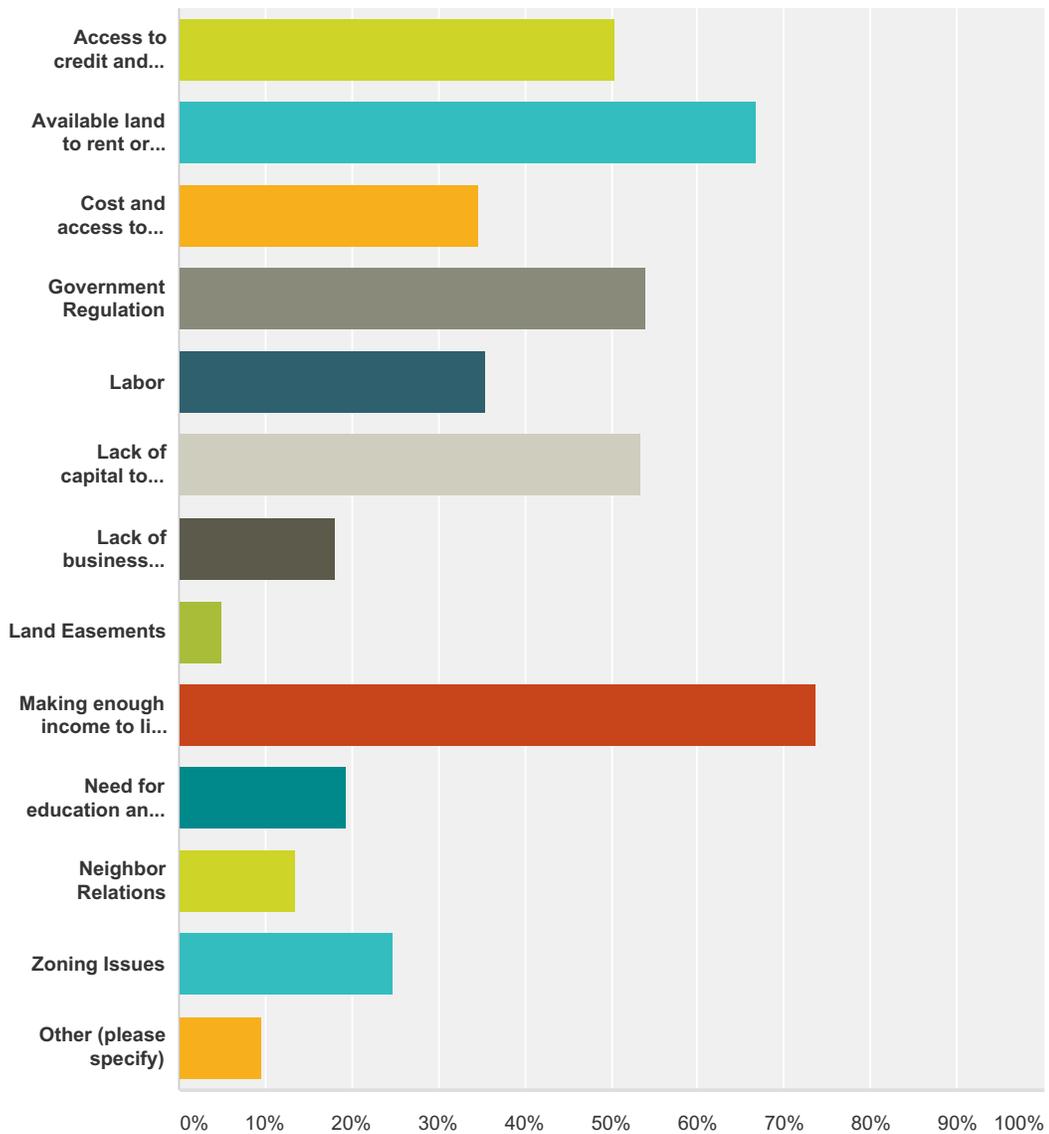
Answer Choices	Responses
Blog	13.58% 47
Facebook	58.96% 204
Flickr	0.87% 3
Google+	7.23% 25
Instagram	19.08% 66
LinkedIn	4.62% 16
Pinterest	6.94% 24
Twitter	13.29% 46
YouTube	8.96% 31
N/A	35.26% 122

Other (please specify)	4.05%	14
Total Respondents: 346		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	no	1/14/2015 4:25 AM
2	craigslist	1/8/2015 5:11 PM
3	website	1/6/2015 10:19 PM
4	web page	12/20/2014 10:56 AM
5	You asked this in question 20. 21 should ask which social media you use.	12/11/2014 2:35 PM
6	thumb	12/10/2014 8:48 AM
7	Every way you can possibly imagine	12/5/2014 10:52 AM
8	No	12/4/2014 3:51 PM
9	website	12/4/2014 2:55 PM
10	website	11/29/2014 8:47 AM
11	Wedding wire	11/26/2014 3:33 PM
12	Weekly email through the farm's website	11/25/2014 8:26 PM
13	E-mail	11/25/2014 1:58 PM
14	plan for use in marketing	11/25/2014 8:01 AM

Q22 From your experience please select the top five obstacles facing young farmers:

Answered: 346 Skipped: 120



Answer Choices	Responses
Access to credit and finance	50.58% 175
Available land to rent or purchase	66.76% 231
Cost and access to health care	34.68% 120
Government Regulation	54.05% 187
Labor	35.55% 123
Lack of capital to invest	53.47% 185

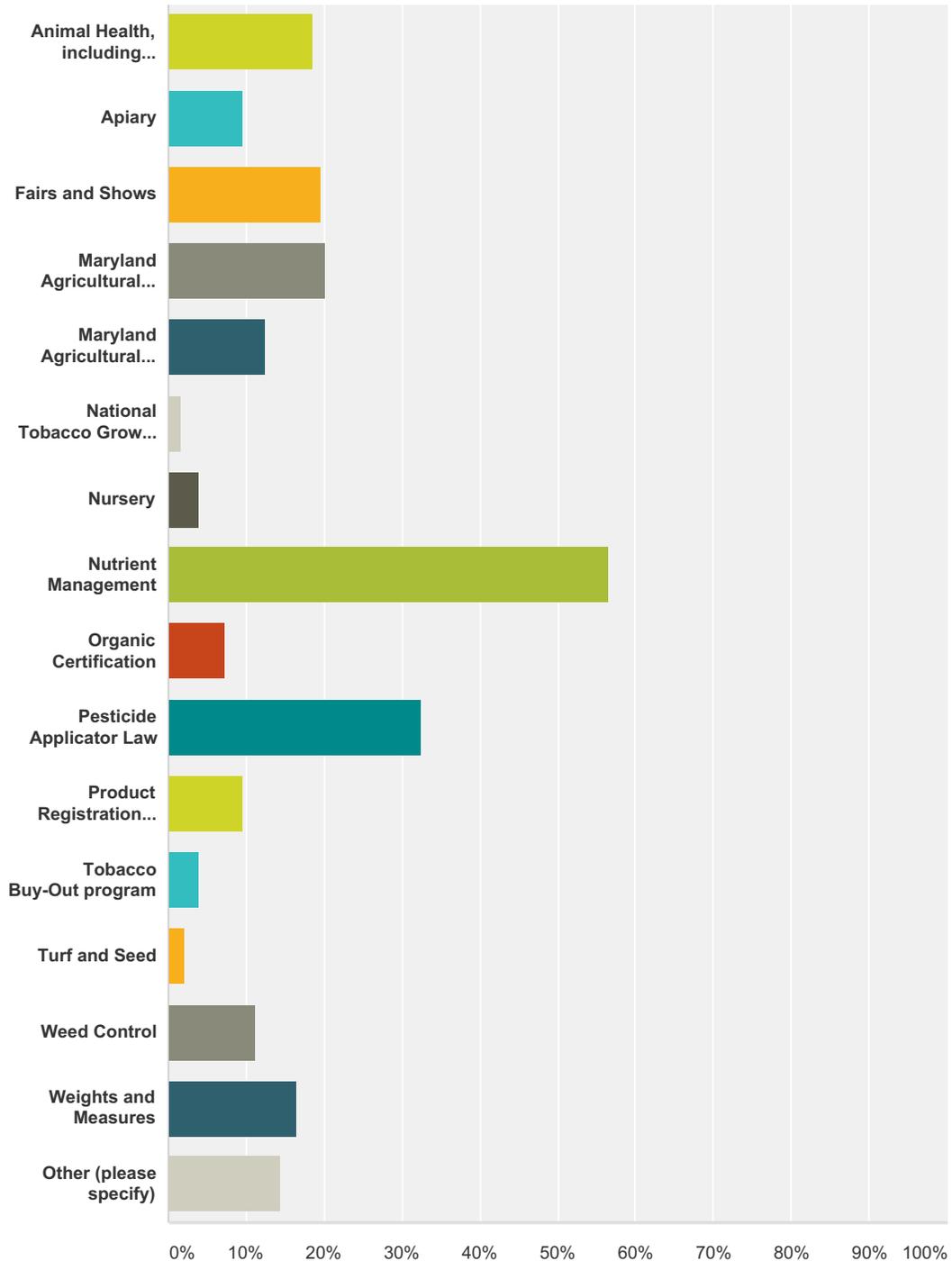
Lack of business planning and marketing skills	18.21%	63
Land Easements	4.91%	17
Making enough income to live off	73.70%	255
Need for education and training	19.36%	67
Neighbor Relations	13.58%	47
Zoning Issues	24.86%	86
Other (please specify)	9.54%	33
Total Respondents: 346		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Local building next to property has been causing tributary stream to flood. property. Due to state waiving swm permit process allows get the to use the stream for such with has damaged the steam, killed wildlife & forcing us to close our farm.	1/14/2015 4:25 AM
2	It's hard for young farmers like myself who is first generation to get started without inhareting the family farm. It is very difficult one day I would love to make a living off the farm but I honestly do not see that coming anytime soon! I am the kind of person that wants to expand agriculture and keep it going strong and get more people involved.	1/13/2015 2:27 PM
3	Input costs: fertilizer, equipment	1/9/2015 8:12 AM
4	little to no viable health care options for young farmers to get started, especially when also trying to pay for land in Maryland	1/6/2015 1:37 PM
5	Our county (PG) is unreasonable about small-scale (3 or less) hens in a residential area, so we operate our little coop on the QT.	1/2/2015 2:27 PM
6	Renting state land that they don't want to fix roadways	12/29/2014 9:37 PM
7	A Conservation Land Easements is not an obstacle, but a benefit.	12/20/2014 3:16 AM
8	equipment prices	12/19/2014 4:42 PM
9	Lack of adequate infrastructure on farm.	12/19/2014 3:37 AM
10	capitol for equipment and land	12/18/2014 10:12 AM
11	other and older cut throat land greedy farmers	12/17/2014 8:13 PM
12	Lack of technical knowledge and experience. This should have been one of your options.	12/11/2014 2:35 PM
13	Farming with family	12/10/2014 7:18 AM
14	Price of farmland under 30 acres near urban markets	12/10/2014 12:17 AM
15	If you have a yard you can feed yourself. Neighbors and social convention are big obstacles to successful farming. Surely local covenants get in the way of food production.	12/9/2014 9:44 PM
16	DEER management. They are putting us out of business on Montgomery county.	12/6/2014 5:14 AM
17	Government regulations are becoming ridiculous. Farmers have come a long way in cleaning up how they farm but they are still being criticized. Nobody is out regulating how much fertilizer home owners in neiborhoods are putting on their lawns. Maryland is breaking the small farms and driving industry away.	12/5/2014 11:32 PM
18	SWM S&E FCA NOI P&Z	12/4/2014 9:12 PM
19	Need more processing facilities for poultry and meat, as well as access to rent tractor attachments for tractors around 30 hp.	12/4/2014 8:13 PM
20	Knowledge of available markets	11/30/2014 6:56 AM

21	Health Dept Issues #1 - It is easier for School/Library - anywhere - to serve preservative and chemical filled unhealthy, packaged foods and potato chips - and very difficult to offer fresh, local vegetable farmers are forced into "restaurant" commercial kitchen rules. Some restaurants are even told they cannot purchase from a local farmer - saying farmers need a "license" for them to buy from us - who is telling them this??	11/29/2014 6:03 PM
22	Cost of land in Montgomery County is ridiculous.	11/29/2014 8:47 AM
23	Farm transitioning/family relationships	11/29/2014 8:16 AM
24	Generational/family issues	11/28/2014 10:03 PM
25	Ability to balance work and play in life.	11/28/2014 9:59 PM
26	Just beginning	11/28/2014 1:08 PM
27	Volunteer organizing and staff management skills, how to fundraise for specific projects and ask community businesses for donations towards start up needs, working with education tours for children	11/25/2014 8:43 PM
28	In order: #1) Lack of Capital; 2) Need for education/training; 3) Lack of business planning and marketing skills; 4) Making enough income to live; 5) Available land to rent, or afford to purchase.	11/25/2014 8:26 PM
29	I would say that MDE and MDA regulations are my biggest obstacle.	11/25/2014 7:52 PM
30	equipment costs	11/25/2014 2:33 PM
31	Mda bullshit	11/25/2014 1:34 PM
32	Cost of land	11/25/2014 8:21 AM
33	Access and understanding Gov Regulations.	11/24/2014 7:04 PM

Q23 Are you (or your business) in any way regulated by or subject to the regulatory authority of the Maryland Department of Agriculture in any of the following programs? Please check all that apply.

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Answer Choices	Responses
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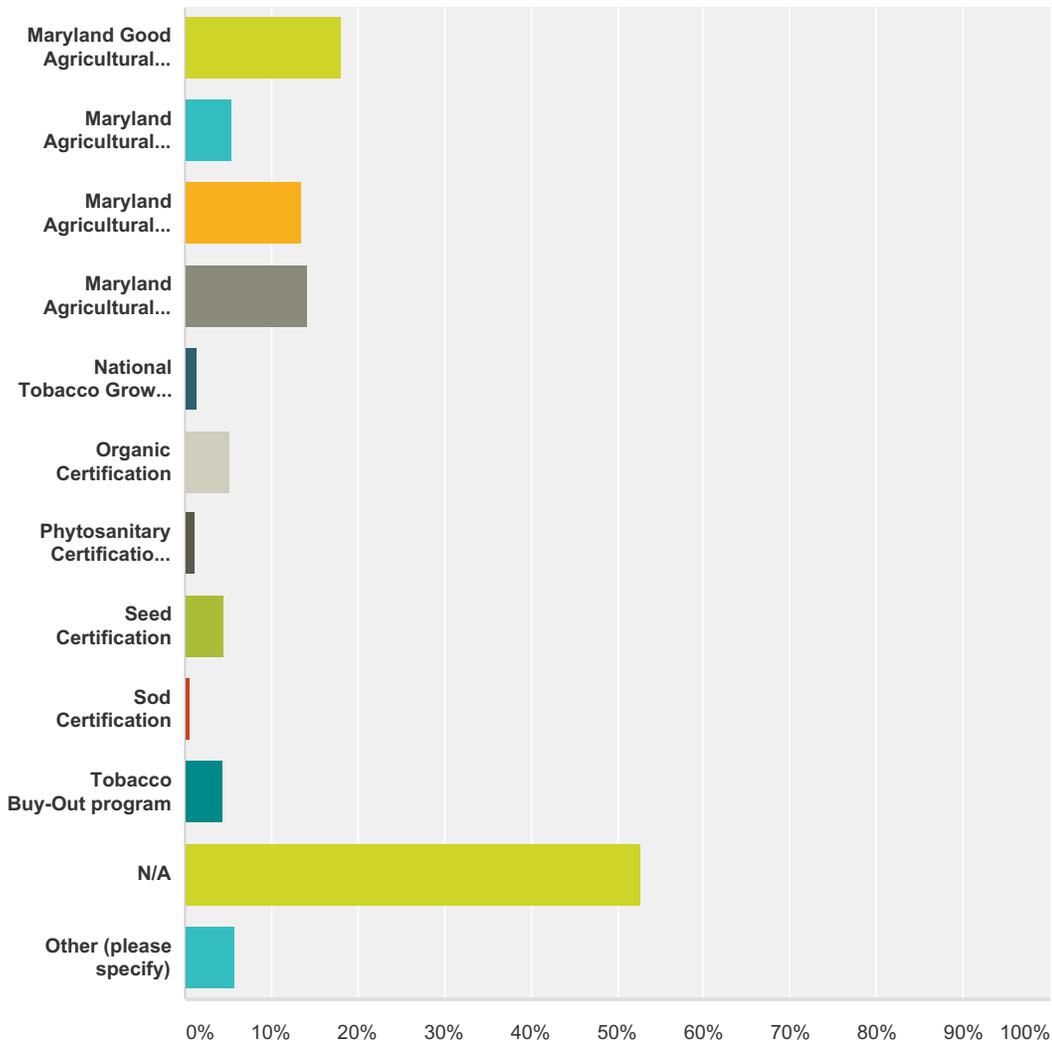
Animal Health, including Veterinary licensing	18.50%	64
Apiary	9.54%	33
Fairs and Shows	19.65%	68
Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation program	20.23%	70
Maryland Agricultural Cost-Share program	12.43%	43
National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust	1.73%	6
Nursery	4.05%	14
Nutrient Management	56.65%	196
Organic Certification	7.23%	25
Pesticide Applicator Law	32.66%	113
Product Registration (feed, fertilizer, pesticides)	9.54%	33
Tobacco Buy-Out program	4.05%	14
Turf and Seed	2.02%	7
Weed Control	11.27%	39
Weights and Measures	16.47%	57
Other (please specify)	14.45%	50
Total Respondents: 346		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	no	1/14/2015 4:25 AM
2	Processing	1/13/2015 1:49 PM
3	n/a	1/11/2015 10:37 AM
4	DNR regulated	1/10/2015 2:31 PM
5	n/a	1/9/2015 4:59 PM
6	n/a	1/8/2015 3:30 PM
7	n/a	1/8/2015 11:42 AM
8	oysters	1/7/2015 7:38 PM
9	n/A	1/7/2015 1:47 PM
10	Home Aquaculture	1/7/2015 1:31 PM
11	aquaculture	1/7/2015 12:22 PM
12	FQA	1/6/2015 10:19 PM
13	N/a	1/6/2015 5:52 PM
14	Not yet	1/6/2015 4:42 PM
15	No	1/6/2015 3:00 PM
16	no	1/6/2015 2:09 PM

17	Food Safety/GAP	1/6/2015 1:37 PM
18	We only have 2 hens, so doubtful.	1/2/2015 2:27 PM
19	No	12/29/2014 11:33 AM
20	N/A	12/21/2014 6:59 PM
21	Food processing plant lisenca	12/20/2014 5:48 AM
22	no	12/19/2014 3:37 AM
23	we cannot offer samples of what we grow at farm stand or markets :(12/18/2014 10:12 AM
24	none	12/18/2014 9:34 AM
25	npip	12/10/2014 11:49 AM
26	Poultry (Eggs & On-farm processing)	12/10/2014 9:42 AM
27	Not as long as i compost and don't use pesticides n herbicides	12/9/2014 9:44 PM
28	N/A	12/9/2014 6:12 PM
29	nope	12/9/2014 10:58 AM
30	None	12/5/2014 7:29 PM
31	none	12/5/2014 11:42 AM
32	none	12/4/2014 9:12 PM
33	Eggs	12/4/2014 4:13 PM
34	N/A	12/3/2014 10:16 PM
35	none	12/3/2014 2:16 PM
36	mmmm	12/2/2014 8:53 PM
37	Pa department of ag	11/29/2014 8:16 AM
38	N/a	11/29/2014 7:35 AM
39	MDA Certified for onfarm poultry processing	11/28/2014 10:51 PM
40	none	11/28/2014 9:59 PM
41	N/a	11/28/2014 1:08 PM
42	N/A	11/28/2014 12:11 PM
43	N/A	11/28/2014 11:48 AM
44	MD Egg Law	11/26/2014 6:46 PM
45	gap	11/26/2014 11:35 AM
46	i don't know	11/26/2014 9:09 AM
47	N/A	11/26/2014 8:58 AM
48	Not yet	11/25/2014 2:21 PM
49	ns at this time	11/25/2014 8:01 AM
50	NA	11/24/2014 3:26 PM

Q24 In what Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) programs do you participate

Answered: 346 Skipped: 120



Answer Choices	Responses
Maryland Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)	18.21% 63
Maryland Agricultural Good Handling Practices (GHP)	5.49% 19
Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF)	13.58% 47
Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share Program (MACS)	14.16% 49
National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust	1.45% 5
Organic Certification	5.20% 18
Phytosanitary Certification for shipping nursery and greenhouse products out of state	1.16% 4

Seed Certification	4.62%	16
Sod Certification	0.58%	2
Tobacco Buy-Out program	4.34%	15
N/A	52.89%	183
Other (please specify)	5.78%	20
Total Respondents: 346		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	See above.	1/10/2015 11:20 AM
2	n/a	1/9/2015 4:59 PM
3	Note this is our first year but we plan to participate in these programs in 2015	1/6/2015 10:28 PM
4	manure transport	1/4/2015 4:29 PM
5	Cover crop	12/29/2014 11:31 PM
6	MDA Rabbit and Poultry Program	12/20/2014 9:03 AM
7	Cover Crop, most of these government programs I try to not participate in, too controlling.	12/20/2014 8:26 AM
8	None	12/10/2014 7:18 AM
9	CREP	12/5/2014 1:32 AM
10	Soon to be organic certified.	12/4/2014 8:13 PM
11	WIC	12/4/2014 4:13 PM
12	working toward organic certification cover crops	11/29/2014 9:06 AM
13	Egg Packers License, Poultry registration, Apiary registration, Hatchery registration	11/29/2014 8:02 AM
14	NPIP	11/28/2014 11:45 PM
15	National Poultry Improvement Plan	11/28/2014 11:21 PM
16	crep	11/28/2014 1:51 PM
17	MDA Cover Crop program	11/25/2014 8:26 PM
18	MDA Rabbit/Poultry Processing Certification	11/25/2014 2:33 PM
19	CRP	11/25/2014 1:58 PM
20	Farmers Market Nutrition Program / WIC	11/24/2014 8:25 PM

Q25 What programs would you like to see the Maryland Department of Agriculture make available to assist young farmers?

Answered: 346 Skipped: 120

#	Responses	Date
1	N/a	1/19/2015 3:24 PM
2	Affordable land. Loan forgiveness	1/17/2015 7:44 PM
3	help with more land used	1/14/2015 7:42 PM
4	A NO FEES FOR ANYTHING PROGRAM	1/14/2015 3:48 PM
5	The state waived developers SWM Approval process which ruins local smaha Farm owners property and the chance to protect wildlife and farm.	1/14/2015 4:25 AM
6	Better education, especially online through webinars to make it easier for young families. Also like the idea of farm visits monthly throughout the state.	1/13/2015 8:22 PM
7	Zoning	1/13/2015 6:28 PM
8	for these youth camp for these trouble kids start a farming program for them	1/13/2015 6:09 PM
9	More land preservation funding to allow for the down payment/purchase of farms/land	1/13/2015 2:38 PM
10	Financial assist	1/13/2015 2:36 PM
11	Possible small farm grants. Give the young farmers a plot of land to allow them to get started. Give them a inch that they can make into a mile! Give young farmers the chance to be successful. Agriculture is only getting smaller and now is the time to step up.	1/13/2015 2:27 PM
12	Maryland Ag land preservation act	1/13/2015 2:05 PM
13	.	1/13/2015 1:58 PM
14	Access to farming and knowledge on financing properties	1/13/2015 1:49 PM
15	N/A	1/13/2015 6:05 AM
16	More grants or farming opportunities in Prince George's county!	1/11/2015 10:37 AM
17	Start up financing	1/10/2015 9:07 PM
18	n/a	1/10/2015 2:56 PM
19	Inventory protection insurance (aquaculture)	1/10/2015 2:31 PM
20	Certified Naturally Grown	1/10/2015 11:20 AM
21	n/a	1/9/2015 4:59 PM
22	I don't know exactly what's out there at this point. Maybe more networking type events? I feel like we end up in PA for a lot of agriculture events (farm shows, Ag Progress Days, etc.). Are there ones in MD that I'm just not hearing about?	1/9/2015 4:03 PM
23	Ag education	1/9/2015 2:20 PM
24	None	1/9/2015 8:12 AM
25	I have a passion for horticulture and I am interested in animal agriculture but it is difficult not coming from a farming background to gain experience and understanding of different types of farming done in this area and which might be a good fit for me and my family if we were to expand from mostly a hobby to more of a legitimate business. It is also difficult because both my wife and I have a young child and work full time jobs outside of our personal agricultural pursuits which leaves little time for things like internships which require more time than we can commit to.	1/9/2015 6:42 AM

26	Better support	1/8/2015 10:45 PM
27	not sure	1/8/2015 9:21 PM
28	Financial assistance for land purchase and equipment grants/assistance	1/8/2015 5:11 PM
29	More start up money	1/8/2015 3:30 PM
30	How to purchase affordable land. My husband and I would love to own a farm, but the prices are way out of reach for us in the state of Maryland.	1/8/2015 2:02 PM
31	?	1/8/2015 1:27 PM
32	Farm Trusts to incubate new farmers/farms/business Preserve farms/land instead of building more houses, malls etc.	1/8/2015 1:14 PM
33	Marketing skills; being informed of what agencies are available to provide assistance	1/8/2015 12:04 PM
34	----	1/8/2015 11:47 AM
35	n/a	1/8/2015 11:42 AM
36	I think Maryland has sufficient programs	1/8/2015 11:28 AM
37	Not sure	1/7/2015 8:38 PM
38	Aquaculture grants	1/7/2015 7:38 PM
39	-small grants for farm infrastructure, equipment or education. -Resources that compile everything a new farmer needs to know about regulations/legal issues with farming -support for urban growers	1/7/2015 3:57 PM
40	Educational programs regarding aquaculture.	1/7/2015 1:47 PM
41	Not sure	1/7/2015 1:31 PM
42	technology integration	1/7/2015 12:22 PM
43	MALPF and MARBICO	1/7/2015 11:45 AM
44	Cash money crop assistance	1/7/2015 10:12 AM
45	Expanding MACS program for non traditional BMPs.	1/7/2015 8:39 AM
46	Guaranteed low interest loan for farm equipment/buildings regardless if you qualify with a bank because of your off farm job. More people would invest in agriculture if we could all get low interest loans!	1/7/2015 7:27 AM
47	Less regulations and work to help farmers not hurt farmers	1/7/2015 5:34 AM
48	Support for infrastructure costs	1/6/2015 10:28 PM
49	increase marketing and market MD products more heavily in the local area, most beginning farmers do not benefit from international marketing nearly as much as they would from increasing locally	1/6/2015 10:19 PM
50	NA	1/6/2015 9:00 PM
51	Unsure	1/6/2015 8:59 PM
52	not sure	1/6/2015 8:41 PM
53	Ease nutrient management regulations	1/6/2015 7:31 PM
54	Land preservation	1/6/2015 7:19 PM
55	.	1/6/2015 7:01 PM
56	Business finance and resources	1/6/2015 6:09 PM
57	?	1/6/2015 5:52 PM
58	More programs like Annie's project. And in more counties.	1/6/2015 4:42 PM
59	Some kind of way to buy our own property with low credit scores.	1/6/2015 4:25 PM
60	mentorships	1/6/2015 4:25 PM

