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2025 Maryland Young Farmers Survey Supplemental Analysis

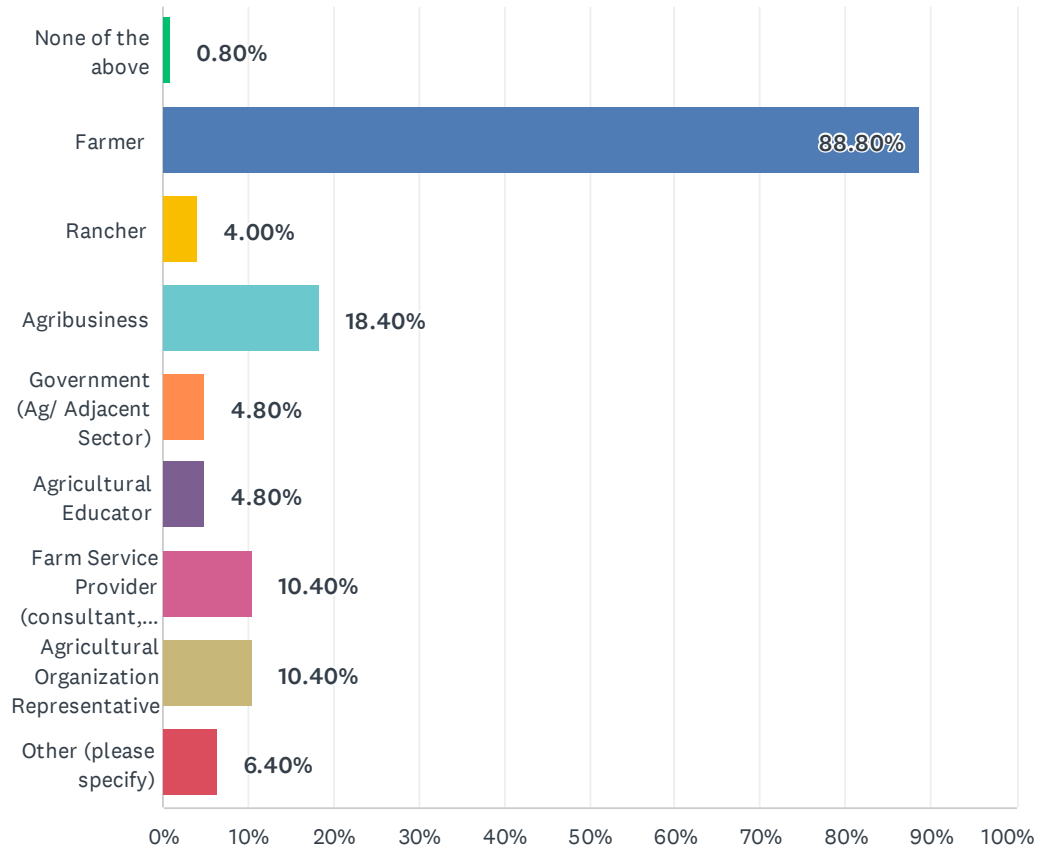
Northeastern & Eastern Shore, Field Crops, Fruit, Vegetable, and Dairy Report

This document includes data points from all respondents who selected that they farm in one or more of the eastern shore or northeastern counties (Baltimore, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Wicomico, or Worcester) and raise field crops, fruit, vegetables, or dairy, on the 2025 Maryland Young Farmers Survey.

Questions containing personally identifiable information have been removed from the document.

Q1 How do you define your involvement in Maryland Agriculture? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.80%	1
Farmer (1)	88.80%	111
Rancher (2)	4.00%	5
Agribusiness (3)	18.40%	23
Government (Ag/ Adjacent Sector) (4)	4.80%	6
Agricultural Educator (5)	4.80%	6
Farm Service Provider (consultant, ag mechanic, etc.) (6)	10.40%	13
Agricultural Organization Representative (7)	10.40%	13
Other (please specify) (8)	6.40%	8
Total Respondents: 125		