61	N/a	1/6/2015 3:45 PM
62	Not sure	1/6/2015 3:45 PM
63	microloans, farm incubator program, more capital invested in conservation easements and sustainability measures	1/6/2015 3:43 PM
64	Perhaps a "small farm" workshop for those who don't farm a lot of acreage.	1/6/2015 3:26 PM
65	Start up workshop	1/6/2015 3:00 PM
66	Opportunities for mentorship/learning from older farmers would be beneficial. Opportunities for entrance into farming through land use/capital	1/6/2015 2:43 PM
67	I feel there are enough options currently.	1/6/2015 2:13 PM
68	More credit	1/6/2015 2:09 PM
69	X	1/6/2015 2:04 PM
70	Business classes	1/6/2015 2:04 PM
71	More grants for livestock.	1/6/2015 1:54 PM
72	Maryland Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) courses Acidified Foods training/certification	1/6/2015 1:37 PM
73	More scholarship opportunities	1/6/2015 1:20 PM
74	More education on business, more support for small farming	1/6/2015 1:04 PM
75	Why are the AIR's important to complete? How is this information used?	1/6/2015 1:03 PM
76	a realistic nutrient management program, less complex and easier to understand. Seems like it's a one size fits all program. All the gov't programs are so heavily infested with paperwork and time consuming details. Then you wait to see if anything happens. all the while you could have been making money. I think some programs are good like the right tool in the tool box but not for everything. I go to so many conferances and all these gov't programs are saying how they can do this and that, it gets overwhelming for young people to get involved, we barely have enough knowledge for bus. Young new farmers get overwhelmed & give up in the planning stages due to so much red tape to start a farm. Most people want to work on & in their operation not in the office 50 hours a week, then figure out when they are going to manage their operation. planning, land acquisition, quality labor, earning enough to survive is near impossible without lots of capital and the ability to survive for years prior to earning net profits.	1/5/2015 2:46 PM
77	Not sure.	1/5/2015 12:10 PM
78	generational transfer assistance	1/4/2015 4:29 PM
79	Do more for backyard growers and poultry keepers, including encouraging zoning changes.	1/2/2015 2:27 PM
80	None	12/31/2014 2:18 PM
81	None	12/31/2014 2:02 PM
82	N/A	12/31/2014 11:28 AM
83	help for young farmers via education	12/30/2014 9:05 PM
84	More marketing programs	12/30/2014 9:49 AM
85	Something to teach young farmers what is out there and what kind of help is available for them.	12/29/2014 11:31 PM
86	Any	12/29/2014 10:47 PM
87	Help getting the public to my farm. (Advertising and signage) For signs to work they need to be changeable to adapt to each farm and each season.	12/29/2014 9:57 PM
88	Cheaper land rent	12/29/2014 9:37 PM
89	???	12/29/2014 9:02 PM
90	None listed.	12/29/2014 8:58 PM

91	I have 49 acres and need 50 acres to build a tenant house. I think this restriction needs to be changed to 25 acres.	12/29/2014 8:42 PM
92	Business planning and start up aids.	12/29/2014 8:17 PM
93	Tax incentives for beginning farmers.	12/29/2014 7:12 PM
94	Weekend programs for young people to learn farming that are free in exchange for the work they do learning.	12/29/2014 11:33 AM
95	Make programs less restrictive	12/28/2014 3:39 PM
96	Low interest loans Less regulations	12/27/2014 12:58 PM
97	Business development grants/loans. Greater assistance with migrant labor issues.	12/26/2014 3:11 PM
98	Classes on how to get all the government hand outs like the big timers. Some of them are getting hundreds of thousands of dollars a year that we know of, sure some get millions. I just want to be able to get a loan help with a sustainable business plan, maybe some grants to buy a farm and do mostly organic fruits vegetables and grains!	12/25/2014 12:31 PM
99	More pesticide classes and where to find more info about land available to rent and more financial assistance	12/24/2014 5:32 PM
100	m	12/23/2014 9:07 PM
101	A program to educate young farmers about any federal or state subsidies or tax credits for which they might qualify.	12/23/2014 3:23 PM
102	N/A	12/23/2014 11:44 AM
103	Land ownership	12/22/2014 8:20 PM
104	N/A	12/22/2014 2:37 PM
105	more exemptions from governmental regulations	12/22/2014 2:21 PM
106	Grants to use for the purchase of farms for beginning farmers.	12/22/2014 1:17 PM
107	Grants and education	12/22/2014 11:31 AM
108	I would like to see a program for livestock similar to Crop Insurance.	12/22/2014 9:33 AM
109	Financial assistance, or help in finding programs to help beginning farmers get started. It is incredibly difficult for commercial lenders to finance small businesses these days - especially startup agriculture entities.	12/22/2014 8:15 AM
110	Not sure yet	12/21/2014 8:37 PM
111	Na	12/21/2014 8:32 PM
112	MACS to cover more small farms.	12/21/2014 8:21 PM
113	Land purchase opportunities, training programs and business start-ups without too many stringent and cumbersome requirements. Individuals who has genuine interest, passion and natural abilities/skills, may not have the education and/or experience to fulfill some of the requirements to programs such as "professional" resumes, business plans, assets, etc. From what I've seen, the stringent and time-consuming processes for new farmer programs appear to discourage young farmers or those interested in farming. The purpose of these programs should be to solicit individuals no matter their socio-economic statuses as long as they possess the passion and commit to the program. The program in turn, should teach individuals how to become successful and provide training, tools and resources that would enable to develop a marketable resume and business plan and in turn pay it forward by recruiting others. Most of the State and County programs are not geared to individuals who could truly benefit socially and economically from these opportunities and they are oftentimes discouraged from applying or disapproved based on stringent and unrealistic requirements.	12/21/2014 7:21 PM

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115	N/A	12/21/2014 4:05 PM
116	Acquiring interns or good help	12/21/2014 2:37 PM
117	Provide a link between producers and consumers	12/21/2014 2:18 PM
118	A program showing and explaining other available programs.	12/21/2014 6:54 AM
119	N/A	12/21/2014 6:47 AM
120	Webinars	12/20/2014 8:09 PM
121	farm equipment	12/20/2014 11:06 AM
122	Financial assistance for wells and electricity	12/20/2014 10:56 AM
123	More financing options	12/20/2014 9:42 AM
124	Grants, low interest loans, link older/retiring farmers with young farmers. Low cost/no cost educational programs	12/20/2014 9:38 AM
125	N/A	12/20/2014 9:03 AM
126	I don't think you can solve our problems, I really don't	12/20/2014 8:26 AM
127	n/a	12/20/2014 6:50 AM
128	??	12/20/2014 5:48 AM
129	Assistance with buying a farm -- putting a conservation easement on the farm -- then using these funds to repay the assistance funds from the MDA.	12/20/2014 3:16 AM
130	N/a	12/19/2014 11:26 PM
131	More knowledgeable staff and guidance wading through EQIP grant options.	12/19/2014 10:46 PM
132	Help locate retiring farmers or landowners who want someone to take over and steward their land.	12/19/2014 10:15 PM
133	Jobs within the MDA.	12/19/2014 9:19 PM
134	Land preservation	12/19/2014 8:16 PM
135	connection for beginning farmers to mentor with experienced farmers	12/19/2014 7:44 PM
136	Funds to purchase land,equipment,inputs & operating capital.	12/19/2014 6:33 PM
137	NA	12/19/2014 5:42 PM
138	sourcing for technical environmental information	12/19/2014 4:44 PM
139	financial advising	12/19/2014 4:42 PM
140	Grants	12/19/2014 4:17 PM
141	Affordable Farm Land Acquisitions	12/19/2014 2:20 PM
142	Na	12/19/2014 10:41 AM
143	More local conferences on Sustainable growing practices and sustainable business.	12/19/2014 3:37 AM
144	large equipment sharing! including commercial kitchen for value-added processing.	12/18/2014 10:12 AM

145	Make all sizes of agribusinesses zoned appropriately	12/18/2014 9:34 AM
146	something to help with marketing	12/17/2014 8:13 PM
147	Help with acquiring land! Homestead Act style giveaways of government land that the government is just sitting on	12/17/2014 7:11 PM
148	To help young farmers make enough money off on their farm to support total family income.	12/17/2014 11:28 AM
149	Learning from other farmers and help with taxes	12/17/2014 10:52 AM
150	Land purchasing.	12/16/2014 11:55 PM
151	Education and Seminars	12/16/2014 7:02 PM
152	I am not aware of any additional programs at this time.	12/13/2014 10:46 PM
153	don't know, allow legume cover crops for all farmers	12/11/2014 2:35 PM
154	I don't know	12/11/2014 1:46 PM
155	Not sure	12/11/2014 12:31 PM
156	grants	12/11/2014 12:04 PM
157	Farmland preservation	12/11/2014 10:13 AM
158	n/a	12/10/2014 11:49 AM
159	Not sure	12/10/2014 10:32 AM
160	I think MDA does a fine job.	12/10/2014 9:42 AM
161	yes	12/10/2014 8:48 AM
162	Mentorship program between older farmers and younger farmers.	12/10/2014 7:18 AM
163	Programs specifically focused on organic and sustainable agriculture, including stewardship practices of agroecology, permaculture, silvopastor, and management intensive grazing.	12/10/2014 12:17 AM
164	None	12/9/2014 9:44 PM
165	Education and land leasing.	12/9/2014 6:12 PM
166	Cost share programs for building high tunnels or EQUIP	12/9/2014 3:23 PM
167	Grants	12/9/2014 11:23 AM
168	Land sharing assistance/land bank, small scale infrastructure loans,	12/9/2014 11:05 AM
169	Business management classes. a clearer resource detailing tax breaks, land easements, and other programs that support beginning farmers	12/9/2014 10:58 AM
170	nutrient management planning, GAP, how to certify organic	12/9/2014 10:46 AM
171	Free land, help with processed foods license	12/9/2014 10:42 AM
172	small-scale, sustainable training resources - financial planning; cost-share that makes sense on a small scale	12/9/2014 10:24 AM
173	A	12/9/2014 9:03 AM
174	Estate and farm succession. How to navigate the regulatory rules provided by All levels of government.	12/8/2014 4:42 PM
175	I think the Department of Ag does a good job assisting young farmers.	12/8/2014 2:22 PM
176	Work with the farmers to enable them to do more on the farm that helps them support the farmers financially. perhaps a group health insurance plan that we can all enroll in at a larger group rate like companies have. Health insurance is one of the largest reasons farmers have to have off farm income. It should not be that way.	12/8/2014 2:21 PM
177	Financial	12/8/2014 12:45 PM
178	easier acces to finances	12/8/2014 12:04 PM
179	Capital Acquisition	12/8/2014 9:01 AM

180	n/a	12/7/2014 7:38 PM
181	Something similar to pa center for dairy excellence	12/7/2014 12:10 PM
182	more educational opportunities	12/7/2014 10:56 AM
183	na	12/7/2014 10:53 AM
184	na	12/7/2014 10:33 AM
185	ffa	12/7/2014 10:24 AM
186	funding	12/7/2014 10:15 AM
187	n/a	12/7/2014 10:14 AM
188	low interest loans	12/7/2014 10:12 AM
189	loanstobuyfarmland	12/6/2014 9:55 PM
190	NA	12/6/2014 9:46 PM
191	Low rate financing, land rent database	12/6/2014 6:18 AM
192	Easement money for bona-fide farmers to help with high land costs	12/6/2014 5:14 AM
193	More help/access to those wanting to transition out of farming and would like to leave authority to or show a young person what they know. Its hard for a lot of people with a genuine passion for farming to get started especially if they are from a non-farming family.	12/5/2014 11:50 PM
194	Bi-monthly meetings to educate young farmers on new/proposed laws/regulations.	12/5/2014 11:32 PM
195	How to obtain lands or how to afford to buy land in Maryland	12/5/2014 8:38 PM
196	None	12/5/2014 7:29 PM
197	Loans and opportunities to grow medical marijuana	12/5/2014 2:55 PM
198	grant programs	12/5/2014 11:42 AM
199	We should be aloud availability to crp land before the "big guy" (farmers) take that land out of production. I could have honestly started farming full time 7-8 years sooner if I had access to the 100 ac. Of crp ground Around me	12/5/2014 10:52 AM
200	Future technology with precision farming	12/5/2014 8:53 AM
201	More training in programs	12/5/2014 7:28 AM
202	Cost share on more equipment such as yield monitors.	12/5/2014 7:20 AM
203	grants should be available to help buy livestock and /or livestock equipment. Better access to land grants or loans	12/5/2014 3:39 AM
204	Preservation of more land especially contiguous pieces of property so suburban sprawl is not everywhere. Difficult to farm a few acres here and there when combines and equipment are large.	12/5/2014 1:32 AM
205	N/A	12/4/2014 10:07 PM
206	none	12/4/2014 9:12 PM
207	Mobile processing units and smaller attachment rentals.	12/4/2014 8:13 PM
208	Mentors	12/4/2014 8:06 PM
209	Go away and leave us alone. MDA does more harm than good.	12/4/2014 7:46 PM
210	In general, more expanded choices in alternatives to traditional farming and easier access to funding/resources for such programs. Grants for current alternatives, such as bee keeping, are cumbersome to recieve whether it be the travel to the representative office in Delaware or the lack of assistive documentation for the processes associated with receiving such grants. More specifically, an expanded program for the growing of medical marijuana on the Eastern Shore would be an excellent alternative crop. Currently this is highly constrained due to the current laws that make it hard for traditional farmers to gain access to the medical marijuana market place.	12/4/2014 6:56 PM
211	More information for applying for cost shares.	12/4/2014 5:01 PM
212	Grant writing assistance	12/4/2014 4:13 PM

213	Less government involvement	12/4/2014 4:00 PM
214	Cost share irrigation	12/4/2014 3:51 PM
215	n/a	12/4/2014 3:50 PM
216	Haven't thought about it	12/4/2014 3:24 PM
217	More access to available land. There is so much competition among established farmers, that is makes it hard on young farmers to get started. Maybe state land could be bidded out to young farmers only...	12/4/2014 3:23 PM
218	None identified.	12/4/2014 3:08 PM
219	Educational training on book keeping. For new/beginning farmers: record keeping responsibilities are and what govt regulations they will encounter.	12/4/2014 3:05 PM
220	N/A	12/4/2014 2:55 PM
221	More transparency about regulations with participation in social media + publications etc.	12/4/2014 2:47 PM
222	reduced regulation	12/4/2014 1:39 PM
223	Access to a landowner list with agriculture land available for lease.	12/4/2014 1:35 PM
224	None people need to figure things out them selfs and not rely on state programs to help them	12/4/2014 12:07 PM
225	Loans for young farmers with affordable interest	12/4/2014 11:52 AM
226	More education in the schools and support for farmers in md.	12/4/2014 11:43 AM
227	Have elderly farmers mentor young farmers	12/3/2014 10:16 PM
228	NA	12/3/2014 3:46 PM
229	n/a	12/3/2014 2:48 PM
230	k	12/3/2014 2:18 PM
231	More grants	12/3/2014 2:16 PM
232	Napa	12/3/2014 12:27 PM
233	Business management and marketing courses	12/3/2014 8:21 AM
234	available land, education/training.marketing etc	12/2/2014 8:53 PM
235	N/A	12/2/2014 11:55 AM
236	NA	12/2/2014 11:21 AM
237	Not sure	12/2/2014 10:50 AM
238	Programs to better understand financing and capital needed to lease/own property to farm.	12/1/2014 9:07 PM
239	ffa available in schools. and for more public classes threw the extension	12/1/2014 2:24 PM
240	Wholesale marketing and price reporting for vegetable growers	12/1/2014 1:11 PM
241	Premise ID clarity and consistency across all livestock	12/1/2014 12:33 PM
242	Easier access to grants for beginning farmers. Give us a chance	12/1/2014 10:57 AM
243	na	12/1/2014 7:06 AM
244	Low interest loans	11/30/2014 1:45 PM
245	Some land grant or lease program to get younger people who have no credit the ability to start	11/30/2014 10:31 AM
246	Diverse cover crop rotations to decrease reliance on purchased fertility.	11/30/2014 6:56 AM
247	consulting	11/29/2014 9:15 PM
248	Commercial Kitchen/Food Processing facilities - and a how to achieve on farm with a reasonable budget.	11/29/2014 6:03 PM
249	n/a	11/29/2014 3:13 PM

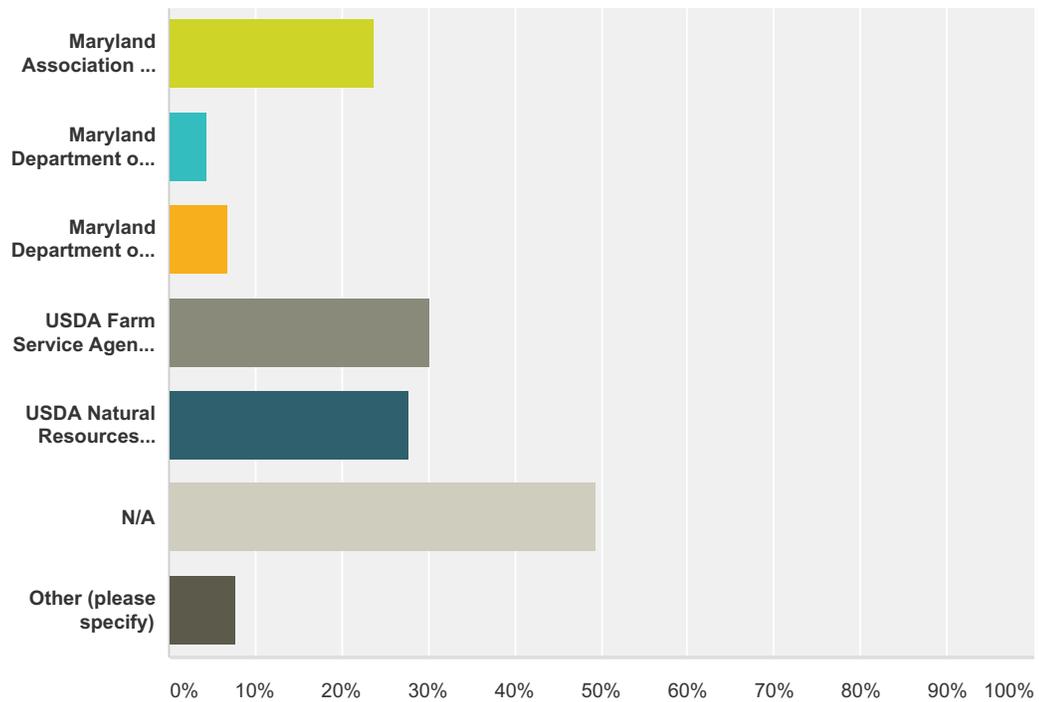
250	?	11/29/2014 2:21 PM
251	Start up grants for young farmers to: 1. Enter the field 2. Purchase land with low interest rates 3. try new innovative practices 4. equipment purchases Farm link - landowners link up with young farmers to keep the land in agricultural practices.	11/29/2014 9:06 AM
252	Homesteading programs/outreach	11/29/2014 8:47 AM
253	N-a	11/29/2014 8:16 AM
254	There are a lot of government programs available but it's really confusing to wade through them all and determine your eligibility. I would love to attend a seminar where guest speakers can explain these programs and answer questions.	11/29/2014 8:02 AM
255	Finding available land Access to credit	11/29/2014 7:35 AM
256	Land and livestock purchasing programs	11/29/2014 7:31 AM
257	Na	11/29/2014 7:04 AM
258	Financial planning	11/29/2014 6:46 AM
259	Have no idea what is even out there	11/28/2014 11:45 PM
260	Funding, help with property acquisition	11/28/2014 11:21 PM
261	.	11/28/2014 10:51 PM
262	Help to prepare for GAP program	11/28/2014 10:41 PM
263	Na	11/28/2014 10:40 PM
264	Not sure	11/28/2014 10:03 PM
265	More assistance in making sure the federal government doesn't make farming regulations too hard for small farmers. We shouldn't be subject to the same costly safety measures when we are not really the source of food safety problems.	11/28/2014 9:59 PM
266	Grant money for the building. chicken house, greenhouse, winery. A winery should treated be the same as a farm building like a chicken house not commercial for example.	11/28/2014 1:51 PM
267	Beyond organic/sustainable farming practices.	11/28/2014 1:08 PM
268	LESS REGULATIONS !!!!	11/28/2014 12:44 PM
269	More funding to Future Harvest's Beginner Farmer Training Program	11/28/2014 12:11 PM
270	Real estate assistance	11/28/2014 11:48 AM
271	Less regulation	11/28/2014 8:06 AM
272	Equipment, cost too much to purchase, so perhaps a program to assist in the use of shared equipment for young farmers.	11/27/2014 10:32 PM
273	I don't know.	11/27/2014 1:23 PM
274	More business assistance	11/26/2014 6:46 PM
275	n/a	11/26/2014 5:41 PM
276	Na	11/26/2014 3:33 PM
277	reality training	11/26/2014 1:42 PM
278	take advantage of farm bill program which would allow states to certify farmers for on farm poultry processing which could then be transported across state lines for sale--DC is a major market for our poultry and that of our friends, but we are all stymied by the fact there there is ONE USDA inspected poultry processor in the state, and that North of Baltimore.	11/26/2014 1:28 PM
279	Bgf	11/26/2014 11:47 AM
280	Land rent networking	11/26/2014 11:35 AM

281	capitall start up	11/26/2014 11:33 AM
282	Higher level educTION(aFTER THE FIRST YEAR:PEST MANAGEMENT, LAND USE, NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT)	11/26/2014 9:56 AM
283	i don't know what programs exist	11/26/2014 9:09 AM
284	Some type of financial class would be awesome to talk about how to go about obtaining land, going to your bank for a loan, having capital, investments, accounting, etc. Also a class on marketing would be great too.	11/26/2014 9:02 AM
285	A mentoring program, like Future Harvest CASA, but located on the lower eastern shore to give young farmers hands on experience with how a farm business works.	11/26/2014 8:58 AM
286	f	11/26/2014 8:45 AM
287	Not sure	11/26/2014 8:29 AM
288	Unknown	11/26/2014 7:19 AM
289	Help us connect with our consumer	11/26/2014 1:30 AM
290	Something like MOFGA	11/25/2014 9:26 PM
291	Health care	11/25/2014 9:02 PM
292	Health insurance, rent subsidies	11/25/2014 8:43 PM
293	land access, business planning, small farm workshops	11/25/2014 8:40 PM
294	Organic certification. This is a low priority for MDA and the staff charged with overseeing it.	11/25/2014 8:26 PM
295	I would just like to see MDA support farmers instead of trying to run us out of business.	11/25/2014 7:52 PM
296	Snap	11/25/2014 7:27 PM
297	X	11/25/2014 6:21 PM
298	Health insurance program	11/25/2014 5:57 PM
299	N/A	11/25/2014 5:35 PM
300	Unsure	11/25/2014 3:35 PM
301	Easier access to small markets	11/25/2014 3:18 PM
302	experienced mentoring support	11/25/2014 2:33 PM
303	CONTINUED GRANTS WAGE LIMITS FOR LABOR BECAUSE WE ARE SO SEASONAL AND WEATHER DEPENDENT	11/25/2014 2:28 PM
304	Classes held by existing farmers passing information down to young farmers.	11/25/2014 2:21 PM
305	none, don't believe that is MDA's role can't be both regulatory and advocacy at the same time	11/25/2014 2:06 PM
306	Back off all the bogus save the bay programs and let farmers farm.	11/25/2014 1:58 PM
307	A way to connect those interested in farming/work on a farm with existing farms, as labor is one of our biggest issues	11/25/2014 1:43 PM
308	N/A	11/25/2014 1:42 PM
309	N/a	11/25/2014 1:42 PM
310	Cut back regulation	11/25/2014 1:34 PM
311	Partnering with established farmers for access to land and equipment to rent.	11/25/2014 10:57 AM
312	?	11/25/2014 10:45 AM
313	i need to be told about laws and ag regs i do not know all of them state needs to have meetings or classes lower shore every 6 months to keep farmers current	11/25/2014 10:27 AM
314	n/a	11/25/2014 10:27 AM

315	Regulation training programs	11/25/2014 10:23 AM
316	I would like to see the MDA dissolved entirely. MDA has become a clone of MDE and fails to represent or help farmers.	11/25/2014 10:23 AM
317	Grants, low interest loans	11/25/2014 9:50 AM
318	Commodity marketing assistance	11/25/2014 9:15 AM
319	Low interest loans to support renting/purchasing land	11/25/2014 8:21 AM
320	Better extension, first farmers programs, coops for farmers, ag college development	11/25/2014 8:01 AM
321	Assistance to be able to buy the family farm from other family members who want to sell out.	11/25/2014 7:01 AM
322	Low interest loans	11/25/2014 5:23 AM
323	Nutrient management training	11/25/2014 12:58 AM
324	.	11/24/2014 10:15 PM
325	Some way to link retiring farmers with young and beginning farmers in such a way that it allows young and beginners to acquire more land to add to their operation.	11/24/2014 10:13 PM
326	Land rent grants	11/24/2014 10:03 PM
327	Debt relief programs	11/24/2014 9:35 PM
328	Land leasing tailored to young/beginning farmers with low rent payments for 5-10yrs to help farmers get established. Labor available on a temporary basis to assist with occasional heavy workloads. Farm to school or similar programs formed in a cooperative structure to provide a market outlet that is more friendly to small farms.	11/24/2014 8:25 PM
329	Financial help, low Intrest	11/24/2014 7:46 PM
330	Evening classes	11/24/2014 7:43 PM
331	NA	11/24/2014 7:28 PM
332	Quick guide to government regulations and small businesses	11/24/2014 7:04 PM
333	?	11/24/2014 6:14 PM
334	Credit or finances	11/24/2014 5:49 PM
335	Not really sure	11/24/2014 5:18 PM
336	None	11/24/2014 5:12 PM
337	education	11/24/2014 4:52 PM
338	New farmer programs	11/24/2014 4:49 PM
339	Malpf	11/24/2014 3:56 PM
340	Not sure	11/24/2014 3:26 PM
341	Not Sure	11/24/2014 2:39 PM
342	More educational resources.	11/24/2014 2:19 PM
343	Less regulations	11/24/2014 1:17 PM
344	Na	11/24/2014 12:48 PM
345	Scholarships	11/24/2014 12:36 PM
346	Regional Young Farmer Workshops	11/24/2014 12:28 PM

Q26 In what other programs do you participate?