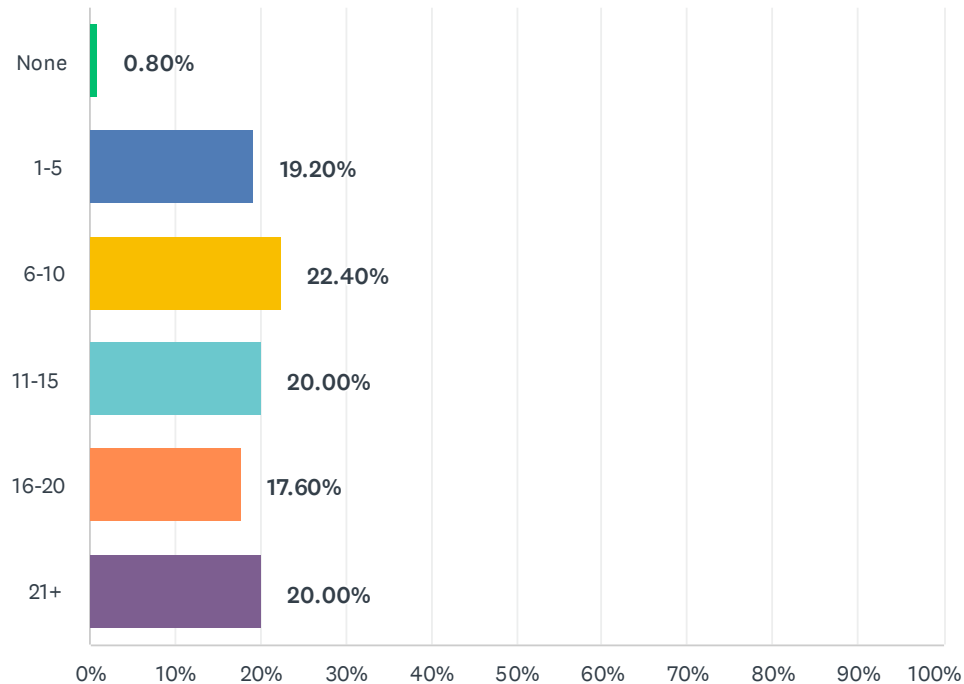
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BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 9.00	Median 1.00	Mean 2.62	Standard Deviation 2.40

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Hobby Farmer	2/27/2025 12:28 AM
2	Sales of fertilizer, chemical and seed	2/13/2025 10:24 PM
3	Land owner	2/13/2025 9:55 PM
4	Farmer Family Member	2/13/2025 9:26 PM
5	College Student studying Agriculture	2/13/2025 9:05 PM
6	Nuisance wildlife removal	1/10/2025 1:40 AM
7	Care farming	12/20/2024 7:45 PM
8	Farmers wife	12/20/2024 11:02 AM

Q2 How many years of experience do you have in the agricultural industry? (actively engaged on a farm, as a principal operator, or within your field of work)

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0

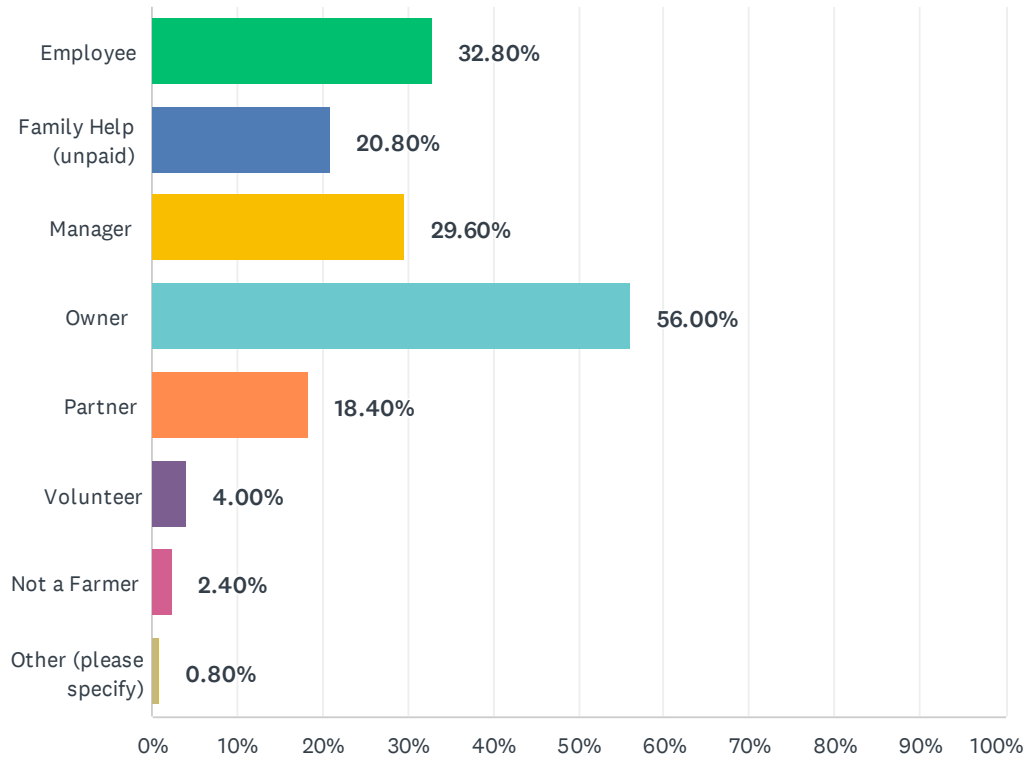


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None (1)	0.80%	1
1-5 (2)	19.20%	24
6-10 (3)	22.40%	28
11-15 (4)	20.00%	25
16-20 (5)	17.60%	22
21+ (6)	20.00%	25
TOTAL		125

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	6.00	4.00	3.94	1.43

Q3 What is your role/position on the farm? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0



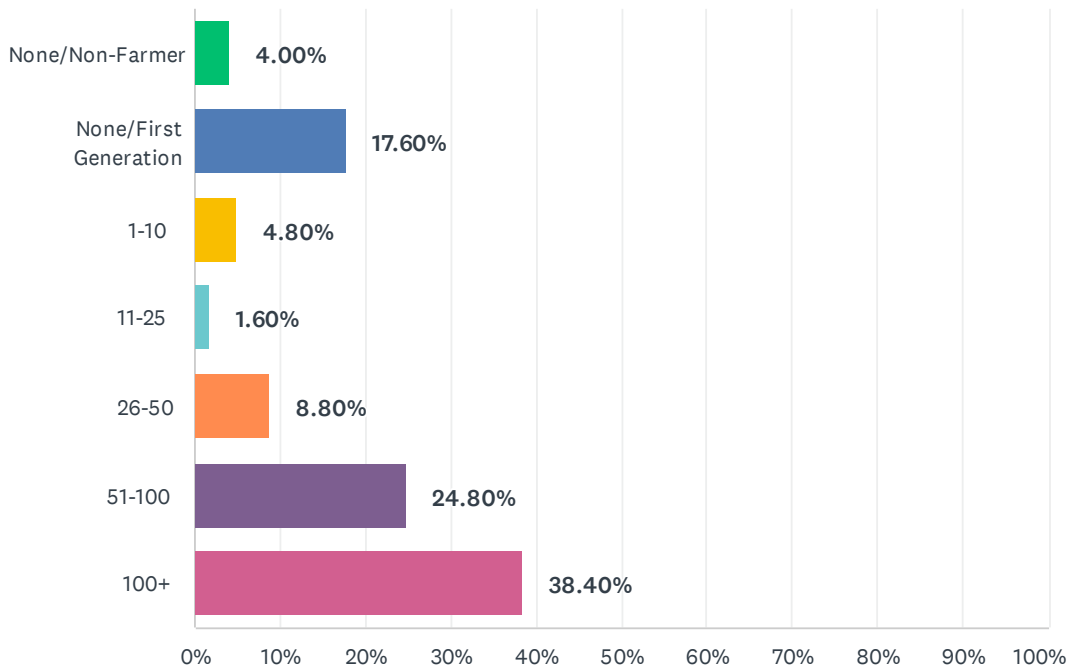
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employee (1)	32.80%	41
Family Help (unpaid) (2)	20.80%	26
Manager (3)	29.60%	37
Owner (4)	56.00%	70
Partner (5)	18.40%	23
Volunteer (6)	4.00%	5
Not a Farmer (7)	2.40%	3
Other (please specify) (8)	0.80%	1
Total Respondents: 125		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	8.00	3.00	3.19	1.50

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Part-Time fall help	6/12/2024 8:34 AM

Q4 How many years has your family been farming?