Answered: 346 Skipped: 120



Answer Choices	Responses
Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts	23.70% 82
Maryland Department of Environment (MDE); Please specify below	4.34% 15
Maryland Department of Natural Resources; Please specify below	6.94% 24
USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)	30.35% 105
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)	27.75% 96
N/A	49.42% 171
Other (please specify)	7.80% 27
Total Respondents: 346	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I personally am loosing my small farm to the stream that floods constantly. Can't find the county or start to help. So am loosing all wildlife, livestock, acreage, all farming aspects because the sum permits were waved and now my land is being sucked to the Patuxent river. I have been fighting for 10 yrs for help but last time pH county stated I quote "we just don't care".	1/14/2015 4:25 AM
2	Aquaculture	1/10/2015 2:31 PM
3	MD Dept. Of Health And Mental Hygiene producers mobile farmers market unit liscense.	1/10/2015 11:20 AM
4	Forestry Plan	1/6/2015 10:28 PM

5	Responsible person certification for erosion and sediment control	1/6/2015 8:59 PM
6	AFO program	1/6/2015 7:31 PM
7	MDE CAFO	1/6/2015 1:03 PM
8	mpp	1/4/2015 4:29 PM
9	Crop Damage permits	12/28/2014 3:39 PM
10	CAFO; Nutrient Management; Deer Control Permits	12/27/2014 12:58 PM
11	Aquiculture	12/20/2014 10:56 AM
12	Not sure what is available	12/20/2014 9:38 AM
13	Storm Water Management	12/16/2014 7:02 PM
14	Tree expert license	12/9/2014 9:44 PM
15	EQUIP grants	12/9/2014 10:24 AM
16	Deer permits. Too many deer.	12/5/2014 1:32 AM
17	CREP	12/4/2014 3:08 PM
18	Associate member of the soil district board	12/4/2014 1:39 PM
19	Park ranger	11/28/2014 11:48 AM
20	Forestry	11/28/2014 8:06 AM
21	fencing, waterline, cover cropping	11/26/2014 1:28 PM
22	I work with these agencies	11/26/2014 8:58 AM
23	Americorps, Master Gardener	11/25/2014 8:43 PM
24	AmeriCorps	11/25/2014 7:27 PM
25	For nutrient management plan and a NRCS grant	11/25/2014 6:21 PM
26	MDE - Food Processer License	11/25/2014 9:15 AM
27	NRCS equip financing for high tunnels	11/24/2014 8:25 PM

Q27 In your opinion, what are the biggest challenge facing young and beginning farmers in Maryland?

Answered: 331 Skipped: 135

#	Responses	Date
1	Inflexible older farmers. Unwilling to sell land or adapt to new ideas. Unwillingness of new farmers to try new things. Perception by General public that agriculture (farmers) and non-farming rural residents are the same thing. Cost of healthcare	1/19/2015 3:28 PM
2	Cost of land	1/17/2015 7:45 PM
3	money intersted fr loans	1/14/2015 7:43 PM
4	Start up costs	1/14/2015 4:28 AM
5	Making a living off farming.	1/13/2015 8:24 PM
6	Regulations, zoning lack of support for small businesses	1/13/2015 6:29 PM
7	money to start up	1/13/2015 6:10 PM
8	Finances	1/13/2015 2:39 PM
9	Financial pressure	1/13/2015 2:37 PM
10	Money for start up cost. Or the money to expand.	1/13/2015 2:31 PM
11	Money is a huge issue loans and such.	1/13/2015 2:06 PM
12	lack of affordable, farmable land Government Restrictions	1/13/2015 1:59 PM
13	Availability of farms that are affordable. A lot of farm land is being bought up for development and what is left requires cash upfront or is out of price range especially for those under 35	1/13/2015 1:51 PM
14	Balancing personal career and working the farm	1/13/2015 6:07 AM
15	Land costs and start up costs	1/11/2015 10:39 AM
16	Scarcity of available land, increasing government regulations, high tax rates.	1/10/2015 9:08 PM
17	land is so expensive and rare in this area	1/10/2015 2:58 PM
18	Sufficient income	1/10/2015 2:33 PM
19	Knowledge of farming and knowledge of business Development/management skills, and access to land.	1/10/2015 11:23 AM
20	Lack of capital to invest in land	1/9/2015 5:01 PM
21	It's a very capital-intense industry to get started in, whether it's equipment or animals that you're trying to buy. That's on top on securing land to start your operation.	1/9/2015 4:06 PM
22	Cost of getting started	1/9/2015 2:21 PM
23	Capital required to start a 1st generation farming operation	1/9/2015 8:13 AM
24	Trying to save enough capital to enter farming is difficult. Agriculture is a risky business subject to bad weather, disease, and even market prices, it is difficult to completely leave more stable occupations and hope that you'll be able to support your family.	1/9/2015 6:58 AM
25	Decreasing available farm land, increasing costs ex. Fuel, land costs taxes etc. Zoning unsupportive neighbors. Increase in unrealistic animal zoning laws, increasing pressure from animal rights activists.	1/8/2015 10:50 PM
26	For beginning farmers like myself, who do not come from farming families, I think the biggest obstacle is learning how to farm (and not just from books or the internet, though they are both useful) and networking with other farmers.	1/8/2015 9:23 PM

27	Lack of land lack of agriculture based financing cost of farm land and equipment and the threat Monsanto Inc. Taking everything you own	1/8/2015 5:16 PM
28	Need more start up money	1/8/2015 3:32 PM
29	Finding affordable land	1/8/2015 2:05 PM
30	one size fits all regulations. subsidies for the big boys - not leveling the playing field. too many regulations requiring too much paperwork/man hours.	1/8/2015 1:30 PM
31	affordable land. 100ac = 1Million or more dollars	1/8/2015 1:15 PM
32	Financing programs; marketing skills and discovering what agencies are available for assistance	1/8/2015 12:07 PM
33	Being able to get financing for buildings, fence, etc and then being able to afford it all.	1/8/2015 11:48 AM
34	capital, cost of land in Maryland	1/8/2015 11:43 AM
35	learning regulations, competing against larger, well established farms, finding a profitable niche.	1/8/2015 11:30 AM
36	For us it has been marketing	1/8/2015 7:37 AM
37	Most to start	1/7/2015 7:40 PM
38	-Access to land/ cost of land -Knowledge/experience -(not) Being able to make a living -Cost of on-farm labor	1/7/2015 3:58 PM
39	Start-up costs and lack of significant income in farming.	1/7/2015 1:49 PM
40	Land and cost of Land in Maryland	1/7/2015 1:32 PM
41	interest - work ethic - opportunity cost	1/7/2015 12:23 PM
42	Land to lease, rent, and or own and ability to get loans or captial.	1/7/2015 11:47 AM
43	Making enough money to stay in business	1/7/2015 10:13 AM
44	The initial investment to purchase or inherit farm land. Generation transition of operation and changes to the decision making and direction of the operation	1/7/2015 8:42 AM
45	traffic, general publics lack of farming knowledge, general publics idea of "Not in my backyard". interest on loans, high cost of inputs, and did I say TRAFFIC	1/7/2015 8:02 AM
46	Lack of land and getting out bid by developments	1/7/2015 5:35 AM
47	Ability to make a long-term living without a second income	1/6/2015 10:29 PM
48	gov't regulations, especially soil and manure management regs, financing, lack of fertile tillable land, land prices, taxes, humane groups like HSUS	1/6/2015 10:21 PM
49	Land development causing higher ground rent	1/6/2015 9:03 PM
50	Government regulations pushing farmers out of maryland	1/6/2015 9:00 PM
51	Access to Land, Capital, Lack of Knowledge of the Diversity of Opportunities that are available	1/6/2015 8:44 PM
52	Permits and regulations	1/6/2015 7:32 PM
53	The coast or funds and available farm land	1/6/2015 7:24 PM
54	.	1/6/2015 7:02 PM
55	Limited access to land and finances. Impeding regulations by state and govt.	1/6/2015 6:11 PM
56	?	1/6/2015 5:52 PM
57	Information/knowledge about the field of farming	1/6/2015 4:43 PM
58	Buying property.	1/6/2015 4:26 PM
59	delivering products to markets	1/6/2015 4:26 PM
60	Getting land and money to start	1/6/2015 3:46 PM
61	Cash flow	1/6/2015 3:45 PM

62	land access	1/6/2015 3:43 PM
63	The huge start up costs, land purchase costs, costs to comply with government regulation	1/6/2015 3:27 PM
64	Marketing	1/6/2015 3:00 PM
65	Huge investment costs. With regulation the way it is, it becomes extremely expensive to enter into a new market or opportunity.	1/6/2015 2:45 PM
66	Land availability and start up money	1/6/2015 2:16 PM
67	Money as a sold farm to work	1/6/2015 2:10 PM
68	Lack of capital, uncertain financial viability of farming	1/6/2015 2:05 PM
69	Capital and false information regarding GMO's and organic scams.	1/6/2015 1:55 PM
70	Access to affordable land	1/6/2015 1:37 PM
71	Available land	1/6/2015 1:22 PM
72	Transition of farms from generation to generation, the increase cost of land rent, the general populations view on modern agriculture (GMO vs. Non GMO vs Organic) and the health of the Chesapeake bay,	1/6/2015 1:05 PM
73	Lack of experience in the industry, combined with a very "old school" insular attitude.	1/6/2015 1:05 PM
74	see answer to previous question. acquiring land understanding the true work of a farmers life. many have this ideal and don't have the work ethic. labor is the biggest issue. to pay a livable wage for several employees is very difficult to have profits after that. most young people have no idea the work ethic and physical efficiencies required to successfully move an operation forward day to day.	1/5/2015 2:52 PM
75	The large capital investment and the time or even possibility to pay off the investment.	1/5/2015 12:16 PM
76	land availability and environmental regs	1/4/2015 4:30 PM
77	As far as farming goes, gov't regulation is always a pain. So is financing for land and equipment.	1/2/2015 2:30 PM
78	Cost	12/31/2014 2:19 PM
79	Costs	12/31/2014 2:04 PM
80	Government regulations	12/31/2014 11:29 AM
81	lack of land money and knowledge	12/30/2014 9:05 PM
82	Finding land to work without stepping on others toes or taking the land they farm	12/29/2014 11:33 PM
83	Cost of land	12/29/2014 10:48 PM
84	Finances, how to access government grants and what grants are available.	12/29/2014 10:03 PM
85	Not being established enough to pay high amounts in land rent	12/29/2014 9:38 PM
86	See question before	12/29/2014 9:03 PM
87	Land and money	12/29/2014 8:58 PM
88	The increase in minimum wage	12/29/2014 8:44 PM
89	Capital to invest in a start up business	12/29/2014 8:19 PM
90	Start up help, affordable land.	12/29/2014 7:14 PM
91	Money	12/29/2014 11:34 AM
92	Money for equipment. Need more land to work. Need livable price supports.	12/28/2014 3:42 PM
93	Regulations and lack of funds to rent land and purchase equipment.	12/27/2014 1:01 PM
94	Lack of a readily available labor pool.	12/26/2014 3:15 PM
95	Purchase price of a farm, and not being able to find land to rent or sharecrop at all let alone long term so you could put irrigation and other improvements on it.	12/25/2014 12:36 PM

96	Land, capital, zoning, regulations on manure and composting	12/24/2014 5:34 PM
97	m	12/23/2014 9:07 PM
98	Affordable land	12/23/2014 3:24 PM
99	N/A	12/23/2014 11:45 AM
100	The cost of farm land and the regulations imposed on farmerd	12/22/2014 8:21 PM
101	Cost of owning land and transferring equity to gain access to financing.	12/22/2014 2:38 PM
102	opportunities.	12/22/2014 2:22 PM
103	Obtaining grants to use to purchase farm land.	12/22/2014 1:18 PM
104	people understanding the need for farmers to supply them with food locally	12/22/2014 11:32 AM
105	Price of farms and/open land, start up cost, being able to make a profit (most farm families have to find a supplemental income to provide for their family and keep the farm running)	12/22/2014 9:40 AM
106	Capital and lenders to finance without giving up your first born.	12/22/2014 8:17 AM
107	Financial challenges related to regulatory compliance	12/21/2014 8:38 PM
108	Not being able to make a living being a farmer. And then over abundance of challenges based on new laws and guidelines	12/21/2014 8:33 PM
109	Land, taxes, people moving to the county and not wanting farmers to do what they need to on there land to keep up with growing demand.	12/21/2014 8:23 PM
110	Land purchase opportunities, training programs and business start-ups without too many stringent and cumbersome requirements. Individuals who has genuine interest, passion and natural abilities/skills, may not have the education and/or experience to fulfill some of the requirements to programs such as "professional" resumes, business plans, assets, etc. From what I've seen, the stringent and time-consuming processes for new farmer programs appear to discourage young farmers or those interested in farming. The purpose of these programs should be to solicit individuals no matter their socio-economic statuses as long as they posses the passion and commit to the program. The program in turn, should teach individuals how to become successful and provide training, tools and resources that would enable to develop a marketable resume and business plan and in turn pay it forward by recruiting others. Most of the State and County programs are not geared to individuals who could truly benefit socially and economically from these opportunities and they are oftentimes discouraged from applying or disapproved based on stringent and unrealistic requirements.	12/21/2014 7:25 PM
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112	Cash to get financing.	12/21/2014 4:09 PM
113	government regulations	12/21/2014 2:20 PM
114	Land	12/21/2014 6:55 AM
115	N/A	12/21/2014 6:48 AM
116	Making enough money, and finding enough money to get started	12/20/2014 8:14 PM
117	buying equipment and land	12/20/2014 11:08 AM
118	Money	12/20/2014 10:58 AM
119	Overcrowding of the farming areas. Certain commodities want to push out other farm specializations. Too much regulations and fees	12/20/2014 9:44 AM

120	Land availability, borrowing money, govt regulations, costs of healthcare	12/20/2014 9:43 AM
121	N/A	12/20/2014 9:04 AM
122	Land and up front costs.	12/20/2014 8:28 AM
123	experiance	12/20/2014 6:50 AM
124	??	12/20/2014 5:56 AM
125	Parents lack of estate planning.	12/20/2014 3:19 AM
126	Access to affordable land, infrastructure, and startup costs.	12/19/2014 10:49 PM
127	Acces to land.	12/19/2014 10:16 PM
128	Money	12/19/2014 9:19 PM
129	Buying land.	12/19/2014 8:17 PM
130	Finding affordable land to farm	12/19/2014 7:45 PM
131	MONEY	12/19/2014 6:34 PM
132	Land , financing	12/19/2014 5:42 PM
133	environmental government regulation	12/19/2014 4:45 PM
134	Being able to get enough credit to finance a farming operation and be profitable	12/19/2014 4:44 PM
135	New laws	12/19/2014 4:18 PM
136	Funding to purchase farm property.	12/19/2014 2:21 PM
137	the government's involvement	12/19/2014 10:45 AM
138	Price competition with Grocery stores	12/19/2014 3:39 AM
139	No lending available for small operations.... and small farms are what we need to move toward.	12/18/2014 10:14 AM
140	Affordable access to land	12/18/2014 9:36 AM
141	finances and regulations	12/17/2014 8:15 PM
142	Access to credit/grants to obtain our own land	12/17/2014 7:11 PM
143	Regulations	12/17/2014 11:29 AM
144	Lack of land available to farm	12/17/2014 10:54 AM
145	Finding quality, affordable land.	12/16/2014 11:57 PM
146	Land Costs	12/16/2014 7:03 PM
147	Access to affordable land.	12/13/2014 10:47 PM
148	How is this different from the biggest obstacles question # 22?	12/11/2014 2:36 PM
149	Finding land to rent	12/11/2014 12:33 PM
150	income, availability of land	12/11/2014 12:05 PM
151	Cost of farming	12/11/2014 10:14 AM
152	government regulations	12/10/2014 11:50 AM
153	Making a livable and not depending on lucky breaks.	12/10/2014 10:33 AM
154	Bringing in enough income to support a family. Being able to access capital/land to increase production. Dealing with multiple layers of government regulations to sell products directly to the public. While these opportunities exist, there seem to be more hoops than necessary that a farmer has to jump through.	12/10/2014 9:44 AM
155	gh	12/10/2014 8:48 AM

156	The expense of breaking into an industry or changing farm operations. Attacks from environmental activist groups. Over regulation.	12/10/2014 7:20 AM
157	We are inheriting an agricultural industry that has been based on massive capital investments, operating loans, government subsidies, cheap oil, chemical dependency, and other conditions that new and beginning farmers either won't have or won't want. Our tax dollars should stop polluting our bay through agricultural research and programs that prop up an industry where more than 80 percent of farmers are forced to earn the majority of their income off farm. That inheritance and our institutional sluggishness to evolve is the biggest challenge facing young and beginning farmers in Maryland.	12/10/2014 12:27 AM
158	Nonsensical high use of pesticides n herbicides Which kill off bees and degrade soil	12/9/2014 9:47 PM
159	Education and money	12/9/2014 6:14 PM
160	Living income and resources related to leasing land and having heavy machinery and necessary equipment for food production and storage. An incubator farm would be nice.	12/9/2014 3:26 PM
161	Start up costs	12/9/2014 11:24 AM
162	Land- prices zoning and availability. Also, cottage industry regulations hamper many small farmers from "adding value" to their business	12/9/2014 11:00 AM
163	Land access, health care.	12/9/2014 10:49 AM
164	Regulation	12/9/2014 10:42 AM
165	land access and capital	12/9/2014 10:25 AM
166	A	12/9/2014 9:04 AM
167	Consumer respect and appreciation...which guides the government law making process.	12/8/2014 4:44 PM
168	Finding an operation and sustaining it	12/8/2014 2:26 PM
169	Being able to support yourself on only farm income. And health insurance falls into this.	12/8/2014 2:23 PM
170	Finances, available land	12/8/2014 12:46 PM
171	lack of motivation to do the work and put the amount of time in needed	12/8/2014 12:05 PM
172	Regulation	12/8/2014 9:02 AM
173	Price per product vs price paid for supplies	12/7/2014 7:39 PM
174	Government regulations	12/7/2014 12:11 PM
175	Money and land, if not on a family farm	12/7/2014 10:57 AM
176	Ditch the Rule GMO Raw Milk PMT	12/7/2014 10:55 AM
177	lack of capital money	12/7/2014 10:35 AM
178	participation	12/7/2014 10:24 AM
179	getting new ground	12/7/2014 10:16 AM
180	cost and lack of land	12/7/2014 10:15 AM
181	making a viable income	12/7/2014 10:13 AM
182	buypower	12/6/2014 9:56 PM
183	Financial loss	12/6/2014 9:47 PM
184	Costs of production and cost of land rent	12/6/2014 6:19 AM
185	Strict regulation of pesticides and GMO's and high land costs.	12/6/2014 5:18 AM
186	Finding land cheap enough to rent and having a product with enough return to be worth the time. After rent, fuel, and feed it seems (in my case) I'm raising livestock for fun.	12/5/2014 11:53 PM
187	Costs and regulations	12/5/2014 11:35 PM
188	Land	12/5/2014 8:39 PM

189	If a young farmer does not have property that is family owned it is very difficult to get started	12/5/2014 7:31 PM
190	Finding enough land to farm constantly having new regulations made it is almost impossible for someone that works a full-time job to have time to meet all the stipulations of nutrient management and other programs that have been implemented the agenciesaren't much help to someone who works full-time	12/5/2014 2:57 PM
191	capital to invest in the farm to expand business	12/5/2014 11:43 AM
192	Money & land availability, or just being able to make a living at this. It's a tremendous amount of work with a very low return and often times just a plain old loss.	12/5/2014 10:57 AM
193	up front investment for the high cost of equipment	12/5/2014 8:54 AM
194	lack of land, area development	12/5/2014 7:28 AM
195	Loss of land from development. Lack of workers.	12/5/2014 7:21 AM
196	lack of funding to get started and access to land.	12/5/2014 3:40 AM
197	Cost to get started.	12/5/2014 1:35 AM
198	SWM S&E PMT	12/4/2014 9:12 PM
199	Cost of land, capital to operate, and a lack of processing and distribution infrastructure.	12/4/2014 8:16 PM
200	Affordable land	12/4/2014 8:08 PM
201	BS regulations promulgated by MDE and embraced by idiots like Buddy Hance and Royden Powell. If either of them were with a am they'd still be farming instead of trying to ride coattails to higher office.	12/4/2014 7:49 PM
202	The biggest challenges facing young and beginning farmers is the lack of hands on training from a soup to nuts perspective outside of the classroom and the lower return on investment from the amount of work needed to be successful versus other occupations.	12/4/2014 7:06 PM
203	COST!!!	12/4/2014 5:02 PM
204	Funding	12/4/2014 4:13 PM
205	Urbanization	12/4/2014 4:01 PM
206	Rediculous regulations	12/4/2014 3:52 PM
207	n/a	12/4/2014 3:51 PM
208	Financing and increasing costs of supplies and fertilizer. New phosphorous regulations are unfavorable for our business and our growing demand for organic and natural products	12/4/2014 3:27 PM
209	Land	12/4/2014 3:23 PM
210	Producing enough income to sustain.	12/4/2014 3:10 PM
211	Costs	12/4/2014 3:07 PM
212	being able to get land to till. and the amount of regulations imposed by the govt.	12/4/2014 3:06 PM
213	Lack of capital to buy substantial land	12/4/2014 2:56 PM
214	Capital to invest+ Land Costs + regulation + taxes	12/4/2014 2:49 PM
215	extensive regulation	12/4/2014 1:40 PM
216	Government regulations	12/4/2014 1:36 PM
217	Renting land it's hard to compete with well establish farmers.	12/4/2014 12:08 PM
218	Lack of land available, how hard it is to make \$ off little amounts of land.	12/4/2014 11:54 AM
219	Money and land	12/3/2014 10:16 PM
220	Regulation by the state and Montgomery county. also, Lack of young and beginning farmer networks.	12/3/2014 2:50 PM
221	cost	12/3/2014 2:18 PM
222	Starting with/making enough money	12/3/2014 2:17 PM

223	Transition planning, getting started financially and land	12/3/2014 12:29 PM
224	Finance	12/3/2014 8:22 AM
225	available land nearby.	12/2/2014 8:55 PM
226	capital and labor in starting a farm	12/2/2014 10:51 AM
227	Money and regulations as well as changes in the consumer market.	12/1/2014 9:08 PM
228	the cost of land is so high, and also limited.	12/1/2014 2:26 PM
229	Too much regulation in comparison with other surrounding states puts Maryland farmers at a competitive disadvantage.	12/1/2014 1:13 PM
230	Environmental Regulations is #1, Cost of Land is #2,	12/1/2014 12:35 PM
231	Access to land and money to start up a farm	12/1/2014 10:58 AM
232	acquiring land and being able to generate enough cash flow to pay for financing	12/1/2014 7:09 AM
233	Getting land, money to start farming with (unless you're born into land and equipment it's very hard to get started), high cost of living in this state	11/30/2014 1:47 PM
234	Start up money and then nutrient manure management	11/30/2014 10:32 AM
235	Urban growth/competition for land	11/30/2014 6:58 AM
236	lack of support or help with making decisions	11/29/2014 9:19 PM
237	Cohesion! - Learning what you can and cannot do - rules are different in each county - and there is no cohesiveness throughout the state - everyone/every organization/county/program has their own set of online tools for learning - as there is a complete disconnect.	11/29/2014 6:10 PM
238	cost of farming in MD	11/29/2014 3:14 PM
239	regulation	11/29/2014 2:23 PM
240	Lack of available farm land that can be purchased at a reasonable cost. High cost of start up - land-equipment-cost of doing business- petro products	11/29/2014 9:11 AM
241	Where to begin if you don't have any capital or loan options.	11/29/2014 8:49 AM
242	N-A	11/29/2014 8:17 AM
243	there are lots of able bodies and strong minds out there... it's very difficult to afford land to farm and finding a "co-op" of some sort is equally difficult. I'm not sure its 100% and access issue, I believe it's an education issue. I know there are opportunities out there somewhere... I think we all just need to know how to find them.	11/29/2014 8:06 AM
244	Excessive regulations that make us uncompetitive as well as increased fees and taxes	11/29/2014 7:46 AM
245	Initial land and livestock purchasing and making profit while working an outside full time job to pay for it	11/29/2014 7:35 AM
246	Land access and startup capital	11/29/2014 7:06 AM
247	Capital requirements to start	11/29/2014 6:46 AM
248	Over regulation	11/28/2014 11:46 PM
249	Lack of education, lack of funding, few farmsteads available for purchase	11/28/2014 11:21 PM
250	Zoning & startup costs	11/28/2014 10:51 PM
251	The high cost of land and equipment.	11/28/2014 10:45 PM
252	Lack of affordable land	11/28/2014 10:40 PM
253	The cost of starting a farm operation, cost of land as well.	11/28/2014 10:08 PM
254	probably lack of background in farming and the persistence to continue farming in the face of adversity	11/28/2014 10:01 PM
255	having enough money and finding labor	11/28/2014 1:53 PM
256	Experience	11/28/2014 1:09 PM