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0

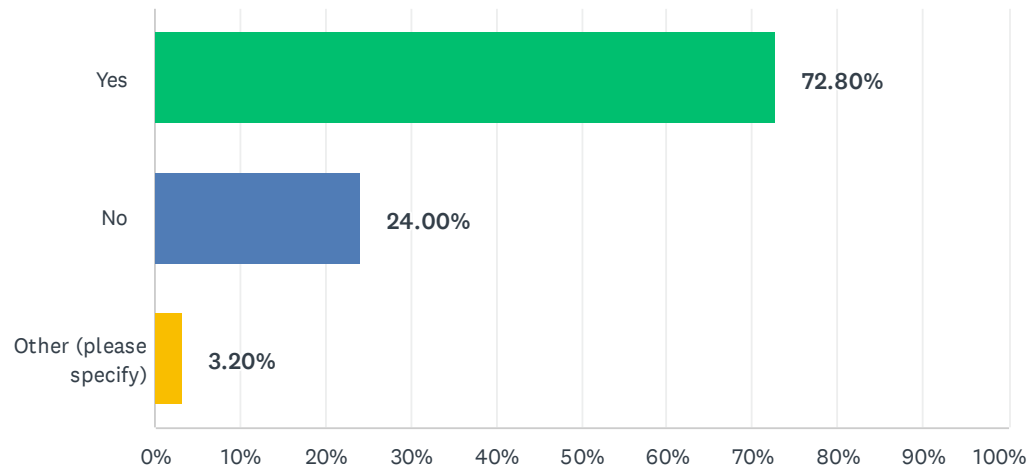


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None/Non-Farmer (1)		4.00%	5
None/First Generation (2)		17.60%	22
1-10 (3)		4.80%	6
11-25 (4)		1.60%	2
26-50 (5)		8.80%	11
51-100 (6)		24.80%	31
100+ (7)		38.40%	48
TOTAL			125

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	7.00	6.00	5.22	2.04

Q5 Did you grow up on a farm?

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0



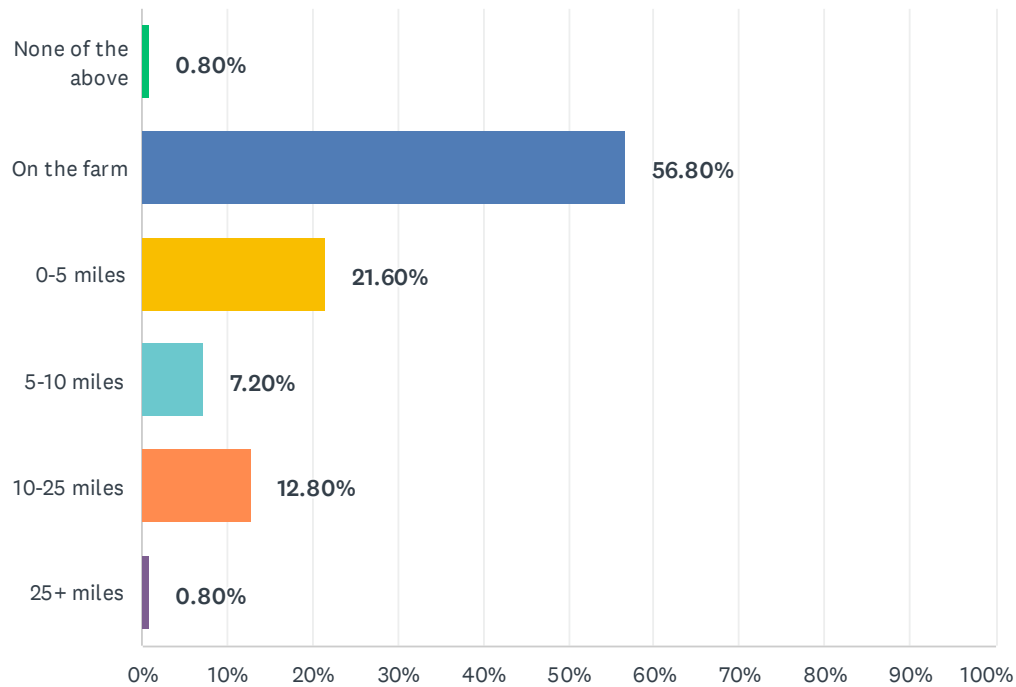
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (1)	72.80%	91
No (2)	24.00%	30
Other (please specify) (3)	3.20%	4
TOTAL		125