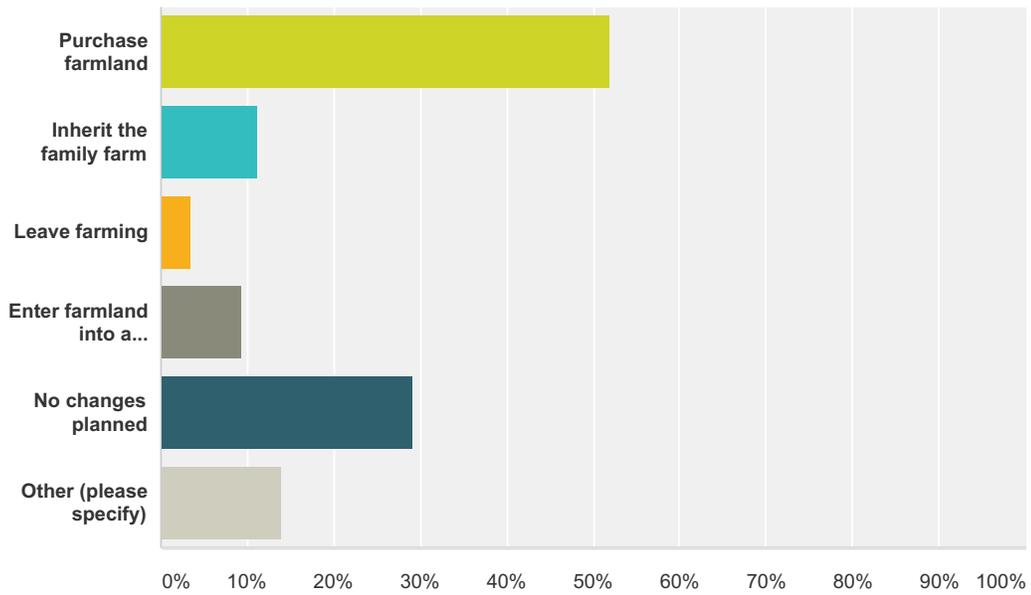
257	FINANCING AND EXPANSION	11/28/2014 12:51 PM
258	Access to land; access to business planning and zoning education	11/28/2014 12:12 PM
259	Land opportunities	11/28/2014 11:50 AM
260	Regulations	11/28/2014 8:07 AM
261	Getting the right equipment, if not inherited, then it's impossible to afford to buy the necessary equipment to succeed in farming.	11/27/2014 10:34 PM
262	Income	11/27/2014 1:24 PM
263	available land	11/26/2014 7:28 PM
264	developing markets	11/26/2014 5:42 PM
265	Maryland taxes and regulations making it unbearable to farm or get your products to market, I.e. The new regulations on farm vehicles needed all drivers even though not a cdl vehicle needs a medical card	11/26/2014 3:37 PM
266	Lack of entrance oppurity	11/26/2014 1:43 PM
267	reaching a scale at which farming pays a living wage	11/26/2014 1:29 PM
268	land and operation capatial	11/26/2014 11:35 AM
269	Access to land and capital	11/26/2014 11:35 AM
270	The ability to break into markets dominated by established often out of state farmers	11/26/2014 9:57 AM
271	gaining AFFORDABLE, legal land access and earning enough income to support the farm	11/26/2014 9:32 AM
272	When starting out I think the biggest challenge is finances. Another big challenge is not knowing where or how to get started. My biggest challenge is finances. Another challenge I have ran into is that most MDA educational workshops are held during the time I work (8:00 am to 4:30 pm).	11/26/2014 9:11 AM
273	Not enough money to start and not enough time because we can't quit our day jobs because we need the money.	11/26/2014 9:04 AM
274	access to long-term land	11/26/2014 8:48 AM
275	Lack of affordable land Urban encroachment Government intrusion	11/26/2014 7:21 AM
276	Government regulations and land availability and cost	11/26/2014 1:32 AM
277	Access to affordable land	11/25/2014 9:29 PM
278	Credit	11/25/2014 9:02 PM
279	Access to land	11/25/2014 8:45 PM
280	access to land and finances to start out	11/25/2014 8:41 PM
281	Lack of start-up capital and knowledge.	11/25/2014 8:27 PM
282	The regulations of MDE and MDA. It is very discouraging to be treated like a criminal. We have our farm for sale solely because we are tired of being beat down by those agencies.	11/25/2014 7:55 PM
283	Public speaking	11/25/2014 7:28 PM
284	Affordable and suitable ksnd close to the city. Also making enough money in relation to hours spent working - making a living wage and ability to pay employees a living wage	11/25/2014 6:23 PM
285	Making enough money to pay for farm land equipment and chemicals	11/25/2014 6:00 PM
286	Access to affordable prime farmland	11/25/2014 5:36 PM
287	available land, labor, cash	11/25/2014 3:39 PM
288	Access to markets	11/25/2014 3:18 PM
289	Land access and qualified labor	11/25/2014 2:35 PM
290	MONEY TO PAY ALL GOVERMENT INS AND TAXES	11/25/2014 2:29 PM

291	Cost of land	11/25/2014 2:21 PM
292	markets and faming knowledge. On western shore commodity agriculture is not an opporunity for new farmers	11/25/2014 2:10 PM
293	Start up Capital and affordable good health care for the families.	11/25/2014 2:00 PM
294	Being able to live off the income earned. We are both still needing to work part and full time jobs and therefore have labor issues	11/25/2014 1:44 PM
295	Being able to acquire land and keep it.	11/25/2014 1:43 PM
296	Access to land and the low price of farm products at market	11/25/2014 1:43 PM
297	Regulation	11/25/2014 1:37 PM
298	Capital to get started	11/25/2014 11:00 AM
299	?	11/25/2014 10:45 AM
300	regulations we will have to move elsewhere to farm md is to strict	11/25/2014 10:31 AM
301	being able to compete financially for land purchase or land rental with bigger, more established farmers	11/25/2014 10:28 AM
302	regulations	11/25/2014 10:24 AM
303	Regulation	11/25/2014 10:23 AM
304	Credit, loans, available land	11/25/2014 9:52 AM
305	Capital - equity	11/25/2014 9:16 AM
306	High cost of land in areas near off farm employment and access/cost of health care	11/25/2014 8:23 AM
307	Land availability and risks of development, Zoning restictions, high land prices and lack of adequate capital to invest, need to diversify, an uneducated public	11/25/2014 8:04 AM
308	Land and equipment purchase	11/25/2014 7:10 AM
309	High cost of health insurance	11/25/2014 5:24 AM
310	Ability to make a living	11/24/2014 10:16 PM
311	Land acquisition and government regulation	11/24/2014 10:14 PM
312	Land prices and laws	11/24/2014 10:04 PM
313	Government regulation	11/24/2014 9:37 PM
314	Lack of affordable land. Economics and markets that large established businesses can control financially by out competing new and beginning farmers. Poor politics that over regulate or regulate without proper reason. Politics that allow waste water treatment plants and a large dam to pollute waterways then use farmers as a scapegoat.	11/24/2014 8:32 PM
315	Ground availability	11/24/2014 7:47 PM
316	Gaining experience and exposure	11/24/2014 7:45 PM
317	Acquiring land	11/24/2014 7:31 PM
318	Urban encroachment and government regulations	11/24/2014 7:05 PM
319	Disappearing land. Low prices	11/24/2014 6:15 PM
320	The lack of land available to young farmers and the high start up costs associated with farming	11/24/2014 5:51 PM
321	Generational transfer and working with family membera who want different things.	11/24/2014 5:20 PM
322	Land and knowledge	11/24/2014 4:52 PM
323	Support, financially and education.	11/24/2014 4:50 PM
324	Community expansion and loss of farm land	11/24/2014 3:57 PM
325	Regulations make it too hard to make a profit, and if you don't inherit a farm it's too expensive to get started as a young person.	11/24/2014 3:28 PM

326	Available farmland	11/24/2014 2:40 PM
327	As a first generation farmer, learning all that is needed to start and maintain a farm as well as finding the capital to start your own farm.	11/24/2014 2:21 PM
328	Over-regulation accompanied with difficulty obtaining financing to purchase land/equipment	11/24/2014 1:19 PM
329	Finances	11/24/2014 12:49 PM
330	No land a Sibley and no money to start	11/24/2014 12:37 PM
331	Access to financing	11/24/2014 12:29 PM

Q28 In the next five years, do you plan to:

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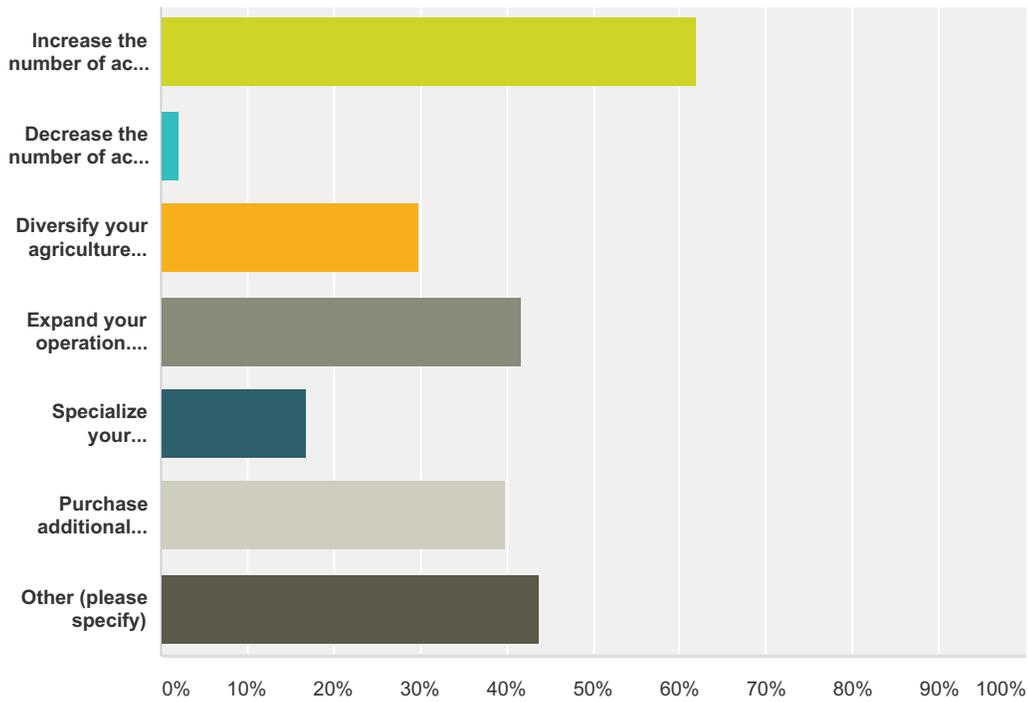
Answer Choices	Responses
Purchase farmland	51.96% 172
Inherit the family farm	11.18% 37
Leave farming	3.63% 12
Enter farmland into a preservation program	9.37% 31
No changes planned	29.31% 97
Other (please specify)	13.90% 46
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#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	give up & leave the US if possible	1/14/2015 4:28 AM
2	when i get the chance to buy.	1/13/2015 2:31 PM
3	maybe purchase neighboring properties	1/10/2015 11:23 AM
4	move out of Maryland to a more agricultural area	1/8/2015 10:50 PM
5	Our dream is move into another state that has more affordable farming land	1/8/2015 2:05 PM
6	Moving to Virginia to farm	1/7/2015 8:02 AM
7	Significantly ramp up production since this is our first year	1/6/2015 10:29 PM
8	Increase income from farm products	1/6/2015 3:27 PM
9	Expand on our agritourism. Rent more land	12/29/2014 10:03 PM
10	hope to buy a farm someday before I get too old	12/25/2014 12:36 PM

11	help expand current family farm	12/22/2014 9:40 AM
12	Moving to Virginia where it's more affordable, and friendlier to beginning farmers	12/22/2014 8:17 AM
13	Continue to expand my operation	12/21/2014 6:48 AM
14	Increase production	12/20/2014 10:58 AM
15	expand operation, not necessarily in Md	12/20/2014 9:44 AM
16	We will see what happens, this year has not been good.	12/20/2014 8:28 AM
17	farm outside of Maryland	12/19/2014 10:49 PM
18	Use more of my property to farm for myself	12/9/2014 9:47 PM
19	Manage a farm and prepare future food system leaders	12/9/2014 3:26 PM
20	start indepedent farm business	12/9/2014 10:25 AM
21	Diversify our farm into new products	12/8/2014 2:23 PM
22	Would hope to continue the current relationship with my lease/share owner	12/5/2014 11:53 PM
23	Would like to build a faculty to house dairy cattle	12/5/2014 7:31 PM
24	Expand my dairy operation to help fund the manure storage pit I'm forced to build and to better prepare myself for the inevitable loss of my already rented ground.	12/5/2014 10:57 AM
25	purchase newer equipment	12/5/2014 1:35 AM
26	Open a food hub!	12/4/2014 8:16 PM
27	Expand in alternatives to more traditional feed crops	12/4/2014 7:06 PM
28	Expand operation	12/4/2014 4:13 PM
29	Rent more land	12/4/2014 2:49 PM
30	expand what we grow and sell	11/29/2014 9:19 PM
31	Just purchased land/home a few months ago - and will no longer rent land/home	11/29/2014 6:10 PM
32	not sure-still trying to figure out how to balance work and play	11/28/2014 10:01 PM
33	Grow our business-dairy products, meat,	11/28/2014 1:09 PM
34	MAYBE A WINERY	11/28/2014 12:51 PM
35	Expand production	11/26/2014 7:28 PM
36	Hopefully expand our farm and marketing	11/26/2014 3:37 PM
37	start indepedent farming business	11/26/2014 8:48 AM
38	rent more ground	11/26/2014 1:32 AM
39	Grow the business	11/25/2014 8:27 PM
40	and go to college	11/25/2014 7:28 PM
41	grow the business	11/25/2014 2:35 PM
42	SELL TO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS TO BUILD HOMES	11/25/2014 2:29 PM
43	Expand!	11/25/2014 1:44 PM
44	Rent more family land to transition to organic production	11/25/2014 11:00 AM
45	i will purchase land in virginia only md is to strict	11/25/2014 10:31 AM
46	plan to grow our beef business	11/24/2014 5:20 PM

Q29 In the next five years, do you plan to:

Answered: 331 Skipped: 135



Answer Choices	Responses
Increase the number of acres farmed	61.93% 205
Decrease the number of acres farmed	2.11% 7
Diversify your agriculture operation. Please specify	29.91% 99
Expand your operation. Please specify	41.69% 138
Specialize your agriculture operation	16.92% 56
Purchase additional equipment valued greater than \$20,000	39.88% 132
Other (please specify)	43.81% 145
Total Respondents: 331	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Continue to expand and diversify to manage risk	1/19/2015 3:28 PM
2	Really don't know if I can fight anymore. State has let me & my families dream come true and ruined our property & value of it.	1/14/2015 4:28 AM
3	We hope to offer a bigger and better on farm experience plus a farm market.	1/13/2015 8:24 PM
4	Expand with more land and raise more beef cattle.	1/13/2015 2:39 PM
5	Up amount of stock raised	1/13/2015 2:37 PM

6	I would like to have a herd of 50 boer goats so I can provide enough to the local 4h kids and be able to give the goats to kids who possibly can not afford to but a good quality goat. I want to give every kid the chance to do something they enjoy plus expanding goat market in maryland. I also would like enough land I can grow my own hay to feed the goats and cut some costs. Also large enough to bring in large groups to do education courses about goats.	1/13/2015 2:31 PM
7	Start working towards my own landscaping business.	1/13/2015 2:06 PM
8	Add additional animals and focus for breeding and produce	1/13/2015 1:51 PM
9	Backward integration to include upwellers, forward integration into distribution	1/10/2015 2:33 PM
10	Expand vegetable operation, add additional crops (tree fruit), increase value added products.	1/10/2015 11:23 AM
11	Planning to attend graduate school in order to develop strategies to work with farmers/build farm viability/workforce development	1/9/2015 5:01 PM
12	I would like to find a way to increase my agricultural pursuits. I'm not sure if this will be a result of more diversity or more specialization.	1/9/2015 6:58 AM
13	Purchase a larger lot of land to be able to further my dream to be able to live off of my farm	1/8/2015 10:50 PM
14	Introduce New plans for farm based revenue	1/8/2015 5:16 PM
15	We would like to increase our land and expand on the livestock we own.	1/8/2015 2:05 PM
16	I'm in my first year of farming. I plan to grow my flocks and herds and begin marketing to consumers in the next few years.	1/8/2015 1:30 PM
17	Nature conservancy programs will be added in addition to other educational programs	1/8/2015 12:07 PM
18	We would like to do things other than just growing oysters such as being involved in restoration and perhaps even raising clams	1/8/2015 7:37 AM
19	Intend to increase production so that we can serve more restaurants.	1/7/2015 1:49 PM
20	Plan to increase acreage for cash grain and hay production. Buy Livestock to diversify operation	1/7/2015 11:47 AM
21	To determine if additional head of livestock will work on the number of acres currently in the operation and making the necessary changes to the pasture to allow an expansion.	1/7/2015 8:42 AM
22	Value added products	1/6/2015 10:29 PM
23	N/a	1/6/2015 9:00 PM
24	Want to be a bigger cow calf operation	1/6/2015 7:24 PM
25	.	1/6/2015 7:02 PM
26	More veggies	1/6/2015 5:52 PM
27	Not sure yet about exact plans. Currently just starting to with all of this.	1/6/2015 4:43 PM
28	Produce more meat. Increase my goat sales and be able to live off of my land.	1/6/2015 4:26 PM
29	I would like to increase sales from products made on the farm	1/6/2015 3:27 PM
30	We plan to diversify into more meat production through various kinds of livestock. This will, in essence, expand our operation. If it is not possible, then we will probably leave farming altogether.	1/6/2015 2:45 PM
31	I hope to begin offering grass-fed beef to local consumers.	1/6/2015 2:16 PM
32	Plan to move to pasture raised livestock.	1/6/2015 1:55 PM
33	Explore expanding my skills to support my own family with home grown vegetables and meats.	1/6/2015 1:05 PM
34	We must increase sales to pay labor. Increase efficiencies through labor reducing strategies which is mostly the correct equipment. Then train and design management teams and pay them for multi year employment retain them through the winter. Most young people don't scale their operations with room to expand or grow, they blow their capital on systems that become obsolete and have to recapitalize themselves and hence go under or fold	1/5/2015 2:52 PM
35	We have been crop farming mainly now we are trying to add vegetables and farm stand sales.	1/5/2015 12:16 PM

36	We like keeping a small flock to feed our family. We might diversify into a meat flock for personal consumption (25-50 birds per year) but we would need a larger property and a supportive zoning board. We have no plans to expand into commercial operations.	1/2/2015 2:30 PM
37	Would like to raise more cattle and farm more land	12/29/2014 11:33 PM
38	I am looking to repair an old tobacco barn to utilize as a gathering place for agritourism and educational uses. I think the cost of this renovation will be greater than \$20,000	12/29/2014 10:03 PM
39	None	12/29/2014 9:03 PM
40	Livestock	12/29/2014 8:58 PM
41	I own retail nurseries, and plan to open another location.	12/29/2014 8:44 PM
42	Adding a winery to provide added value to our crop.	12/29/2014 8:19 PM
43	Looking into cows, goats, alpacas	12/29/2014 11:34 AM
44	Need more land to work	12/28/2014 3:42 PM
45	Hope to get some more land and get into organics!	12/25/2014 12:36 PM
46	Buy or begin leasing farmland	12/23/2014 3:24 PM
47	We are adding grain bins to store our crops on the farm to sell later instead of out of the field or to feed out livestock. We also plan to put up a larger hay storage shed to accommodate our stack wagon and increase in customers.	12/22/2014 9:40 AM
48	Cut flowers	12/21/2014 8:23 PM
49	I would like to find affordable land for purchase; not simply lease land for X number of years through county programs. I would then like to expand my products and marketability. Start a local business offering organic products.	12/21/2014 7:25 PM
50	I would like to find affordable land for purchase; not simply lease land for X number of years through county programs. I would then like to expand my products and marketability. Perhaps a better idea would be for the State to purchase land and implement a lease to own program for young farmers. That would encourage sustainable interest and growth.	12/21/2014 7:03 PM
51	Grow current businesses.	12/21/2014 4:09 PM
52	I'd like to start cutting hay.	12/21/2014 6:55 AM
53	Because of the lack of available labor force, need to purchase more equipment that is needed to use with less workers. Pay off the equipment already purchased. It is difficult to find much equipment under \$20,000. Expand into more exotic veggies and fruit, high tunnels and greenhouse operation	12/20/2014 9:44 AM
54	n/a	12/20/2014 6:50 AM
55	Adding barn/loafing shed space -- so able to increase number of head of livestock.	12/20/2014 3:19 AM
56	The farm I currently manage is expanding little by little as we open new fields on the 9 acres we manage.	12/19/2014 10:49 PM
57	Expand into mushrooms or growing organic grain. Buy newer tractor.	12/19/2014 10:16 PM
58	increase cattle and hog numbers	12/19/2014 4:45 PM
59	increase acreage and start another farm in addition to the farm in carroll co on the eastern shore	12/19/2014 4:44 PM
60	Hope to double capacity based on infrastructure improvements	12/19/2014 3:39 AM
61	I am transitioning an 8 acre diversified veg operation into a permaculture model and farm forest.	12/18/2014 10:14 AM
62	I'd like to stop renting and be able to buy land. Invest in more assets including tractors with effective implements. Expand to offer edible landscaping. Do more markets. Grow a lot more flowers, perennials, and a native nursery.	12/18/2014 9:36 AM
63	expand my custom farming and applicator, expand trucking	12/17/2014 8:15 PM
64	Increase acres of hay raised and number of beef and market hogs produced.	12/16/2014 11:57 PM
65	28 and 29 overlap -- purchasing farmland would increase number of acres	12/11/2014 2:36 PM

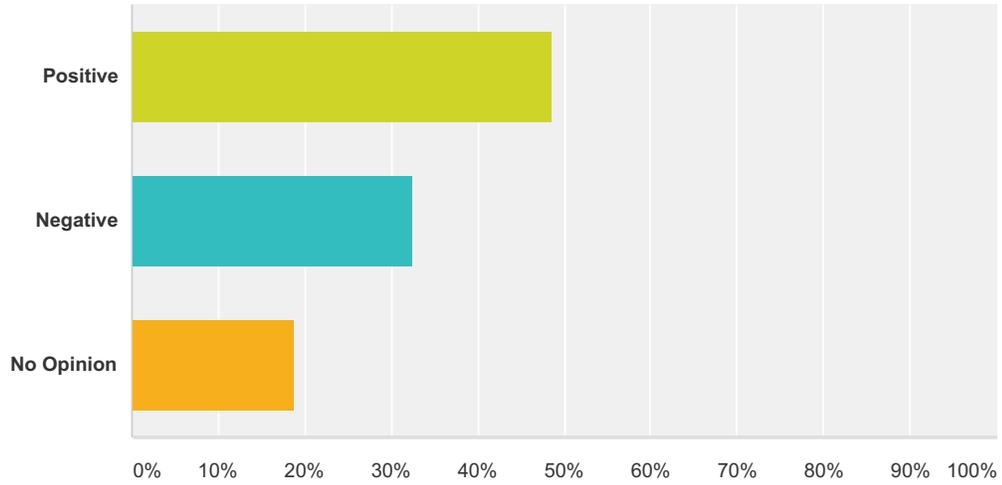
66	Add poultry houses	12/11/2014 12:33 PM
67	Plan to move into hatchery status, poultry rabbit slaughter.	12/10/2014 11:50 AM
68	Not sure where I'll be in five years	12/10/2014 10:33 AM
69	Expanding is the biggest thing at this point. Diversification is important, adding new products, looking into value-added opportunities and on-farm activities that can bring in income.	12/10/2014 9:44 AM
70	We are putting more acres into vineyard, and adding the winery and production facility.	12/10/2014 7:20 AM
71	Tree fruit	12/10/2014 12:27 AM
72	Increase Compost operation. Add a greenhouse and have chickens	12/9/2014 9:47 PM
73	Make added value products	12/9/2014 3:26 PM
74	We hope to consolidate our small, non-profit nursery, livestock, apiary, flower and food CSA operations to a larger silvoculture space	12/9/2014 11:00 AM
75	Diversify - add mushrooms & specialty crops (native fruits, dried beans). Expanding by additional acreage farmed, adding business partner, etc.	12/9/2014 10:49 AM
76	No changes	12/8/2014 4:44 PM
77	I am hoping to increase agri-tourism and educational offerings.	12/8/2014 2:26 PM
78	We are in the process of starting an on farm brewery.	12/8/2014 2:23 PM
79	sell the farm	12/7/2014 7:39 PM
80	Milk more cows	12/7/2014 12:11 PM
81	explore more agricultural expansion	12/7/2014 10:57 AM
82	hogs	12/7/2014 10:24 AM
83	Would like to increase number of beef animals raised along with making and selling hay.	12/5/2014 11:53 PM
84	I would like to become more involved in farming on the lower eastern shore after I graduate.	12/5/2014 11:35 PM
85	I would like to find a low labor intensive something to help when the projected low milk prices hit again next year.	12/5/2014 10:57 AM
86	I want to transition from horses to organic produce and meats and open a food hub in Northern Calvert County so small producers can offer both retail and wholesale .	12/4/2014 8:16 PM
87	Add acreage into silvopasture. New tractor, windrow turner, tea brewer,	12/4/2014 8:08 PM
88	Specifically we are unsure of which alternative crop or program we would like to begin but we know it is essential to diversify beyond traditional feed crops in order for our farm to survive financially.	12/4/2014 7:06 PM
89	Plan on trying to build more facilities to make raising livestock easier	12/4/2014 5:02 PM
90	No change	12/4/2014 3:52 PM
91	Continue to feature ag-tourism development	12/4/2014 3:27 PM
92	No change.	12/4/2014 3:10 PM
93	We will be adding meat goats to our operation along with meat rabbits.	12/4/2014 2:56 PM
94	Review business plan options	12/4/2014 1:36 PM
95	Probably go from wholesale market to retail	12/4/2014 11:54 AM
96	More Agritainment	12/3/2014 2:50 PM
97	I plan to add aquaculture	12/3/2014 2:17 PM
98	Agritainment and ageducation	12/3/2014 12:29 PM
99	Switch from equine to food production	12/3/2014 8:22 AM
100	Stay the same size	12/1/2014 12:35 PM

101	more crop variety and branch out more into the community (grocery stores, restaurants, local vendors, etc)	12/1/2014 10:58 AM
102	We are in the process of setting up a satellite dairy at a neighboring farm. We also would like to put in on farm processing and direct market milk	12/1/2014 7:09 AM
103	We'd like to get more cattle and equipment	11/30/2014 1:47 PM
104	Add more cows and expand the dairy	11/30/2014 10:32 AM
105	grow more crops and work more closeley with local groups.	11/29/2014 9:19 PM
106	We need to meet the five acres for a tax break, concentrate on specialty/unique items and create value added products that don't require a commercial kitchen/or find one to use	11/29/2014 6:10 PM
107	n/a	11/29/2014 3:14 PM
108	increasing wholesale operation, start education farm	11/29/2014 9:11 AM
109	Currently have a small Nigerian Dwarf goat herd (11 heads) and want to become a dairy business.	11/29/2014 8:49 AM
110	My waterfowl breeding business is finally making some small profit and I need room to grow. I also have other dreams of agrotourism and possibly helping young farmers just starting out if I have enough land to share.	11/29/2014 8:06 AM
111	I plan to increase production	11/29/2014 7:06 AM
112	Move to another dtate	11/28/2014 11:46 PM
113	Add more livestock	11/28/2014 11:21 PM
114	Expand to more wholesale markets and add an educational aspect catering toward children and young adults.	11/28/2014 10:45 PM
115	We will likely milk more cows than we do now, and need to purchase land to support those animals.	11/28/2014 10:08 PM
116	we'll probably add other animals; we are mostly veggie based right now.	11/28/2014 10:01 PM
117	EXPAND VINEYARD AND START A WINERY OPRATION	11/28/2014 12:51 PM
118	N/A	11/28/2014 12:12 PM
119	Horse farm and equipment	11/28/2014 11:50 AM
120	Expanding the product mix and number of birds	11/26/2014 7:28 PM
121	We would like to expand to more crops/varieties of fruit/veg/flowers/etc and maybe branch into agri tourism	11/26/2014 3:37 PM
122	After starting as an organic vegetable operation I would also like to add small animals, such as goats, sheep, and alpaca for fiber.	11/26/2014 9:11 AM
123	Planning on expanding with value added products and planning on gaining more land to help with diversifying and expansion.	11/26/2014 9:04 AM
124	This is going to be my first year on this property and have alot of room for possibilities.	11/25/2014 9:29 PM
125	Add honey production for mead sale	11/25/2014 8:45 PM
126	gain more land and increase educational programming	11/25/2014 8:41 PM
127	We are selling and getting out of Ag totally in MD.	11/25/2014 7:55 PM
128	I want to grow more row crops. Not enough money In veggies	11/25/2014 6:00 PM
129	We are planning to move to a greater focus on growing for added value products	11/25/2014 2:35 PM
130	Plant a peach orchard	11/25/2014 2:21 PM
131	we are profitable, want to shrink size be more efficient work less	11/25/2014 2:10 PM
132	incorporate a winery into the vineyard business	11/25/2014 2:00 PM
133	Rent more family land	11/25/2014 11:00 AM
134	Buy land not in MD	11/25/2014 9:52 AM
135	Hoping to move to a larger horse facility	11/25/2014 8:23 AM

136	Development of farm economic income to include livestock, agritourism, hort production and processing some products	11/25/2014 8:04 AM
137	Add new product line and equipment	11/25/2014 5:24 AM
138	None of the abiov	11/24/2014 10:16 PM
139	Hoping to gain land and diversify into grain. Plan to use currently available land more intensively to grow a larger variety and quantity of produce.	11/24/2014 8:32 PM
140	Grow according to market demand	11/24/2014 7:31 PM
141	I hope to become a larger grower of produce and purchase more land and equipment	11/24/2014 5:51 PM
142	Add more cattle	11/24/2014 5:20 PM
143	Just got started, planning to keep growing the business.	11/24/2014 3:28 PM
144	Would like to be able to grow enough meat & vegetables to sell some for a profit. Mainly raise for myself now and only sell some.	11/24/2014 1:19 PM
145	Stay the same	11/24/2014 12:49 PM

Q30 What do you think is the average Maryland citizen's perception of Maryland farmers?

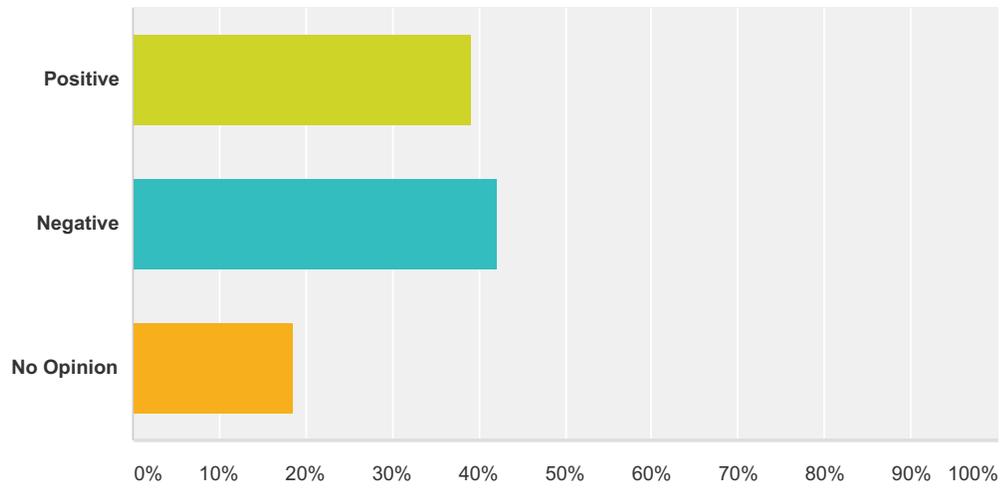
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Answer Choices	Responses
Positive	48.61% 157
Negative	32.51% 105
No Opinion	18.89% 61
Total	323

Q31 What do you think is the average Maryland citizen's perception of agriculture?

Answered: 323 Skipped: 143



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Positive	39.32%	127
Negative	42.11%	136
No Opinion	18.58%	60
Total		323

Q32 What actions can the Maryland Department of Agriculture take to promote a positive perception of Maryland Agriculture?

Answered: 323 Skipped: 143

#	Responses	Date
1	No opinion	1/19/2015 3:29 PM
2	Free marketing. Education on healthy local eating.	1/17/2015 7:46 PM
3	more land	1/14/2015 7:44 PM
4	Help more with farmers problem...knowing what rights they have.	1/14/2015 4:30 AM
5	Not sure.	1/13/2015 8:27 PM
6	Education marketing	1/13/2015 6:31 PM
7	have programs to explain exactly what they do	1/13/2015 6:11 PM
8	It's not just the farmers polluting the bay. We are trying to protect the bay but the news media always says it's the farmers. This is frustrating when sewer treatment plants have overflows during heavy rain events, etc.	1/13/2015 2:41 PM
9	Increase public interaction with farmers	1/13/2015 2:38 PM
10	Get the public possibly involved. Have a maryland farm day where farms can open their gates and allow the public to come visit and see what it's like to be on a farm for the day see how their food is grown and where it comes from. So public has a better understanding.	1/13/2015 2:35 PM
11	More high school education opportunities that will appeal to students.	1/13/2015 2:08 PM
12	educating the general public	1/13/2015 2:00 PM
13	Foster understanding that these are hardworking people who provide foods and other services. Particularly supporting the local movement could help with people who romanticize farming but don't want it to be anywhere near where they live.	1/13/2015 1:55 PM
14	NA	1/13/2015 6:08 AM
15	open a farmers's market in Prince George's county that can be used to sale local produce and live animals. Seeing is believing and will bring healthier eating.	1/11/2015 10:47 AM
16	Continue to educate children in the school system.	1/10/2015 9:09 PM
17	help the farmer promote there products and farm through grocery stores. not just on buy local events	1/10/2015 3:00 PM
18	Promote products	1/10/2015 2:35 PM
19	Give them more opportunities to interact with farms and farmers. Education about maryland farming.	1/10/2015 11:28 AM
20	regulate the chicken industry more heavily	1/9/2015 5:02 PM
21	Educate the non-farming population about the agriculture industry. There are so many misconceptions (and sometimes outright lies) floating around on the Internet or in the media about the industry. I think helping people to see what agriculture is really about, and that it's not just about profit like some might believe, would help promote a positive perception. I also think the campaigns to "buy local" help all farmers, but especially those looking to venture into direct to consumer marketing/sales.	1/9/2015 4:15 PM
22	Get facts to the public	1/9/2015 2:22 PM
23	Continuously adding new regulations implies that MD farmers still don't do enough to protect the environment	1/9/2015 8:14 AM

24	Improved education for the general public about things like pesticides, humane animal treatment, and the use of genetically modified crops. I believe that the public perception is that farmers spray toxic chemicals, keep animals under inhumane conditions, and grow unsafe crops. I personally do not believe this to be true but there is a lot of negative propaganda aimed at farmers out there and the average MD citizen is more likely to be exposed to that than to visit and actual working farm and see that farmers love their animals and are very careful with what and how they grow their crops.	1/9/2015 7:07 AM
25	Show the need for farms	1/8/2015 10:51 PM
26	don't know	1/8/2015 9:24 PM
27	More programs based on local farmers providing food for local people such as farmers markets and grants for small vegetable farmers like myself to help provide all natural food at a price everyone can afford	1/8/2015 5:21 PM
28	I think we need to keep spreading the word about eating/buying locally. We also need to stop losing farm land due to construction, by working with the generations of the families to be able to afford to keep the operations of the farm going.	1/8/2015 2:10 PM
29	highlight local farms and what they are all about. express how valuable our farmland is. inspire farmland preservation.	1/8/2015 1:33 PM
30	Not sure.	1/8/2015 1:16 PM
31	People are incredibly unaware of the impact and effect Maryland agriculture has on their day to day lives. A mass marketing campaign needs to be done in order to educate the consumers and make them aware of the importance of our local farms and farmers.	1/8/2015 12:12 PM
32	----	1/8/2015 11:49 AM
33	n/a	1/8/2015 11:43 AM
34	not sure	1/8/2015 11:30 AM
35	Not sure	1/8/2015 7:38 AM
36	ldk	1/7/2015 7:40 PM
37	Promote the amazing, innovative, environmentally friendly small scale farms throughout the state. Promote sustainable alternatives. Larger scale MD ag has some serious problems and public perception issues (chicken farms contaminating the Bay, or where I live in Carrol County, the clouds of dehydrated poultry manure that choke the air every year when spread by corn and soybean growers). This is a serious public health and envtl concern and doesn't give me warm fuzzy feelings when I think of MD ag.	1/7/2015 4:04 PM
38	Effective marketing about new and upcoming incentives regarding any form of farming.	1/7/2015 1:52 PM
39	increase the marketing of sustainable and organic farming in Maryland	1/7/2015 1:33 PM
40	education and marketing	1/7/2015 12:24 PM
41	Make it known to citizens that farmers and agriculture were in the state of Maryland long before big cities and urban developments and they have a right to farm. Also that farmers provide the food they eat in safest and most environmentally safe way they can. The same can be said for waterman.	1/7/2015 11:55 AM
42	Help the farmer success and improve public image	1/7/2015 10:14 AM
43	The MPT special Farm & Harvest has been the best method of public education that the Ag community has performed in decades. These episodes need to be shown in all schools throughout the state.	1/7/2015 8:46 AM
44	Have a Buyout of Watermen, just like the tobacco buyout, so the watermen can get paid to not harvest and supply will increase in the future, Have a Livestock buyout, pay farmers to go out of the livestock business so there will be less phosphorous!	1/7/2015 8:06 AM
45	Important to focus on different types of farming and ensure they are having positive impacts on environment, economy, society - possibly more support for small, local farms that practice sustainable agricultural practices and support ecological balance	1/6/2015 10:31 PM
46	create educational videos about farming and animal care	1/6/2015 10:30 PM
47	They're doing fine	1/6/2015 9:08 PM

48	Show that farmers actually help the land and the environment where construction and homeowners and politicians destroy it and ways of life	1/6/2015 9:01 PM
49	Highlight positive attributes of Ag for the Environment	1/6/2015 8:46 PM
50	Show that farmers are doing more than their part to cleanup the bay	1/6/2015 7:36 PM
51	Show how farmers help Maryland	1/6/2015 7:28 PM
52	.	1/6/2015 7:02 PM
53	Help advertise and promote ag businesses and products in MD.	1/6/2015 6:12 PM
54	Involve them more??	1/6/2015 5:54 PM
55	Not sure	1/6/2015 4:44 PM
56	Education on farming.	1/6/2015 4:26 PM
57	Regulate the poultry industry more heavily	1/6/2015 4:26 PM
58	Promote buying local	1/6/2015 3:48 PM
59	Continue educational activities	1/6/2015 3:46 PM
60	advertising campaign?	1/6/2015 3:44 PM
61	Keep showing the positive things farmers do, and keep highlighting all the wonderful products produced right here in MD.	1/6/2015 3:28 PM
62	Reduced damage to the environment due to farming	1/6/2015 3:03 PM
63	Share the stories of farmers who are treating animals correctly, raising crops well, and being good stewards of their part of the food chain.	1/6/2015 2:47 PM
64	Let Marylanders know that we have already made great advances in farming practices to protect the Bay.	1/6/2015 2:20 PM
65	Na	1/6/2015 2:10 PM
66	x	1/6/2015 2:05 PM
67	Counter the blatant lies of the non gmo/organic scammers.	1/6/2015 1:56 PM
68	Bringing awareness to table crops and local meat. Bringing to point the both the economic and health impact for Maryland farmers and citizens when purchasing local food from farmers markets, institutions and retail outlets. Increasing these outlets in the state.	1/6/2015 1:40 PM
69	To create and distribute some kind of informative handout	1/6/2015 1:30 PM
70	Highlight more young farmers in the add campaigns, put a face on agriculture. Maybe do a farmer of the month on social media. Highlight how he/she is helping the Bay.	1/6/2015 1:08 PM
71	Hello bring farmers closer to the public. Everyone should know where their food comes from and thus their farmer.	1/6/2015 1:07 PM
72	Educate the consumer. as producers we jump through ridiculous hoops to satisfy consumers on unrealistic expectations. We have issues with food being too cheap in the US. The cost of organic production (which is what most young people want to do) is astronomical. - Offer tax right offs for joining a CSA? relax the zoning and permitting issues when it comes to agriculture.	1/5/2015 3:31 PM
73	Promote Farm Stand sales.	1/5/2015 12:27 PM
74	increase recognition of Maryland best	1/4/2015 4:31 PM
75	Encourage backyard, organic farming.	1/2/2015 2:32 PM
76	Understanding	12/31/2014 2:20 PM
77	Emphasis the similarities between farmers and consumers. Farm tour and transparency.	12/31/2014 2:06 PM
78	Don't push legislation on farmers that they do not have a say in.	12/31/2014 11:30 AM
79	promote farming and educatethe community	12/30/2014 9:06 PM
80	No comment	12/29/2014 11:35 PM

81	School programs that teach about all types of farms an their purpose	12/29/2014 10:50 PM
82	Education Farm to table Events.	12/29/2014 10:07 PM
83	Keep cover crop program going	12/29/2014 9:41 PM
84	Facebook	12/29/2014 8:59 PM
85	Continue to support farming and stop adding more restrictions.	12/29/2014 8:45 PM
86	Continue shows like Maryland Farm to Harvest and provide more public education on misunderstood issues.	12/29/2014 8:23 PM
87	Make it easier for farmers to sell their products.	12/29/2014 7:15 PM
88	Make it easy to do with minimum regulation	12/29/2014 11:34 AM
89	Let them know how much it costs us to produce a crop.	12/28/2014 3:45 PM
90	Education about where people's food comes from and promote local purchase of ag. products both in and out of the state.	12/27/2014 1:02 PM
91	I think there is a basic lack of knowledge that there is any significant farming in Maryland, particularly aside from poultry. I think any publicity about the many facets of MD agriculture is great.	12/26/2014 3:18 PM
92	People need to know where their food comes from and all that goes into it yo get it to them	12/25/2014 12:45 PM
93	That we are achieving our goals to help save the bay	12/24/2014 5:36 PM
94	m	12/23/2014 9:09 PM
95	Provide incentives for farmers to adopt sustainable farming practices that will protect the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Also strengthen or create programs that increase underserved communities' access to fresh, healthy food.	12/23/2014 3:30 PM
96	N/A	12/23/2014 11:45 AM
97	Start helping farmears instead of making front of environmental issues	12/22/2014 8:22 PM
98	Encourage local sourcing of goods.	12/22/2014 2:39 PM
99	support farmers	12/22/2014 2:23 PM
100	That farmers are doing everything possible to keep the bay clean.	12/22/2014 1:19 PM
101	Stay local and promote smaller farms, not big business farms	12/22/2014 11:33 AM
102	Increase positive exposure of Maryland farms through Farm and Harvest and possibly commercials on local television stations, and posting social media exposure.	12/22/2014 9:52 AM
103	pesticide education	12/22/2014 8:21 AM
104	Increase perception of sustainable methods and intelligence in farming	12/21/2014 8:39 PM
105	Show the importance of all Farms to maryland industry a d way of life.	12/21/2014 8:34 PM
106	Keep Maryland farm and harvest going	12/21/2014 8:25 PM
107	Develop better opportunities for young and beginner farmers and encourage healthier lifestyles beginning at a younger age. Promote and market these opportunities through diverse mediums to ensure equal opportunity to educational and economic resources and be transparent.	12/21/2014 7:29 PM
108	That farmers work hard for what they have, take a lot of business risks and they do participate to protect the environment.	12/21/2014 4:13 PM
109	Share our success with meeting nutrient management goals set forth in the clean water act to the public. Educate this public about the changing face of modern farms from mom n pop farms to multi-generational agribusiness.	12/21/2014 2:33 PM
110	Keep pushing buy local.	12/21/2014 6:58 AM
111	No action - give that money to farmers, to allow farmers to grow and market themselves.	12/21/2014 6:50 AM
112	make it more interesting	12/20/2014 11:10 AM
113	Maintain a current directory online	12/20/2014 10:59 AM

114	Market MD products. Don't put everything into poultry and field corn. Push Md Veggies and fruits. Let people know how much of the Md economy is agriculture. Market Agriculture and EDUCATE the people as to the season and crops.	12/20/2014 9:48 AM
115	Stop pointing fingers at farmers for Bay health	12/20/2014 9:46 AM
116	Continue to promote value added and local foods. Improve assistance and guidance to farmers seeking state processing licenses.	12/20/2014 9:10 AM
117	Tell the General public the truth about farming and the reality of it. Like you can't feed the world organically	12/20/2014 8:30 AM
118	help finding labor	12/20/2014 6:52 AM
119	??	12/20/2014 5:57 AM
120	Think MDA is doing a pretty good job now.	12/20/2014 3:25 AM
121	Promote farms, you-pick operations, farmers markets, and CSAs. Invest in creating more successful farmers markets.	12/19/2014 10:52 PM
122	Promote organic	12/19/2014 10:18 PM
123	The farmer is a lot different than in years past.	12/19/2014 9:21 PM
124	Promote maryland raised chickens	12/19/2014 8:19 PM
125	Promote across the state for citizens to buy Maryland farm products and to get to know where there food comes from, and keep it local	12/19/2014 7:48 PM
126	POSITIVE ads showing farmers as good land stewards, not as poluters of the bay & educating them as to where there food comes from.	12/19/2014 6:39 PM
127	Promote local	12/19/2014 5:43 PM
128	Promote that GMO crops are safe Promote that farmers are not polluting the bay	12/19/2014 4:47 PM
129	continue to promote farmers as active environmentalists	12/19/2014 4:46 PM
130	Give more lectures on positive influence of agriculture	12/19/2014 4:19 PM
131	More Local Farmers Markets and Community Agriculture Learning Programs within school systems.	12/19/2014 2:30 PM
132	Na	12/19/2014 10:47 AM
133	Continue to encourage sustainable practices. Maybe even feature sustainable farmers on a regular basis in promotions.	12/19/2014 3:42 AM
134	talk about the benefit and impact of small farms. Small farms can produce more yield per acre that huge monocrops. At the same time increasing bio-diversity, grow heathier produce and soil, and repair relations between people and the food they eat.	12/18/2014 10:26 AM
135	Not sure it's MDA's fault, but I think there is a perception that Maryland's waterways are adversely affected by farmers. I do agree that what chicken farmers do on the shore is pretty terrible from a humane perspective and from an environmentalist perspective. It makes me really angry and sad to see what Perdue and large chicken processors have done to our Eastern Shore agriculture.	12/18/2014 9:38 AM
136	send newsletters about surrounding agriculture and its effect on local economy to people along with something about safety and how to cooperate with farm equipment on highways	12/17/2014 8:19 PM
137	Promote farmers markets	12/17/2014 7:13 PM
138	Promote positive image - social media engage the public	12/17/2014 11:31 AM
139	Educate the public about our farming practices	12/17/2014 10:55 AM
140	Ag education, especially in the class rooms for younger kids.	12/16/2014 11:58 PM
141	Continue to educate consumers	12/16/2014 7:04 PM
142	Get your questions straight! 30 and 31 are the same. Redundancy doesn't do much for MDA image!	12/11/2014 2:40 PM
143	Not sure	12/11/2014 12:34 PM

144	advocacy, ads on TV	12/11/2014 12:07 PM
145	Show more of what farmers do do to help protect the bay	12/11/2014 10:42 AM
146	n/a	12/10/2014 11:52 AM
147	Less corn and soy fields, more edibles for people to taste	12/10/2014 10:34 AM
148	MDA has done a lot to promote the positive perception of agriculture in Maryland. I do think that more can be done to support those farmers who are in more traditional/large scale operations. Most of the marketing and emphasis is on small scale, direct to consumer farms. There is significant work that needs to be done to improve the perception of Maryland's important poultry industry as well as those who grow corn, soybeans and wheat.	12/10/2014 9:47 AM
149	gh	12/10/2014 8:48 AM
150	MDA has been doing a wonderful job with their social media campaigns and MPT Farm & Harvest - as long as that continues, I think we are making headway.	12/10/2014 7:21 AM
151	See above	12/10/2014 12:30 AM
152	By encouraging and educating all homeowners to do some home based agriculture themselves	12/9/2014 9:49 PM
153	N/A	12/9/2014 6:15 PM
154	Support more CTE programs in schools through funding so that the youth may see agriculture as a viable career path. More outreach in disadvantaged communities both urban and rural.	12/9/2014 3:30 PM
155	More advertising and incentives to buy local	12/9/2014 11:24 AM
156	broaden the "image" of a farmer	12/9/2014 11:02 AM
157	feature stories of successful young farmers	12/9/2014 10:58 AM
158	Memes.	12/9/2014 10:44 AM
159	Encourage farmers to consider conservation their obligation, part of the real economic costs of farming close to the Chesapeake Bay. Many young farmers already get this, but farmers should stop fighting trying to clean up and preserve our environment.	12/9/2014 10:27 AM
160	A	12/9/2014 9:05 AM
161	MDA should actually be on the same side of agriculture.... Not constantly piling more.on farmers. MDA needs to be in all types of media sharing the real ag story	12/8/2014 4:47 PM
162	Continue to support farmers in the media. Provide training for farmers to prepare them to interact/educate the public.	12/8/2014 2:28 PM
163	Stop promoting farmers as the enemy of the environment!!! Farmers take care of their land. Make the larger non farming corporations who create environmental issues the focus!!!	12/8/2014 2:26 PM
164	Sue MDE so they'll leave us alone.	12/8/2014 12:47 PM
165	state facts, don't focus on only promoting organic based farms. Support & Promote ALL farms	12/8/2014 12:07 PM
166	The state govt. continues to place blame for bay health on agriculture instead of development and cities, due to the fact its easier to place blame instead of correct the real problems of runoff. Money is in development therefore easier to push blame down the line.	12/8/2014 9:07 AM
167	get out more and educate citizens	12/7/2014 7:40 PM
168	Promote what we are already doing in the cover crop program and nutrient management rather than the phosphorus based index.	12/7/2014 12:13 PM
169	expansion into the public school system	12/7/2014 10:59 AM
170	education	12/7/2014 10:56 AM
171	advertizing tv and or social media. More ag education	12/7/2014 10:39 AM
172	secretary of ag	12/7/2014 10:26 AM
173	animal health	12/7/2014 10:18 AM

174	sec of ag	12/7/2014 10:16 AM
175	continue the television show on mpt	12/7/2014 10:15 AM
176	startelementaryschool	12/6/2014 10:08 PM
177	Educate the public ie have an event like the Chicken Festival for each meat commodity	12/6/2014 9:49 PM
178	Education of the general public on agricultural production and nutrient management	12/6/2014 6:21 AM
179	Education of real life farming. I don't mean a field trip to a non-profit funning farm. Show people that an abundance of affordable safe food is a good thing.	12/6/2014 5:28 AM
180	Find the right way to explain what a farmer does to someone who thinks every farm is a "factory farm" if they aren't organic.	12/5/2014 11:56 PM
181	Show the everyday person the impact industries such as the chicken industry have on our state and how important it is to preserve our local farming roots.	12/5/2014 11:40 PM
182	Teach people about gmo and farming practices of today	12/5/2014 8:43 PM
183	None	12/5/2014 7:32 PM
184	Stand up for the farmers stop letting the people to move in our community have control what we do	12/5/2014 3:03 PM
185	let people know that without farms people would go hungry	12/5/2014 11:44 AM
186	Face book / twitter. There's always do gooders that have no idea what they are talking about and others just follow them	12/5/2014 11:00 AM
187	Media relations with non agricultural families	12/5/2014 8:58 AM
188	Get it out in the public eye how much farmers are doing for the bay and that we are not the cause of all of the pollution. Urban runoff is a huge part, and no one has done anything to fix that and get that out in the open.	12/5/2014 7:29 AM
189	More commercials on regular tv channels to promote farmers in a positive way	12/5/2014 7:22 AM
190	add more farmer's markets and produce did you know materials to be handed out at farmer's markets for the public about agriculture.	12/5/2014 3:42 AM
191	Stop blaming farmers for polluting the bay when the majority are not.	12/5/2014 1:42 AM
192	truth in labeling	12/4/2014 9:13 PM
193	Showcase the organic and sustainable farms. People think of Perdue polluting the Bay when they think of Maryland agriculture.	12/4/2014 8:21 PM
194	Support and protect us, stand up for us instead of screwing us all the time.	12/4/2014 8:10 PM
195	Stop agreeing with every environmental nut and start representing and fighting for the farmer.	12/4/2014 7:50 PM
196	Promote and advertise the agriculture diversity currently around the state as well as initiatives in different markets/programs in the future.	12/4/2014 7:11 PM
197	Instead of pointing fingers on the damage to the bay help make it more obvious how farmers are trying to help it and help educate on the different types of farming in Maryland	12/4/2014 5:04 PM
198	Promotion of family farms	12/4/2014 4:16 PM
199	Shrink their size, eliminate nutrient management programs	12/4/2014 4:02 PM
200	Stop wasting \$ on mptv and put ads on baltimore and Washington tv.	12/4/2014 3:54 PM
201	n/a	12/4/2014 3:51 PM
202	unsure	12/4/2014 3:28 PM
203	Doing a great job in that department	12/4/2014 3:25 PM
204	Less about the nutrient management & the Chesapeake bay and more promotion of actual agricultural practices- especially animal agriculture, you never hear about animal agriculture from MDA.	12/4/2014 3:18 PM
205	educate. educate. educate. Just like the LEAD md class did at the image of ag symposium...	12/4/2014 3:13 PM

206	Continue to support outreach, such as the MPT series.	12/4/2014 3:11 PM
207	More outreach	12/4/2014 3:08 PM
208	More public education.	12/4/2014 2:57 PM
209	quit arguing with poultry growers	12/4/2014 1:40 PM
210	Encourage MD Department of Education to require County school systems of incorporate agriculture in the curriculum at all levels.	12/4/2014 1:38 PM
211	You can't there will always be people and organizations pointing there fingers and blaming the farmers and them people get all of the media support behind them.	12/4/2014 12:12 PM
212	Hold hearings/information sessions on MD farmers and agriculture to general public. Make fairs from about agriculture and not . Advertise that MD farmers are working to help the bay	12/4/2014 11:56 AM
213	More farm to table demonstrations.	12/3/2014 10:17 PM
214	Education! Use factual data to help with the perception of GMO's and Conventional Farming.	12/3/2014 2:53 PM
215	Don't know	12/3/2014 2:18 PM
216	f	12/3/2014 2:18 PM
217	Ag education	12/3/2014 12:30 PM
218	Link people to the process	12/3/2014 8:23 AM
219	education/training	12/2/2014 8:57 PM
220	Keep showing the community the importance of local farming	12/2/2014 10:53 AM
221	Public getting to know local farmers and markets better.	12/1/2014 9:10 PM
222	help citizens understand farmers are not the main cause of pollution	12/1/2014 2:29 PM
223	Support programs like Maryland Farm to Harvest that are a great public facing programs putting a face on those who produce food.	12/1/2014 1:21 PM
224	Quit blaming Ag for all the pollution to the Bay.	12/1/2014 12:40 PM
225	Understand where their food comes from and that people can access all their needs locally	12/1/2014 11:00 AM
226	Get involved with local schools and teach the children where there food comes from	12/1/2014 7:11 AM
227	Put more burden/"blame" on home owners, turf places, golf courses rather than the farmer. Explain to general public that we don't just pour nutrients and chemicals on	11/30/2014 1:49 PM
228	Education of what actually happens on farms	11/30/2014 12:31 PM
229	Keep funding Maryland Farm and Harvest.	11/30/2014 7:00 AM
230	more outreach.	11/29/2014 9:21 PM
231	People love farms in general - but no one understands SEASONALITY - and many people don't care - they want a fresh peach in January. Please promote seasonality. Thos of use that specialize in superior taste = ripe & the VARIETY (TYPE) that taste best -not what ships or stores the best. Many people don't like fresh foods because they are eating poor varieties that don't taste good (just ship/store well) - Share this info with people (of course your larger producers will differ on this because they grow/ship the stuff that doesn't taste the best. - Red Delicious Apple? Yuck! No wonder kids choose candy. A tasty, seasonal apple that is a good variety (honey crisp) - kids will love like candy! - please EDUCATE SEASON & VARIETY	11/29/2014 6:32 PM
232	promote small farms	11/29/2014 3:14 PM
233	Farmers are first environmentalist.	11/29/2014 2:25 PM
234	Education the population. People do not know what is raised in Maryland nor do they know available harvest dates. Maryland ag is more than corn and soybeans.	11/29/2014 9:19 AM
235	Remind people that Maryland still has agriculture and that it is not dead. I think people don't know there are farms nearby.	11/29/2014 8:51 AM

236	N-A	11/29/2014 8:17 AM
237	I honestly don't think most Marylanders give farmers a lot of thought but if you were to ask them directly a majority would have a positive opinion. I do like the license plate and the "SoMd So Good" trifolds out in the community. I know a lot of regular folks that want to support small farms, then there are bunches of upper crust folks who build big houses near farms but don't like the dust/smell/unpainted barn, etc. I think promoting MD as a right to farm state and allowing small flocks of backyard chickens is a way to connect suburbia to their food source.	11/29/2014 8:13 AM
238	More articles/press releases that convey whatthe maryland farmer and agricultural industry is doing to protect the resources and how they are meeting the goals set by the state. Also how they are doing this as compared to other industries within the state.	11/29/2014 7:51 AM
239	*	11/29/2014 7:37 AM
240	Na	11/29/2014 7:08 AM
241	Give positive information to the public	11/29/2014 6:48 AM
242	Defend the farming industry in the State of Maryland not regulate it to death.	11/28/2014 11:51 PM
243	Offer more local produce, restrict access to produce that is not locally grown to encourage those in the area to purchase Maryland grown crops	11/28/2014 11:23 PM
244	Push the "get to know a farmer and know your food" campaign. Help people realize food only comes from a grocery store but its grown by a farmer and manytimes right in their own local. Search out and get to know your local farmers..	11/28/2014 10:54 PM
245	Expanding agritourism	11/28/2014 10:42 PM
246	Educate them more about what farmers have done to help clean up the bay. Help consumers make the connection that the grocers are selling local food. MPT program is good, more coverage on the more popular networks.	11/28/2014 10:14 PM
247	Most parents wouldn't currently want to see their children go into farming--it's still seen as a deadend job that you can't make a living at. That has to change if there's going to be a growth in the number of young farmers.	11/28/2014 10:03 PM
248	talk in a positive way, all the different products grown and sold and made in Md. It seems all you hear is about pollution issues and what Grovn. money they get. Always negative. enough already.	11/28/2014 2:04 PM
249	Educate the	11/28/2014 1:13 PM
250	STOP WASTING TAX DOLLARS AND HUG A FARMER!!!!	11/28/2014 1:02 PM
251	Promote sustainable ag education to public	11/28/2014 12:13 PM
252	Discuss what farmers are doing to protect the bay (the runoff situation), why are farmers important- maryland farmer statistics to the public- each Maryland farmer produces x amount of meals per year. Show where our food comes from- most people have no idea what goes into that ear of corn they eat or that steak or that slice of bread.	11/28/2014 11:54 AM
253	Publicity of good stuff farmers are doing.	11/28/2014 8:09 AM
254	Provide a little or no cost place where farmers can bring their goods year round to provide to folks. Currently farmers must pay to belong to a farmers market in their locality.	11/27/2014 10:37 PM
255	Continued education.	11/27/2014 1:25 PM
256	Bridge the gap between small family farms and large production farms. It seems that agriculture is fighting on production styles and this gives the public a mixed message.	11/26/2014 7:32 PM
257	no opinion	11/26/2014 5:43 PM
258	Teach politicians that farmers are the good guys	11/26/2014 3:38 PM
259	less regulation	11/26/2014 2:50 PM
260	?	11/26/2014 1:30 PM
261	Don't know	11/26/2014 11:37 AM
262	na	11/26/2014 11:36 AM

263	Promote local products	11/26/2014 9:58 AM
264	I think MDA is doing a pretty good job to promote a positive perception of MD Agriculture. For the average MD citizen to think positive about MD Agriculture, I think MDA could advertise MD Agriculture facts on billboards.	11/26/2014 9:48 AM
265	The MD Dept of Agriculture could be more strict and vocal about promoting wellness in the community through nutrition, farming practices that rebuild soil and clean water, and make real legislative steps to counterbalancing the food desert dilemma throughout the state.	11/26/2014 9:44 AM
266	We need to start telling our story to the people that matter and stop talking to ourselves. We need to facilitate conversations with non-ag audiences and make our voices heard. There needs to be more in the media about what farmers are doing to protect the Chesapeake.	11/26/2014 9:06 AM
267	Help farmers accept nutrient regulations and understand that its the farmer's responsibility to take care of our environment.	11/26/2014 8:49 AM
268	Stop bending over for the environmental community	11/26/2014 7:22 AM
269	Provide consumers with accurate information and access to local farmers	11/26/2014 1:37 AM
270	I don't have any great new ideas. I feel the perception is always increasing at this point.	11/25/2014 9:36 PM
271	Connect how bmp impact the community through protection of natural resources and how supporting the local farmer helps their family too	11/25/2014 8:47 PM
272	n/a	11/25/2014 8:42 PM
273	Promote organic production and research.	11/25/2014 8:29 PM
274	Just support farmers would be a great first step	11/25/2014 7:57 PM
275	From local farmers markets, urban farms and farmers	11/25/2014 7:37 PM
276	X	11/25/2014 6:24 PM
277	They better have good perception we the ones feeding them	11/25/2014 6:05 PM
278	More diversity among farmers and the kind of crops they grow	11/25/2014 5:38 PM
279	stress how successful Md farmers are at producing a quality and safe food/fiber product while protecting the Chesapeake Bay	11/25/2014 3:41 PM
280	Help support modern ag in conjunction with small farming rather than seeing a one vs. the other	11/25/2014 3:21 PM
281	WE NEED A REPRESENTATIVE EACH COUNTY WORKING WITH US AND THE GOVERNMENT	11/25/2014 2:36 PM
282	Be very clear in a non-defensive manner that the nutrient run off from farms is ever increasing	11/25/2014 2:36 PM
283	N/A	11/25/2014 2:22 PM
284	none, don't believe that is their role	11/25/2014 2:11 PM
285	More marketing the benefits of MD farming and stand up and contest every act that puts farmers at risk in the efforts to "Save the Bay". Get more airtime on how everyone kills the bay more so than the farmers.	11/25/2014 2:06 PM
286	Have a voice in local hearings about agricultural land being rezoned to be developed. An example of this would be the recent battle in Frederick County over the land for the Monrovia Town Center development, building condos and shops over 300 plus acres of farm land, which was sadly lost last week.	11/25/2014 1:53 PM
287	Tell and show the legislators know what steps we are already taking toward food safety and keep our environment safe.	11/25/2014 1:48 PM
288	Help make people aware of agriculture in the state. Most people don't even think about farming in their daily lives.	11/25/2014 1:47 PM
289	Stop pointing the water pollution finger at us	11/25/2014 1:39 PM
290	Don't know	11/25/2014 11:02 AM
291	?	11/25/2014 10:46 AM
292	keep up with positive public advertising that maryland agriculture is doing more than any other in the state	11/25/2014 10:41 AM

293	n/a	11/25/2014 10:29 AM
294	Additional promotion of programs already in place that help the environment	11/25/2014 10:26 AM
295	Go away - you are making it worse with bullshit regulations (such as PMT) and backroom deals.	11/25/2014 10:24 AM
296	Not sure	11/25/2014 9:54 AM
297	How farmers have greatly participated in the Chesapeake Bay TMDL goals.	11/25/2014 9:18 AM
298	Continue to reach out to the public	11/25/2014 8:23 AM
299	Better marketing and awareness, bring agriculture into the education system at all levels, and support programs for education based agritourism	11/25/2014 8:08 AM
300	Keep promoting buy local and ag tourism	11/25/2014 7:13 AM
301	Partner with chemical companies to teach the general public about good chemical practices and why they are needed.	11/25/2014 5:26 AM
302	Advertising during sports games both in stadium and on television and radio.	11/24/2014 10:17 PM
303	.	11/24/2014 10:16 PM
304	Educate the public	11/24/2014 10:06 PM
305	More focus on classroom education	11/24/2014 9:38 PM
306	Continue outreach programs such as MAEF, and Maryland Farm And Harvest show. Stop blaming agriculture for pollution in the bay and start addressing municipal and suburban pollution as well as the conwingo dam. No amount of improvement in agriculture will offset the sediment and pollution coming from the dam.	11/24/2014 8:39 PM
307	Teach the community outside of agriculture about agriculture.	11/24/2014 7:49 PM
308	Community education	11/24/2014 7:46 PM
309	Proof of pesticide regulations	11/24/2014 7:35 PM
310	Stop blaming it for all environmental problems.	11/24/2014 7:06 PM
311	Continue to educate	11/24/2014 6:16 PM
312	Better inform the public on the importance of Maryland agriculture	11/24/2014 5:55 PM
313	Promote local farmers as real people	11/24/2014 5:21 PM
314	Better branding and social media awareness. Why are we not pushing and encouraging go local more.	11/24/2014 4:53 PM
315	Be open about farming practices and the positives	11/24/2014 4:51 PM
316	Promote awareness	11/24/2014 3:58 PM
317	The press with all the regs makes it look like farmers are causing lots of environmental damage and need to be kept in line. Maybe put out some good press?	11/24/2014 3:32 PM
318	More information about agriculture taught in schools.	11/24/2014 2:43 PM
319	Educate the public.	11/24/2014 2:22 PM
320	Showcase young farmers that are doing good things in their community	11/24/2014 1:21 PM
321	Inform public	11/24/2014 12:50 PM
322	I am not sure	11/24/2014 12:37 PM
323	Better display at Maryland State Fair, display focused on Maryland Farms	11/24/2014 12:32 PM

Q33 If you had the opportunity to speak with a legislator, what would you ask them to do for Maryland Agriculture?

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1	Leave us alone.	1/19/2015 3:29 PM
2	Purchase farmland and sell it at reasonable cost	1/17/2015 7:46 PM
3	lease more gov own land	1/14/2015 7:44 PM
4	What I have been fighting for for years. Stronger development laws & fix the swm problem the created by waiving permits. It is all about money for the big guys not us small folk.	1/14/2015 4:30 AM
5	Reconsider the living wage bill. We, as farmers, won't be able to pay workers in a couple of years based on the new regulations. There should be an exemption for students 18 or younger.	1/13/2015 8:27 PM
6	Less regulations, zoning and tax incentives for natural organic farmers	1/13/2015 6:31 PM
7	more programs for the younger farmers	1/13/2015 6:11 PM
8	Keep it alive!!	1/13/2015 2:41 PM
9	Help all farmers, not just organic	1/13/2015 2:38 PM
10	Lower taxes so more money goes into the farmers operation. Without agriculture we will not have anything!	1/13/2015 2:35 PM
11	To work with the high school educations system to implement more agriculture course in more high school across the state	1/13/2015 2:08 PM
12	more involvement in the school systems (ffa)	1/13/2015 2:00 PM
13	Stop selling away all the farms and allow small farms to flourish. Most legislature is for the benefit of Big Ag, so soon young farmers literally won't be able to compete. Between selling off farm land for development and catering rules to big Ag and not the small producer, farmer as a family farm or successful small business is an impossible daily battle.	1/13/2015 1:55 PM
14	NA	1/13/2015 6:08 AM
15	Inact a bill to allow beginning farmers the opportunity to buy small farms at affordable rates. The land had to be farmed and couldn't be used for construction other than a farm house in Prince George's county.	1/11/2015 10:47 AM
16	Decrease the state regulations for farmers, especially environmentally.	1/10/2015 9:09 PM
17	help farmers meet the regulations without them becoming yet another obstacle we struggle to overcome	1/10/2015 3:00 PM
18	Remove obstacles to out of state seed purchase	1/10/2015 2:35 PM
19	Allow or assist farmers in doing more on farm processing or value adding to crops that they grow. MDA on farm poultry processing is a good example of a successful program that expands economic opportunities for farmers, but we need more programs like that and can even expand on that one by allowing interstate sales for on farm processed poultry.	1/10/2015 11:28 AM
20	create tax credits for beginning farmers who are looking to purchase land	1/9/2015 5:02 PM
21	Spend a day (or two) with a farmer actually doing the work that needs to be done on the farm that day. People all have perceptions about farming (good or bad) but I think actually taking time to be a part of it would help them understand the issues we face in the industry on a regular basis.	1/9/2015 4:15 PM
22	Stop pmt	1/9/2015 2:22 PM
23	Continue funding of cost-share programs for farmers	1/9/2015 8:14 AM

24	I would explain to them that while I would dearly love to be a small-scale producer of agricultural crops in Maryland, because of the current economic climate I feel I am unable to. I am willing to work hard and pay my fair share but because of stagnant wages and the cost of land, equipment, taxes, and the various and often complex regulations- there is no way to 'ease into' farming. The only way I can see to start a proper farm operation is to inherit one or start with a bankroll much larger than I will ever be able to save or borrow. I would like to see more ways for people to ease into various aspects of farming even if they can not jump in with both feet.	1/9/2015 7:07 AM
25	stop making it so hard to have farm land	1/8/2015 10:51 PM
26	Ensure regulatory practices that help young and beginning farmers enter the agriculture workforce	1/8/2015 9:24 PM
27	Promote it	1/8/2015 5:21 PM
28	To make laws/programs to help 1st generation farmers be able to purchase farms and equipment to start their operations.	1/8/2015 2:10 PM
29	legalize raw milk. PA gets our money and MD farmers could be capturing these local dollars instead.	1/8/2015 1:33 PM
30	less regulations, protect/purchase farms/land to put into an affordable trust or program that new farmers can afford to rent/rent to own.	1/8/2015 1:16 PM
31	Promote our local farms--true farms, not subsidized government tourist spots--as critical to the economy of Maryland and our nation. The culture of farming, and all its benefits, is being lost on our society, and our legislators have the means to turn this around. We cannot have legislators, like the Mayor Rawlings-Blake make comments like "...if you want your kids to run amok, go live on a farm somewhere..." Our legislators need to reinforce the positive message of farming and agriculture and spread that message to their constituents.	1/8/2015 12:12 PM
32	----	1/8/2015 11:49 AM
33	less regulation	1/8/2015 11:43 AM
34	not sure	1/8/2015 11:30 AM
35	For Aquaculture I would ask for a few regulation changes	1/8/2015 7:38 AM
36	More grants	1/7/2015 7:40 PM
37	--	1/7/2015 4:04 PM
38	Create regulations to enforce against poaching, damage of product/equipment. Create affordable product insurance for aquaculture.	1/7/2015 1:52 PM
39	No idea	1/7/2015 1:33 PM
40	not sure - they are all worthless	1/7/2015 12:24 PM
41	Organic nutrients are the most beneficial fertilizers for crops. They provide many micro-nutrients and organic matter commercial fertilizer can not provide. Manure cannot just "disappear or be piled in a big pile and forgot about. The same can be said for human waste. If all bio solids were made into compost pellets and sold to farmers along with to citizens as organic fertilizer it would have many positive reactions. 1. using organic fertilizer and reducing the amount of commercial fertilizer being used and the mining they do to produce the fertilizer which cannot be good for the environment.	1/7/2015 11:55 AM
42	more assistance programs for young farmers	1/7/2015 10:14 AM
43	At this point in MD politics, maintain funding levels for MACS programs and cover crops. Also to research further the nutrient management program (not eliminate it) to continue the balance of nutrient needs for crops and environmental protection.	1/7/2015 8:46 AM
44	Make sure there is more money for ag land preservation	1/7/2015 8:06 AM
45	Financial and educational programs for small farms that focus on ecological sustainability	1/6/2015 10:31 PM
46	decrease regulations, farmers are always blamed for polluting the bay but other states feed the bay and are doing nothing. Pass an ag gag law to protect md farmers from unrightfully being accused of in humane treatment, create a special livestock humane dept trained in ag practices to handle livestock humane issues instead of allowing animal control who are generally uneducated in agricultural practices and standards	1/6/2015 10:30 PM
47	Help young and beginning farmers with credit and financial aid	1/6/2015 9:08 PM
48	Remove certain restrictions especially to trucking operations	1/6/2015 9:01 PM

49	not sure	1/6/2015 8:46 PM
50	Re-evaluate the PMT. I'm not sure why MD would want to implement a tool that is not supported by U of MD. The university has revised the calculations but MDA has no interest in taking that into consideration. It would be nice if they let research be completed before jumping to make something a regulation.	1/6/2015 7:36 PM
51	To try to help save the remaining farmland in Maryland	1/6/2015 7:28 PM
52	.	1/6/2015 7:02 PM
53	Reduce regulations on farms and ag. business.	1/6/2015 6:12 PM
54	Make zoning to agricultural easier	1/6/2015 5:54 PM
55	Keep a more open mind about farming	1/6/2015 4:44 PM
56	Help us to better serve our community.	1/6/2015 4:26 PM
57	Regulate the poultry industry and force them to clean up their waste	1/6/2015 4:26 PM
58	N/a	1/6/2015 3:48 PM
59	Allow farmers to farm,	1/6/2015 3:46 PM
60	more regulation on developing prime farmland. Grant money to attract out of state farmers to come to maryland	1/6/2015 3:44 PM
61	Keep regulations fair for both small and large farmers. We small farmers cannot compete when it comes to meeting many of these rules and regs!	1/6/2015 3:28 PM
62	encourage small business in Maryland, encourage new farmers. Less red tape to get started.	1/6/2015 3:03 PM
63	Loosen the regulations some and realize that farmers that desire to stay in business will do what is best for the soil, land, animals, and consumer because they need each of those aspects in order to continue to produce.	1/6/2015 2:47 PM
64	Stop forcing farming practices on us that actually move backwards from the advances we have already made, such as no-till farming. And legalize raw milk sales.	1/6/2015 2:20 PM
65	Na	1/6/2015 2:10 PM
66	x	1/6/2015 2:05 PM
67	Stay out of it.	1/6/2015 1:56 PM
68	Promote the health benefits of local food and promote the farms working toward a better environment for Maryland land and the Chesapeake Bay.	1/6/2015 1:40 PM
69	To give more freedom to small farms	1/6/2015 1:30 PM
70	There needs to be more legislators that understand and will fight for MD Ag.... Are they in our General Assembly????	1/6/2015 1:08 PM
71	Help make it easier for small farmers and encourage sustainable practices on all farms.	1/6/2015 1:07 PM

72	<p>Help with labor issues. We all know what it is OBama's trying. but that won't cut it. american kids that didn't grow up struggling or in poverty have no clue to the work ethic and efficiencies, & speed while being safe that it takes to run a farm. Our whole entire country is run, managed, produced, cleaned up after by people from outside this country because they do the job better. They follow direction, they appreciate what they have. If you treat a foreigner like you would any american employee, with honesty a realistic wage, respect - they will be with you for life leading you to serve your community better. (If the gov't doesn't come and remove them) Treat an american like that, and they do a terrible job, they are spoiled rotten, don't return, steal from you. H2A is a joke the people using it are so frustrated, and stressed to the max because of how terrible the system is they've jumped through so many hoops and spend so much money to oblige to the system and they get screwed. All the while the big business from chain franchise restaurants, box stores, hotels, restaturuants everything is run by immigrants. farmers are scared to use this labor, because they don't have the immigration lawyers in place that McDonalds does. field work in production systems is intense. Labor teams are secretive and trust is an issue. You can't run a healthy business, while being dishonest. Stop playing with so much corn & soy. encourage sustainably aimed programs for raising animals. Our whole state and country grows 3 crops primarily and they are killing us. Diet related disease is the #1 killer in the united states. The new generation knows this and is aiming for sustainability and organic because they don't know where to start. No one in big ag takes them seriously so they are left to fend for themselves. There are only a handful of successful large organic growers in the east. Even then, these operations are hard pressed to have the savings in place to train or pass on their operations. Go out to Ca. or FL and see the productions systems that are feeding this country. People are dieing in those fields because of chemistry and terrible management. then all our food is coming from one place. We have plenty of land in this country to feed ourselves and others. Each climate is unique. We have so much equipment and infrastructure in the Ag industries in this country all doing the same work. There's plenty of money out there to feed our people and have our people understand their food. Nobody cares. We love to focus on death in the media start focusing on diet related issues. It will change peoples habits because everyone in this country is only 1-3 degrees away from knowing someone or having someone who is sick, or dieing. Start focusing on how we are depleating & destroying our resources with our current ag systems. All the while the population is growing exponentially my generations kids kids will be left with a mess far bigger than we can imagine. We can live without almost everything including oil, but not without food and water. all the wars all the problems in the world don't hold a candle to the issues we face with feeding ourselves for generations to come. Which means we must take care of our systems that feed us and keep them healthy and not destroy them. Big Ag chemicals and labor issues are killing us as a species. Yet we point the finger elsewhere. There's ton's of free info out there and seminars on how we have to rotate our fungicide & herbicide strategies as everything is mutating. Doesn't that ring a bell for anyone? Look at the policies in place for certified organic in our country vs. canada & europe. It's a red tape beurecratic debockle. Why should something grown in harmony with nature that is healthy and not toxic for humans have the burden of the label. let organics be free and start auditing the chemical users. Of course checks & balances need to be in place. But there's no limit to how unhealthy we can be, but if you want to be healthy you need permits, & regulations & certifications, we are all backwards in america. As family members die because of diet related diseases this becomes an issue. I talk to families from overseas they won't eat fruit or veggies that look perfect because they assume somethings wrong nature doesn't produce that. They also spend a significant portion of their income on food, while the gov't helps them out where we spend our money on housing loans & crappy healthy care. We're all messed up in the US. I love this country I think it's the best one on earth. But our people are dieing at alarming rates, not because they eat candy & chocolate all day, but because they can go to taco bell and feed their family of 5 for \$16 dollars. To eat healthy \$16 dollars gets you 4 organic apples, one head of broccoli and bag of spagetti noodles at "healthy store". That's not a meal for a hard working family. You can't support the systems that are destroying this country and throw a bone to the people who want to help. Change can happen fast, big deals can be flipped over in one year. When the masses come together we come together. People vote with their wallets we all know that. I'm done. thanks for asking the right questions...</p>	1/5/2015 3:31 PM
73	Make it easier to sell dairy products from our farm stand.	1/5/2015 12:27 PM
74	consider what the landscape would look like without farms, when voting on critical issues	1/4/2015 4:31 PM
75	Zero in on counties (like Prince George's) that don't permit hen-keeping in small numbers in residential zones.	1/2/2015 2:32 PM
76	Understanding	12/31/2014 2:20 PM
77	Understand the struggles of farming and the practices we undertake.	12/31/2014 2:06 PM
78	Give farmers an equal chance.	12/31/2014 11:30 AM
79	show Maryland residents where their foodcomes from	12/30/2014 9:06 PM
80	Keep helpful programs available.	12/29/2014 11:35 PM
81	Bring it back help the ones who still struggle to hold on to what they have	12/29/2014 10:50 PM

82	Allow advertising signs along state highways. There is a federal law in place that prevents my sign along the main road. We need an agricultural exemption.	12/29/2014 10:07 PM
83	Have farmers be more important versus the hunters on state land	12/29/2014 9:41 PM
84	Leave us alone.	12/29/2014 8:59 PM
85	Make it so we can build homes on our land for our kids so the younger generations continue to farm.	12/29/2014 8:45 PM
86	Protect our farms and food from misguided legislation!!	12/29/2014 8:23 PM
87	Lower taxes	12/29/2014 7:15 PM
88	get the state and federal government off the farms. These should be local issues	12/29/2014 11:34 AM
89	Stop being politically correct and learn the true situations	12/28/2014 3:45 PM
90	Keep regulations at a minimum and fight for the rights of land owners and operators.	12/27/2014 1:02 PM
91	We need to fix the national immigration system, so we have access to migrant labor on a consistent basis.	12/26/2014 3:18 PM
92	Promote it! Put the blame for water pollution on the millions of people from NY to Virginia that are dumping all the nitrogen, phosphorus, bacteria, solids and sediment from their own manure directly into our waters! Not to mention all the antibacterial soaps, birth control and other drugs, and chemicals that run through the municipal sewers into the bay. The farmers are using the least amount of fertilizer and chemicals that they can get by with and doing their best to prevent the things they put on the land from leaching or running off.	12/25/2014 12:45 PM
93	Make composting 5 acres in howard county	12/24/2014 5:36 PM
94	m	12/23/2014 9:09 PM
95	Support sustainable agriculture/farming practices that will protect the watershed. Also, create programs and incentives that benefit small and/or beginning farmers.	12/23/2014 3:30 PM
96	N/A	12/23/2014 11:45 AM
97	Make it easier to produce value added products	12/22/2014 8:22 PM
98	Get off our backs!	12/22/2014 2:39 PM
99	consider us more often when building legislation	12/22/2014 2:23 PM
100	Grants, Grants, Grants for beginning farmers to purchase farm land.	12/22/2014 1:19 PM
101	Promote the small farmers	12/22/2014 11:33 AM
102	Create a mentor program that pairs retiring farmers with no children/or children that do not want to continue farming; with young farmers that wish to operate a farm. And if the YF wishes to purchase the farm or if the retiring farm wants the YF to inherit the farm should be allowed through the program.	12/22/2014 9:52 AM
103	Hold the public accountable to the same stringent rules farmers and landowners must abide by. That includes pesticides, soil conservation, runoff/sediment control, water quality, nutrient management.	12/22/2014 8:21 AM
104	Maintain funding for excellent extension programs	12/21/2014 8:39 PM
105	Increase cost sharing	12/21/2014 8:34 PM
106	Lower taxes and get more people excited about farming threw taking action and standing behind the farmer the their counties.	12/21/2014 8:25 PM
107	Have the State purchase land and implement a lease to own program for young farmers. Appoint individuals who are passionate and experienced in farming who could manage the program ethically and ensure accountability. Ensure that the program provides opportunities from diverse socio-economic backgrounds and not to those who already can provide for themselves, have college education, already own successful businesses, have excellent credit, etc. Simplify the process to promote transparency and acceptance. These are the things that would easily result in sustainable interest and growth.	12/21/2014 7:29 PM
108	Provide more funding for programs to help young and beginning farmers with the desire and work ethic to be able to purchase a farm and get their business going.	12/21/2014 4:13 PM

109	Consider the repercussions on farmers for the laws and standards that they instill. Make them aware of how strong agriculture still is in this state and how large a part of the economy we are. It's frustrating to be constantly managed and overwhelmed by new and stricter standards all the time. These strict nutrient standards that are being considered are driving agriculture out of this state.	12/21/2014 2:33 PM
110	Cut taxes	12/21/2014 6:58 AM
111	n/a	12/21/2014 6:50 AM
112	have a good day	12/20/2014 11:10 AM
113	Legislate more grant money	12/20/2014 10:59 AM
114	Encourage young farmers, push for farmers to stay in Md and realize farming is more than just field corn. Make grants and loans available.	12/20/2014 9:48 AM
115	Scale back the ridiculous regulations on nutrient management and make it less burdensome to operate livestock operations	12/20/2014 9:46 AM
116	Eliminate Federal Crop Insurance Programs and Subsidies	12/20/2014 9:10 AM
117	Waste of time, they don't listen or care. They are just worried about \$\$\$\$\$\$	12/20/2014 8:30 AM
118	providing assistant in training young people in farming	12/20/2014 6:52 AM
119	Keep fracking out of Maryland	12/20/2014 5:57 AM
120	1. Increase amounts for agricultural land preservation (MALPF, Rural Legacy, Federal funds), so young farmers can purchase a farm and place the farm in one of the conservation easement programs. 2. Do not "rob" Program Open Space funds and place these funds in the General Revenue funds.	12/20/2014 3:25 AM
121	Improve outreach, training and knowledge of staff to implement EQIP and other government-funded grants that are applicable to small, diverse farms.	12/19/2014 10:52 PM
122	Reduce government regulation. Too many hoops to sell our wholesome products.	12/19/2014 10:18 PM
123	Keep it local	12/19/2014 9:21 PM
124	Increase land preservation money and help out young farmer buy land because land prices are to high	12/19/2014 8:19 PM
125	Stop over regulation of farming and make it easier for us to make a living, also repeal the inheritance tax so assets can be moved from one generation to another without penalty	12/19/2014 7:48 PM
126	Assist in getting young farmers grants in start up. Tell the government to keep their nose out of our business	12/19/2014 6:39 PM
127	Promote local	12/19/2014 5:43 PM
128	I would like to see greater marketing oppurtunities for young farmers to help them to sell their products	12/19/2014 4:47 PM
129	better understanding of agriculture and the environment	12/19/2014 4:46 PM
130	Offer grants and lectures	12/19/2014 4:19 PM
131	1. Lessen taxes on farm land 2. Grants for young farmers purchasing land 3. Incentive programs to encourage farming	12/19/2014 2:30 PM
132	Why so may regulations	12/19/2014 10:47 AM
133	Relax regulation around direct to consumer sales including on farm poultry slaughtering and raw milk sales. Folks should have the right to by a product directly from the farmer (on farm or at truck market). Individuals should have the right to determine if the farmers practices are safe enough for them to consume the products from the farm.	12/19/2014 3:42 AM
134	promote small farms! Provide financial support for startups. Let the broken system finally actually break. STOP corn subsidies. Encourage those who have been relying on them to find another way... maybe offer incentives to large land owners to stop monocropping and instead lease out 10 acre tracks and become ag incubators...where each strives to work synergistically with neighbors to be as closed-loop as possible.	12/18/2014 10:26 AM
135	Change the zoning laws so that there is mandatory rural areas in every part of Maryland.	12/18/2014 9:38 AM
136	put more focus on other industries that are ruining the bay instead of putting all the blame on farmers	12/17/2014 8:19 PM
137	Homestead Act-style giveaways to young farmers who have proven their dedication to farming. There's plenty of land owned by the State that is sadly not being utilized to its greatest potential	12/17/2014 7:13 PM

138	Less regulations for Maryland farmers who are already exceeding standards. Maryland farmers are NOT the only cause of the issues with the Chesapeake Bay.	12/17/2014 11:31 AM
139	Unsure at this time	12/17/2014 10:55 AM
140	Currently, ditch the rule, vote against the PMT, and work to increase the ag education in the class room.	12/16/2014 11:58 PM
141	Loan Programs or Grants	12/16/2014 7:04 PM
142	Ag is a tough business, treat it fairly. If pollution is a problem, use science to document and determine what needs to be done. Enforce the regulations already on the books so the few bad apples don't ruin things for the rest.	12/11/2014 2:40 PM
143	not sure	12/11/2014 12:34 PM
144	stop regulators from promulgating more regulations	12/11/2014 12:07 PM
145	Assistant programs for young farmers	12/11/2014 10:42 AM
146	Easy regulations on small scale farming to allow, on farm slaughter of pork, goat, cattle in limited numbers to assist the small scale farmer. sort of like the poultry and rabbit program. Not commercial slaughter, but say maybe limit on farm processing and intrastate sale of farm raised livestock to 50-100 animals	12/10/2014 11:52 AM
147	Offer money to start and maintain new farms	12/10/2014 10:34 AM
148	Seek more input from the farming community before they submit legislation. I would also ask them to visit farms, ask questions and listen to what farmers need. Responding to consumers is important, but it's usually the people with their feet in the field who can help to come up with the best compromises and solutions to problems.	12/10/2014 9:47 AM
149	td	12/10/2014 8:48 AM
150	Listen. Really listen to the farmers and what their concerns and needs are. Don't be swayed by uneducated public opinion and media.	12/10/2014 7:21 AM
151	I have spoken to legislators to support conversion of monoculture annuals into perennial grazing land.	12/10/2014 12:30 AM
152	Allow everyone the opportunity to grow food without repercussions	12/9/2014 9:49 PM
153	N/A	12/9/2014 6:15 PM
154	Collaborate with experienced farmers to build a paid agriculture workforce training program where beginner farmers can become equipped with the skills and tools to have a financially sustainable life.	12/9/2014 3:30 PM
155	grants for new farmers	12/9/2014 11:24 AM
156	change cottage industry laws. provide greater incentive for land conservation, reduced tillage, and other soil conservation practices. Improve the SNAP and WIC involvement in Farmers Markets	12/9/2014 11:02 AM
157	ban GMOs	12/9/2014 10:58 AM
158	Land grants, make farming and processing food easier legally	12/9/2014 10:44 AM
159	Figure out ways to promote sustainable agriculture, to help family farms finds more sustainable - socially, economically, environmentally - ways to produce food here in Maryland.	12/9/2014 10:27 AM
160	A	12/9/2014 9:05 AM
161	Respect us and let us have a seat at the table when talking environment and business regulations.	12/8/2014 4:47 PM
162	I would ask them to learn more about agriculture and to actually speak to farmers, develop relationships with them.	12/8/2014 2:28 PM
163	Help promote the "Right to Farm" act which we see as not supported at all. Neighbors complain about everything and the farmers are always wrong. We work for next to no pay, and always are the source of complaints, either in a neighborhood, or in the news with manure issues, etc. Have a farmer represent us in Annapolis!!! Let his/her voice be heard on the news instead of all negative. And help us be able to do more on farm operations to keep the family farm in the family by not making impossible regulations.	12/8/2014 2:26 PM
164	Keep their noses out of our business and let us do our jobs	12/8/2014 12:47 PM

165	Get away from behind the desk and come out to the fields and see what farmers actually do and the amount of time that is endured into farming.	12/8/2014 12:07 PM
166	Same issues of above. Common sense needs to be used. If there is no farmland and its turned to pavement, not only will runoff increase but access to local goods will disappear.	12/8/2014 9:07 AM
167	more incentives to keep farming.	12/7/2014 7:40 PM
168	Get rid of the rain tax and phosphorus management index	12/7/2014 12:13 PM
169	take a minute to walk in our shoes for a day.....talk to us about pros and cons	12/7/2014 10:59 AM
170	Ditch the Rule	12/7/2014 10:56 AM
171	not pass the pmt	12/7/2014 10:39 AM
172	secretary of ag	12/7/2014 10:26 AM
173	kick the amish out of maryland	12/7/2014 10:18 AM
174	change sec of ag	12/7/2014 10:16 AM
175	les regulations	12/7/2014 10:15 AM
176	remove-rregulation	12/6/2014 10:08 PM
177	When will affordable financial assistance be available to young farmers to purchase farms?	12/6/2014 9:49 PM
178	Repeal the phosphorus management tool	12/6/2014 6:21 AM
179	Listen to the farmers and help with funding for easement programs	12/6/2014 5:28 AM
180	Promote young people to get into farming or encourage developmental programs for kids who have no family in farming, but have the passion.	12/5/2014 11:56 PM
181	First I would tell them to review the phosphorus management program. I would ask them to study a farm that showed high phosphorus levels and wasn't allowed to spread chicken manure. I would like them to see how poor the crop looks and how much more money the farmer is having to spend on liquid fertilizer and also the added costs of hauling chicken manure away.	12/5/2014 11:40 PM
182	Stop blamming farmers for things that they didn't do or have no control over and protect us for the minority that we are today	12/5/2014 8:43 PM
183	n/a	12/5/2014 7:32 PM
184	Let us keep being farmers stop trying to control us with so many regulations if we cant diversify our operations were never going to be able to stay in this community we been here the longest but we are ridiculed by everyone that moves into our community there has to be some protection if farmers are to be able to keep operating	12/5/2014 3:03 PM
185	lessen regulations	12/5/2014 11:44 AM
186	Let me purchase some of the state owned land bordering my farm to help me stay afloat. The only thing I can count on is my land will always be here, it's much easier to make plans when there's some certainties	12/5/2014 11:00 AM
187	Look into the TDR program. Somehow, TDR's should be able to be sold off to developers in areas of planned growth. More cash in the farmers pocket from the private market. Assuming the land is not already in land preservation.	12/5/2014 8:58 AM
188	get rid of the PMT and get rid of grading permits for agricultural structures. Also get rid of E&S Control Plans for agricultural structures.	12/5/2014 7:29 AM
189	Get rid of agriculture structure building regulations. Get rid of the Phosphorous Management Tool.	12/5/2014 7:22 AM
190	to make it easier for farmer's to buy land.	12/5/2014 3:42 AM
191	Make nutrient management voluntary once again and require certain crops and animals out of environmentally sensitive land if they are not already. Tree or buffer around all streams and rivers.	12/5/2014 1:42 AM
192	reduce regukations	12/4/2014 9:13 PM
193	Tout how Maryland is leading the way in local, sustainable, and organic foods. Then, put policies in place to make it happen. Make us the envy of other States because we can feed ourselves local wholesome food.	12/4/2014 8:21 PM

194	Protect us from people who move to rural areas and want to stop us from farming.	12/4/2014 8:10 PM
195	Abolish MDA	12/4/2014 7:50 PM
196	I'd ask for simpler processes for grants/assistance in diversifying farming and easier access to finding what programs are available.	12/4/2014 7:11 PM
197	Agvocate! Just stick up for us in general and maybe try to get opinions from the farmers in the field instead of making laws and rules that no one there has to implement (like the traceability tags)	12/4/2014 5:04 PM
198	Support a fair process for all farmers to be eligible for future funding opportunities.	12/4/2014 4:16 PM
199	Stay out of it.	12/4/2014 4:02 PM
200	Do away with nutrient management	12/4/2014 3:54 PM
201	n/a	12/4/2014 3:51 PM
202	more reasonable phosphorus regulation	12/4/2014 3:28 PM
203	Focus on the next generation and reduce regulation	12/4/2014 3:25 PM
204	Revise old regulations that are outdated, especially in Title 15 Subtitle 11.	12/4/2014 3:18 PM
205	praise us, we feed you and your family. We are the good guys here, we are doing all we can to protect the bay and we still get regulated. Just because its an easy fix. If you look at a storm drain that was installed 50 years ago its still doing the same job, the same way for the past 50 years. Then you look at how farmers were farming 50 years ago compared to today; we are farming safer, more environmentally friendly, more sustainable, and much more efficient then 50 years ago.	12/4/2014 3:13 PM
206	Support funding for land preservation.	12/4/2014 3:11 PM
207	promote the positive things md farmers are doing	12/4/2014 3:08 PM
208	Make the process of getting into agriculture easier.	12/4/2014 2:57 PM
209	reduce regulation	12/4/2014 1:40 PM
210	Scrap PMT	12/4/2014 1:38 PM
211	I would ask them what they think maryland when be like when there is zero ag left.	12/4/2014 12:12 PM
212	Promote regulations that are going to help the farmer and the bay, not hurt them.	12/4/2014 11:56 AM
213	Reduce taxes	12/3/2014 10:17 PM
214	Consider Farmers when making any type of legislation. And when making legislation, make the programs and requirements reasonable so farmers are actually able to follow them.	12/3/2014 2:53 PM
215	Create and advertise more grants	12/3/2014 2:18 PM
216	f	12/3/2014 2:18 PM
217	Agritainment laws to protect farmers who allow customers onto their farms	12/3/2014 12:30 PM
218	Improve ag education in our schools	12/3/2014 8:23 AM
219	give me land for farming	12/2/2014 8:57 PM
220	To really look at the actual impact farmers have on the bay, versus what homeowners have.	12/2/2014 10:53 AM
221	Promote sustainability in farming and transparency in operations.	12/1/2014 9:10 PM
222	advertise any agriculture grants threw multi channels of media so that the farmer that is not on the computer everyday knows whats available	12/1/2014 2:29 PM
223	Deregulate and eliminate farm related licensing and eliminate/reduce fees on farmers	12/1/2014 1:21 PM
224	Ask them to amend the Maryland Constitution to recognize the Agriculture is the foundation and stabilizing force of Maryland's Economy. To protect this vital sector of Maryland's economy, the right of farmers to engage in farming practices shall be forever guaranteed in this state. (Right to Farm in the State's Constitution)	12/1/2014 12:40 PM
225	Encourage local agriculture and support your community	12/1/2014 11:00 AM

226	Fight to address that a large portion of the nutrient load on the bay is coming from the Susquehanna river in Pennsylvania and New York	12/1/2014 7:11 AM
227	Back GMO use	11/30/2014 1:49 PM
228	Concierge changing the manure transport and application guidelines	11/30/2014 12:31 PM
229	Eat Maryland agricultural products and promote their consumption in public forums. Have staffers read SCIENCE based information prior to voting on an agricultural regulation	11/30/2014 7:00 AM
230	provide more support	11/29/2014 9:21 PM
231	There are different types farming in this state. Please recognize it is not one size fits all. Not only are the climates different throughout the state - but the farm business size, growing style, and customer base are different. Diversified business = diversified farm = a diversified landscape to legislate. Please take the time to learn - and EAT what we grow - and if you have any function please offer food besides crab, corn and tomatoes - it's insulting! (In November they are out of season, and there are a multitude of other food items you can offer - Lettuces, kales, squashes, apples, fish, fowl, beef, deer, mushrooms, beans - you get the idea)... I want you to think "farm to table" - for real - not a nice idea for others - but for your daily meals, and for the state.	11/29/2014 6:32 PM
232	work with small farmers and homesteaders	11/29/2014 3:14 PM
233	Stop caving to the environmental industry	11/29/2014 2:25 PM
234	Increase Agricultural Education in the schools beginning in the elementary grades and continue it through college. Most schools do not promote ag in the classroom Increase funding for innovative programs for young people to enter agriculture. (purchase, expansion, to try new ideas), Don't write off specific areas of ag production include; fruits, vegetables, animal production, dairy this is what feeds people. Encourage people to purchase locally - ad campaigns, grocery stores etc.	11/29/2014 9:19 AM
235	Allow more homesteading (i.e. backyard chickens, goats, gardens, etc.)	11/29/2014 8:51 AM
236	N-A	11/29/2014 8:17 AM
237	Keep MD a right to farm state and allowing small flocks of backyard chickens is a way to connect suburbia to their food source.	11/29/2014 8:13 AM
238	Do their part in stopping the increased regulation	11/29/2014 7:51 AM
239	Protect farmlands from being subdivided and developed, give incentives for purchasing farmland and working it	11/29/2014 7:37 AM
240	Provide a tax incentive for renting out farm land and financing farm/equipment purchase.	11/29/2014 7:08 AM
241	Immigration reform	11/29/2014 6:48 AM
242	Keep politicians spreading their manure in Annapolis leave the E.S. Southern and Western Maryland to the hands of capable people who understand and respect agriculture not lobbyists and underhanded paychecks	11/28/2014 11:51 PM
243	Make it more accessible! Give new farmers a chance to buy up those properties that are sitting idle, discourage more development so we can continue the legacy that is growing our own food!	11/28/2014 11:23 PM
244	Free up small farmers from regulations. Encourage farms of 1-5 acres.	11/28/2014 10:54 PM
245	expand easements to not overdevelop and expand tax incentives to small farms	11/28/2014 10:42 PM
246	Think carefully about the effects and cost of the increasing regulation. Continue programs and rules that allow for easy and cheaper transitions of assets for farm businesses.	11/28/2014 10:14 PM
247	Always speak in support of the hard work and dedication of the farmers. No one eats without farmers and their laborers!	11/28/2014 10:03 PM
248	reduce the regulations. They price the little guy out of the market. Do away with the inheritance taxes. You should not have to sell farm land to pay taxes. We earned the money not the government.	11/28/2014 2:04 PM
249	Have incentives for sustainable farm practices, diverse farms, & help farmers move from conventional farming to sustainable.	11/28/2014 1:13 PM
250	BACK OFF ON NUTRIENT REGULATIONS	11/28/2014 1:02 PM
251	Fund sustainable ag programs and non-profits	11/28/2014 12:13 PM
252	Preserve land for future generations, create tax breaks for farmers, to support us and stand up for us,	11/28/2014 11:54 AM

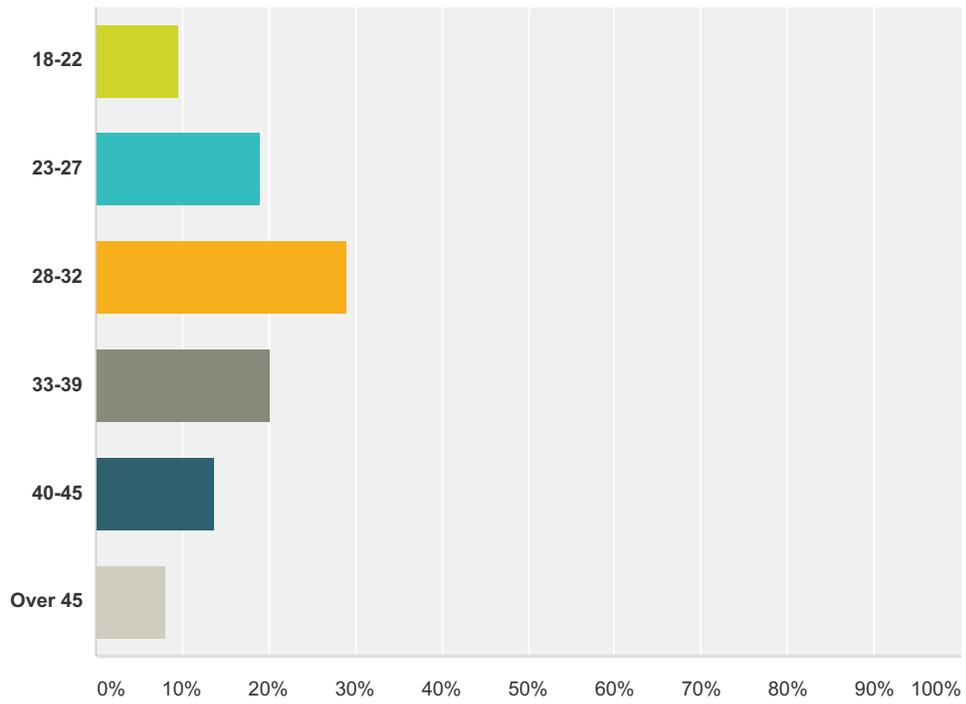
253	Less regulation	11/28/2014 8:09 AM
254	Just leave it alone and provide whatever tax breaks you can, because farmers are the hardest working people . (period)	11/27/2014 10:37 PM
255	Stop regulating us.	11/27/2014 1:25 PM
256	lessen the government involvement in production agriculture and let farmers farm.	11/26/2014 7:32 PM
257	tell them to quit trying to take away our land rights	11/26/2014 5:43 PM
258	Relieve some of the ridiculous taxes, regulations and policies that are imposed on farmers making it difficult for us to survive off of farming alone	11/26/2014 3:38 PM
259	stop coming up with new bright ideas	11/26/2014 2:50 PM
260	create a program for on farm poultry processing which would be legal for cross-border sales.	11/26/2014 1:30 PM
261	Protect/ preserve/ expand farmland for small farms	11/26/2014 11:37 AM
262	na	11/26/2014 11:36 AM
263	Increase funding programs for farmers. Work to making zoning regs allow farming	11/26/2014 9:58 AM
264	Working for the soil conservation district as a conservation planner, I would ask MDA to change the WIP goals from acres to number of conservation plans. Having goals to "plan" a specified number of acres is unfair to small farms. Having a high acreage goal to achieve, causes the conservation planners to avoid doing conservation plans for small acre farms and drives them toward doing conservation plans for farms with larger acres. There is a great possibility that these small acre farms are where young and beginning farmers reside. If MDA would change the goals to number of conservation plans completed instead of acres planned, small farms with young and beginning farmers would be discovered by conservation planners who could help them find cost-share programs that are available to them.	11/26/2014 9:48 AM
265	i would ask them to ban GMO products and certain pesticides, pass legislation that encourages the consumption of organic, local food (aka CHEAP & ACCESSIBLE), pair up with dept of sanitation and create a state-wide composting program, create a tax on produce and meat+dairy products that are sourced from out of state.	11/26/2014 9:44 AM
266	Help see that this PMT does not go through OR work to get a better implementation schedule because 6 years is not enough and I think it is too soon and too little is known. There needs to be more research done.	11/26/2014 9:06 AM
267	More research on sustainable farming techniques.	11/26/2014 8:49 AM
268	Leave us alone	11/26/2014 7:22 AM
269	Take it easy on us. We are suffocating under all the regulations	11/26/2014 1:37 AM
270	Remove ag. tax breaks on farms that are not farmed by the land owners. Possibly would make land more affordable. What do you think?	11/25/2014 9:36 PM
271	Stop cove point	11/25/2014 8:47 PM
272	help city farms/small farms too!	11/25/2014 8:42 PM
273	Support a bill to label GMO crops in Maryland.	11/25/2014 8:29 PM
274	Support us and base regulations on science.	11/25/2014 7:57 PM
275	Promote urban farms, we have so much to bring to maryland we are not a negative. We are the only positive!	11/25/2014 7:37 PM
276	X	11/25/2014 6:24 PM
277	I'm not sure	11/25/2014 6:05 PM
278	N/A	11/25/2014 5:38 PM
279	same answer as above - making sure they understand how hard we work at doing the above	11/25/2014 3:41 PM
280	Help promote a more positive outlook focusing on good things that are being done, but get the story to non farm people that typically don't hear about what we are doing.	11/25/2014 3:21 PM
281	HELP LOWER ARE TAXES AND EASE OUR ABILITY TO OWNER OUR BUISNESS	11/25/2014 2:36 PM
282	provide more funding for Maryland Extension	11/25/2014 2:36 PM

283	Give the average small farmer incentives to farm on a small scale.	11/25/2014 2:22 PM
284	fund new farmer training programs like Future Harvest-CASA program	11/25/2014 2:11 PM
285	Once again, Back off the ridiculous legislature which ties farmers hands, especially the save the bay bologny. Let them farm!	11/25/2014 2:06 PM
286	Stop turning farm land into housing and shopping developments!	11/25/2014 1:53 PM
287	Spend a fair amount of time working on the farm in the day to day activities and understand what's involved and see the steps we are already taking to make food safer and the bay cleaner. Hopefully they won't keep pushing so many regulations on us.	11/25/2014 1:48 PM
288	I'd ask them to consider small farms when thinking about food safety legislation	11/25/2014 1:47 PM
289	Cut back regulation	11/25/2014 1:39 PM
290	Reverse nutrient management regulations	11/25/2014 11:02 AM
291	?	11/25/2014 10:46 AM
292	slow down the regulations	11/25/2014 10:41 AM
293	n/a	11/25/2014 10:29 AM
294	Halt additional regulations without solid scientific data.	11/25/2014 10:26 AM
295	Dissolve MDA	11/25/2014 10:24 AM
296	expand grant programs	11/25/2014 9:54 AM
297	Lower taxes, reduce regulations (PMT, CAFO)	11/25/2014 9:18 AM
298	Protect farm land in counties facing high levels of development	11/25/2014 8:23 AM
299	I would explain the importance of Agriculture and discuss some of the areas that Maryland is lacking such a supression of racetrack industry, need for better awareness of farmer's market and finacial incentives for current farmers and future farmers to keep the industry growing for Maryland. Maryland, when compared to several other states, is lacking in some areas so I think development of public awareness and understanding is critical which can largely be helped with agricultural and environmental programs in schools, in addition to greater funding to farm start and farm assistance programs.	11/25/2014 8:08 AM
300	More financial aid for land purchase going into agriculture	11/25/2014 7:13 AM
301	Have them fight for lower interest loans and health insurance for farmers	11/25/2014 5:26 AM
302	Pass legislation to protect maryland agriculture from further detrimental regulation	11/24/2014 10:17 PM
303	.	11/24/2014 10:16 PM
304	Young farmer program with MALP rules and regulations, to many people buying land then selling it after selling Ag Land Preservation rights	11/24/2014 10:06 PM
305	Require everybody to take ag classes in school	11/24/2014 9:38 PM
306	Protect agriculture from political activist such as what happened with the water keepers vs. the Hutson family. Stop using outdated information for nutrient management and PMT regulation. Require operator of Conwingo dam to dredge sediment buildup. Stop crooked politics that harm small beginning businesses	11/24/2014 8:39 PM
307	promote young farmers to give them a fighting chance at farming.	11/24/2014 7:49 PM
308	Deregulation	11/24/2014 7:46 PM
309	better kick backs for renewable energy.	11/24/2014 7:35 PM
310	Get the environmentalists off our backs. Keep protections for the right to farm.	11/24/2014 7:06 PM
311	?	11/24/2014 6:16 PM
312	I would ask them to help preserve maryland farmland because farmland is rapidly decreasing all across the state, especially in southern anne arundel county where I run my farming operation. Land is consantly being sold and developed and I fear that in a few years there will be no more land available to farm.	11/24/2014 5:55 PM

313	Allow varied species on farms .. for example putting up a contract chicken house or sow barn to supplement a dairy farmer income	11/24/2014 5:21 PM
314	Back off	11/24/2014 4:53 PM
315	support local ag and to help educate the consumers before passing judgment	11/24/2014 4:51 PM
316	Ag preservation, and laws hurting farmers	11/24/2014 3:58 PM
317	Incentivize farming in MD. The farming climate is so much better in neighboring states unless MD does something to try to keep farmers here.	11/24/2014 3:32 PM
318	Not Sure	11/24/2014 2:43 PM
319	Unsure.	11/24/2014 2:22 PM
320	We need more support for our FFA programs. In Allegany County, the FFA advisor/ag instructor is only a half-day substitute! This should be a full-time position.	11/24/2014 1:21 PM
321	Make it more profitable and help with grants to start new farms	11/24/2014 12:50 PM
322	Support a and promote	11/24/2014 12:37 PM
323	Reduce regulations, It is hard to be competitive when farms in neighboring states are not held to the same standards	11/24/2014 12:32 PM

Q34 What is your age:

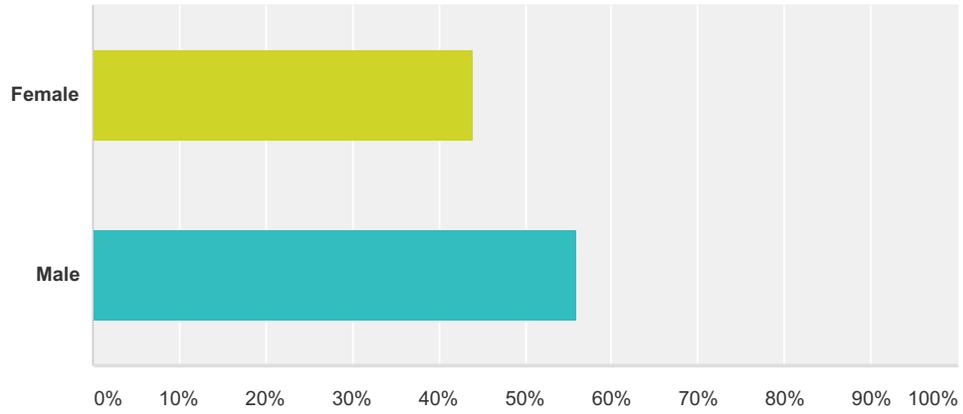
Answered: 320 Skipped: 146



Answer Choices	Responses
18-22	9.69% 31
23-27	19.06% 61
28-32	29.06% 93
33-39	20.31% 65
40-45	13.75% 44
Over 45	8.13% 26
Total	320

Q35 Are you:

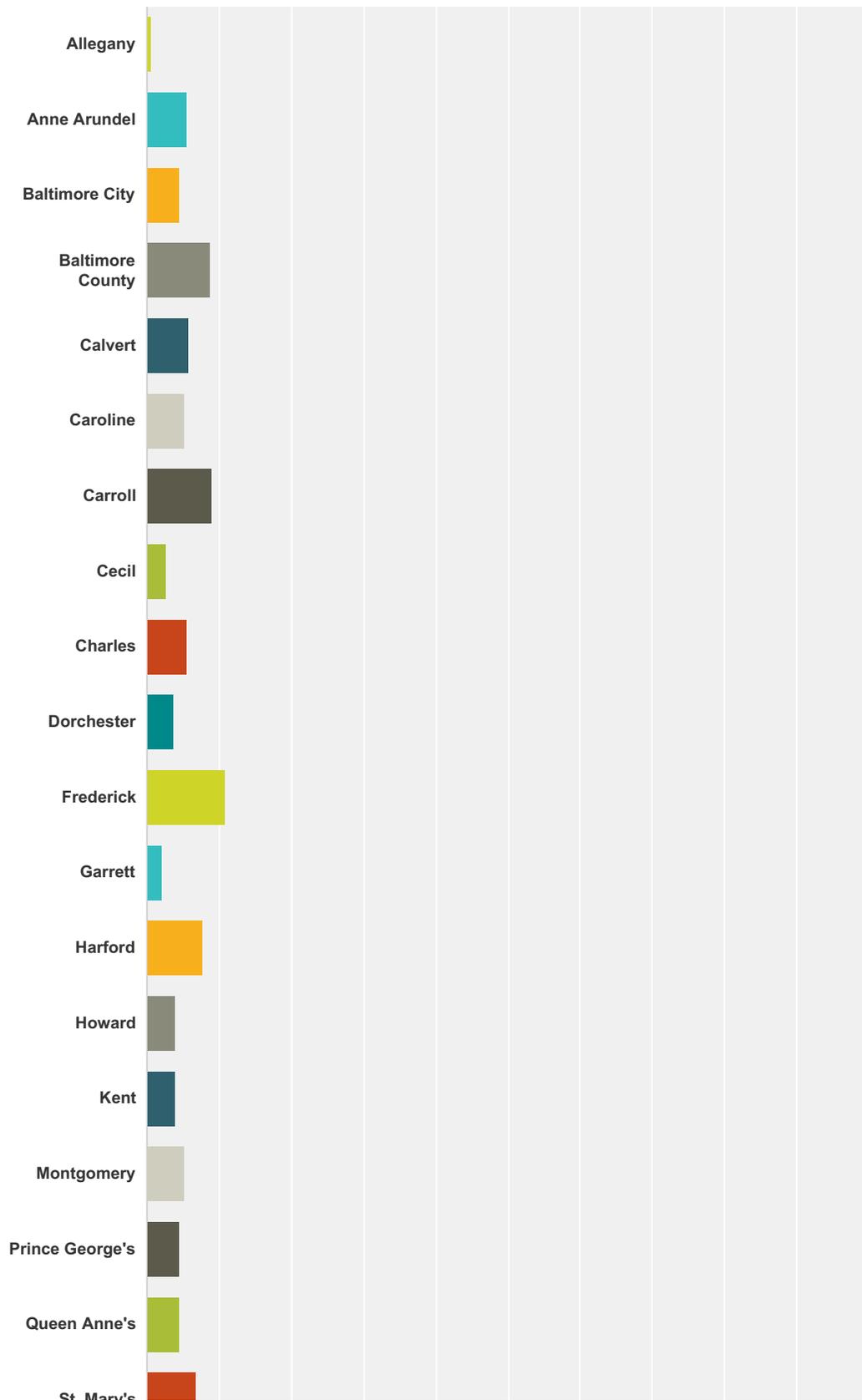
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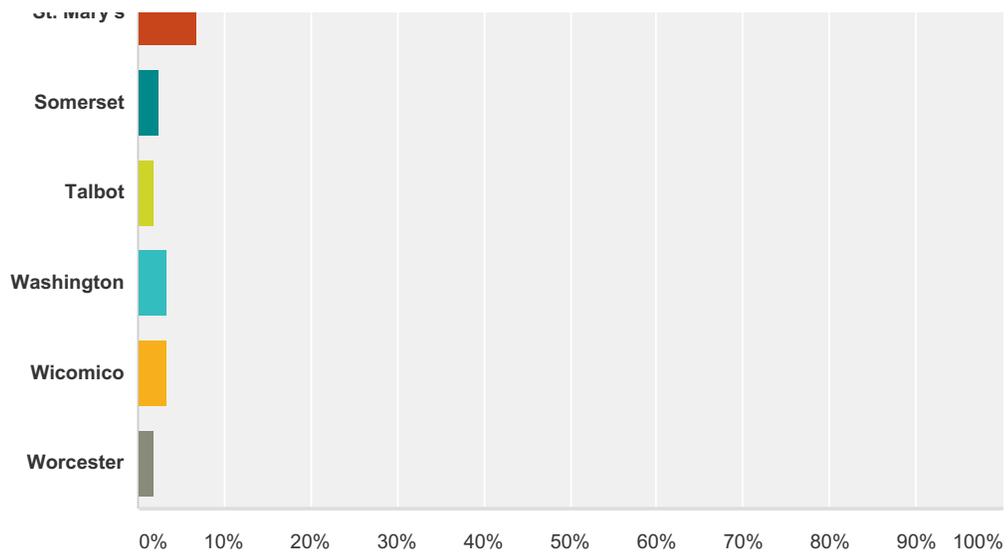


Answer Choices	Responses
Female	44.06% 141
Male	55.94% 179
Total	320

Q36 In what county(ies) is your Agriculture enterprise located?

Answered: 320 Skipped: 146



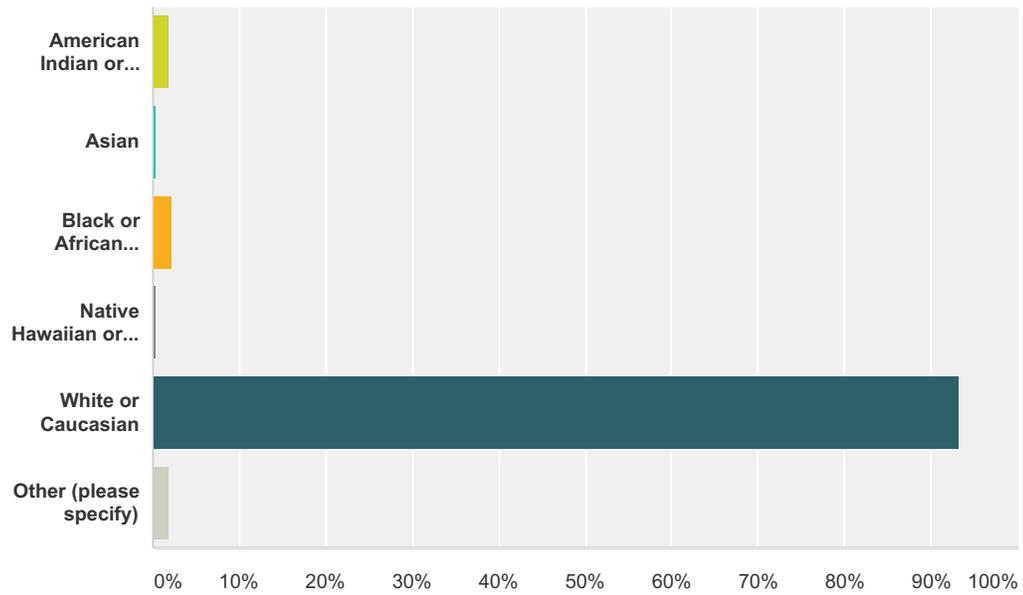


Answer Choices	Responses
Allegany	0.63% 2
Anne Arundel	5.63% 18
Baltimore City	4.69% 15
Baltimore County	8.75% 28
Calvert	5.94% 19
Caroline	5.31% 17
Carroll	9.06% 29
Cecil	2.81% 9
Charles	5.63% 18
Dorchester	3.75% 12
Frederick	10.94% 35
Garrett	2.19% 7
Harford	7.81% 25
Howard	4.06% 13
Kent	4.06% 13
Montgomery	5.31% 17
Prince George's	4.69% 15
Queen Anne's	4.69% 15
St. Mary's	6.88% 22
Somerset	2.50% 8

Talbot	1.88%	6
Washington	3.44%	11
Wicomico	3.44%	11
Worcester	1.88%	6
Total Respondents: 320		

Q37 Please specify your race.

Answered: 317 Skipped: 149

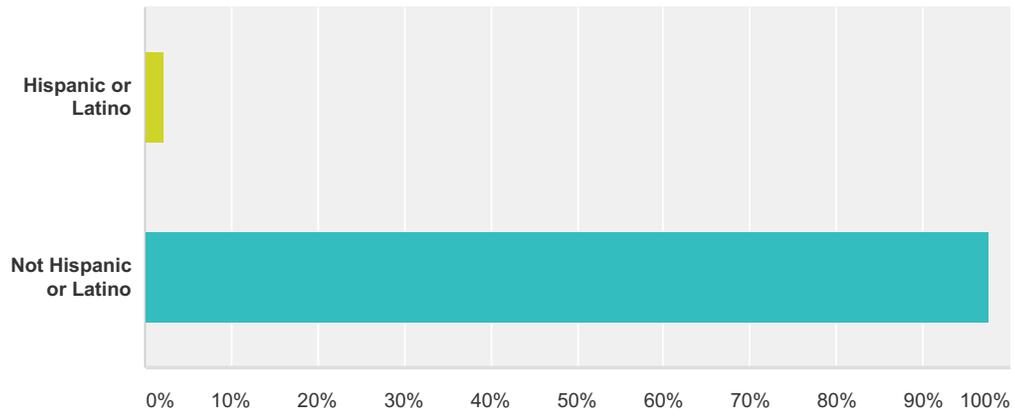


Answer Choices	Responses
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.89% 6
Asian	0.32% 1
Black or African American	2.21% 7
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.32% 1
White or Caucasian	93.38% 296
Other (please specify)	1.89% 6
Total	317

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Latino/hispanic	1/13/2015 6:32 PM
2	caucasian/native american	1/10/2015 3:02 PM
3	this should not be asked everyone should be treated the same	12/25/2014 12:46 PM
4	mix	12/18/2014 10:28 AM
5	Human	11/28/2014 11:51 PM
6	multi-racial	11/26/2014 9:45 AM

Q38 Please specify your ethnicity

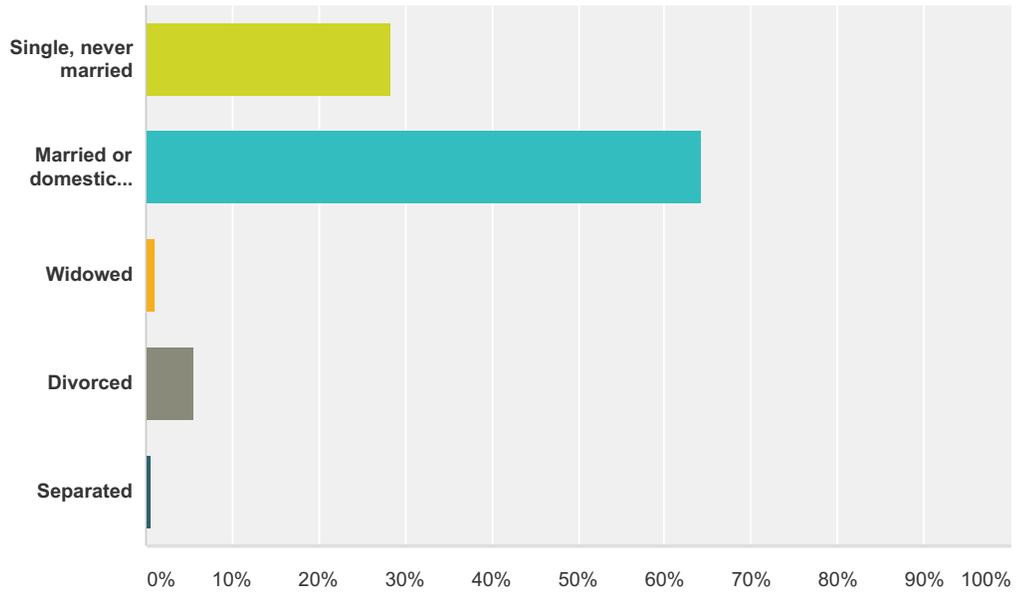
Answered: 304 Skipped: 162



Answer Choices	Responses
Hispanic or Latino	2.30% 7
Not Hispanic or Latino	97.70% 297
Total	304

Q39 What is your marital status?

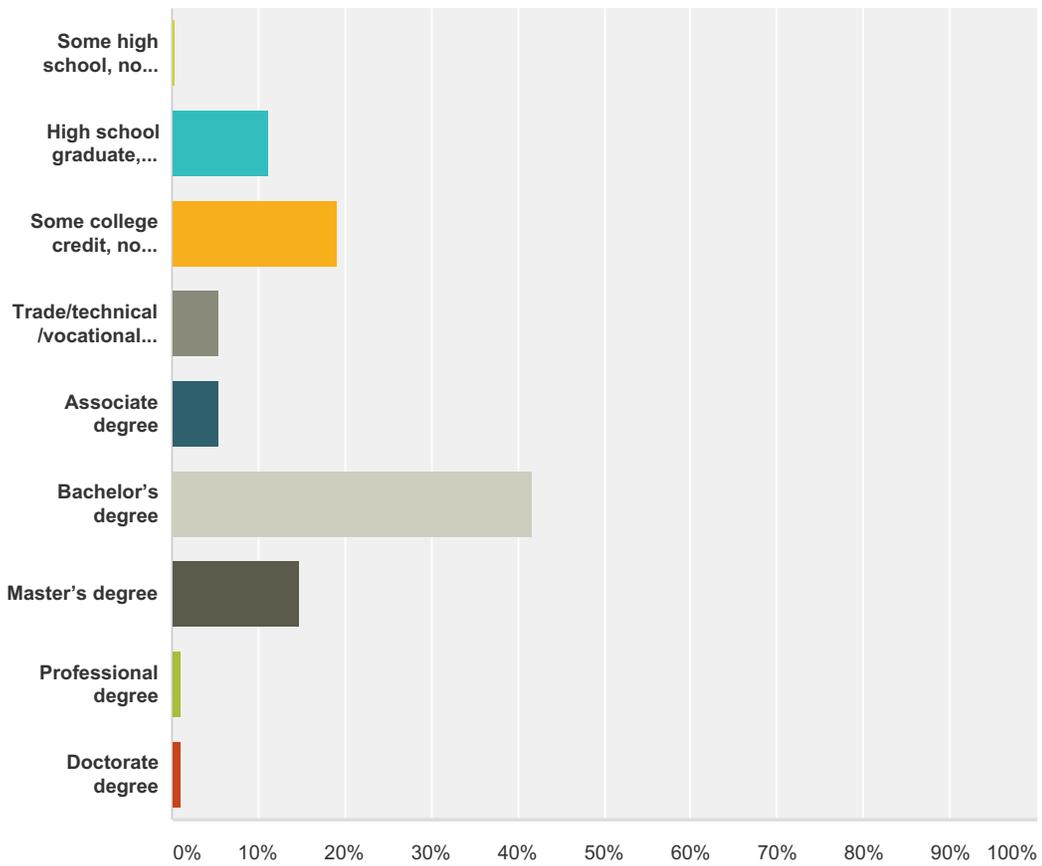
Answered: 317 Skipped: 149



Answer Choices	Responses
Single, never married	28.39% 90
Married or domestic partnership	64.35% 204
Widowed	0.95% 3
Divorced	5.68% 18
Separated	0.63% 2
Total	317

Q40 What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

Answered: 318 Skipped: 148



Answer Choices	Responses
Some high school, no diploma	0.31% 1
High school graduate, diploma or the equivalent	11.32% 36
Some college credit, no degree	19.18% 61
Trade/technical/vocational training	5.35% 17
Associate degree	5.35% 17
Bachelor's degree	41.82% 133
Master's degree	14.78% 47
Professional degree	0.94% 3
Doctorate degree	0.94% 3
Total	318

Q41 If you have any additional comments, please specify below.

Answered: 43 Skipped: 423

#	Responses	Date
1	If you have any comments or ideas to assist us please contact me at ponigal@comcast.net. thank you - Courtney	1/14/2015 4:33 AM
2	Prince George's County is in need of preserving land for hunting and farming.	1/11/2015 10:50 AM
3	Thank you for including aquaculture!	1/10/2015 2:37 PM
4	Thanks for putting an emphasis on young farmers! Keep it up! We, as a group, need more help.	1/10/2015 11:31 AM
5	Thank you for taking the time to hear my comments and concerns.	1/9/2015 7:08 AM
6	I hope this survey does some good	1/8/2015 5:23 PM
7	---	1/8/2015 11:50 AM
8	thank you	1/8/2015 11:31 AM
9	I love to farm it's my passion it's to bad I have to work a job to fund my family's farm	1/7/2015 10:17 AM
10	Thank you!	1/6/2015 1:08 PM
11	It would be nice to see the results of this survey published	1/4/2015 4:32 PM
12	Thank you for the survey to see what our needs are.	12/29/2014 8:47 PM
13	People with a few hundred acres or less should be getting help not the ones farming thousands of acres that are always buying millions of dollars of equipment, and raking in all the govt payments.	12/25/2014 12:52 PM
14	Help young farmors like me	12/22/2014 8:25 PM
15	Thank you for creating this survey, it's a wonderful idea.	12/22/2014 9:54 AM
16	Thank you for taking an interest in Maryland farmers and potential farmers!	12/21/2014 7:31 PM
17	Thank you	12/21/2014 2:35 PM
18	Cooperate with adjoining states - create a network to exchange ideas.	12/20/2014 9:49 AM
19	n/a	12/20/2014 6:53 AM
20	More needs to be done to help young farmers get into agricture. Starting out is like climbing a huge mountain with no support. MD is a very expensive state to farm in and too regulated. Too many regulations and laws that were put in place for huge operations that produce poor products hinders small producers that produce exellent products!	12/19/2014 10:23 PM
21	We live just across the border in WV but most of our customers and the farmers market where we sell is in Maryland. We use some of the Maryland Extension services and conferences etc due to proximity.	12/19/2014 3:46 AM
22	N/A	12/17/2014 10:57 AM
23	ty	12/10/2014 8:49 AM
24	Great survey!	12/10/2014 7:23 AM
25	N/a	12/9/2014 10:46 AM
26	A	12/9/2014 9:06 AM
27	no	12/7/2014 7:41 PM
28	Thanks.	12/6/2014 6:23 AM
29	In general there are a lot of very successfull farms out there, but if you are just starting out weather the farm is a family one or not if it hasn't been farmed by the family it's extremely tuff to make ends meet	12/5/2014 11:06 AM

30	farming will move away form over regulated Maryland. If I could I would move	12/4/2014 9:15 PM
31	Let me know how I can help!	12/4/2014 8:23 PM
32	Thank you for taking the time to ask us for information and for listening.	12/4/2014 8:13 PM
33	Maryland Agriculture is more than just the grains.	11/29/2014 9:20 AM
34	Let's keep the farms we have and pass them on to those who want to continue to provide healthy foods to our next generation!	11/28/2014 11:26 PM
35	Thank You!	11/26/2014 7:35 PM
36	n/a	11/26/2014 5:44 PM
37	Please consider changing MDA's WIP goals. Working for the soil conservation district as a conservation planner, I ask MDA to change the WIP goals from acres to number of conservation plans. Having goals to "plan" a specified number of acres is unfair to small farms. Having a high acreage goal to achieve, causes the conservation planners to avoid doing conservation plans for small acre farms and drives them toward doing conservation plans for farms with larger acres. There is a great possibility that these small acre farms are where young and beginning farmers reside. If MDA would change the goals to number of conservation plans completed instead of acres planned, small farms with young and beginning farmers would be discovered by conservation planners who could help them find cost-share programs that are available to them. Thank you.	11/26/2014 10:08 AM
38	Thanks	11/25/2014 2:38 PM
39	These local community terrorist groups against farmers need to be stopped! If they don't like what farmers have to do to make a living, then THEY should move back to the city or where ever the hell they came from. Farmers don't need to change for their pathetic sakes!	11/25/2014 2:11 PM
40	None	11/24/2014 10:09 PM
41	Need better access to ag related events	11/24/2014 7:08 PM
42	In my personal opinion, I feel that farming is a dying art in maryland. Many of the new people moving into the area dont appreciate farming or the hard work involved with it. People just dont understand that agriculture is essential to the economy and to human survival. People also dont cooperate with farmers trying to do there job. A good friend of mine was taking his disc down the road and a car trying to pass him ran into the disc and broke a few blades. There needs to be tighter laws that enforce the farmers right of way on the road. It would cause less accidents and allow farmers to do their job safely and effectively.	11/24/2014 6:05 PM
43	N/ a	11/24/2014 5:22 PM