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	3.00	1.00	1.30	0.52

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Did not live on the farm but spent all my time there	12/30/2024 2:29 PM
2	Lived off the farm but was still there every day	12/16/2024 6:09 PM
3	Married and moved to the farm at 18	12/9/2024 6:48 PM
4	Yes but my grandparents no longer farmed	12/6/2024 12:46 AM

Q6 Where do you live in relation to your ag operation? (Distance in miles)

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0

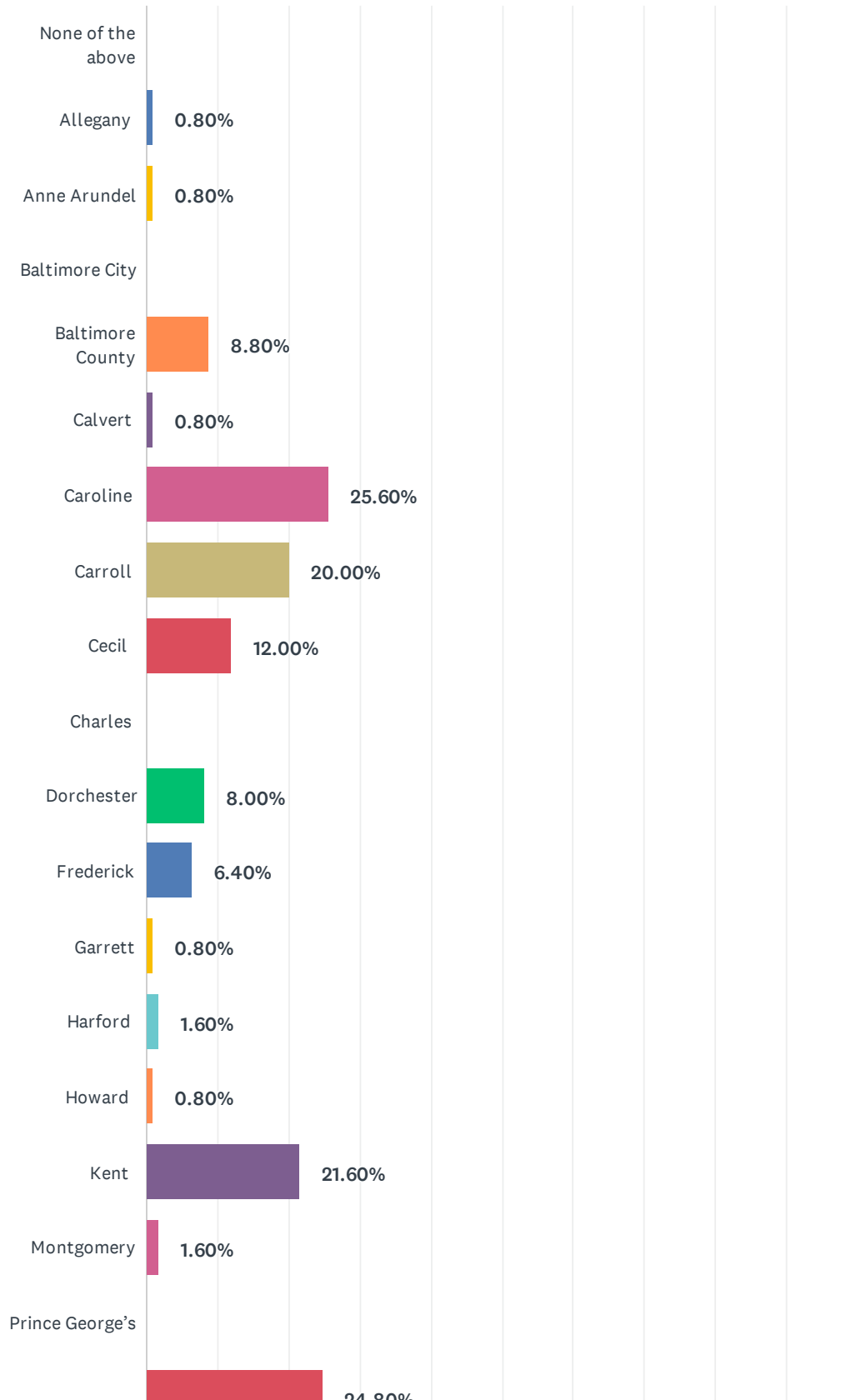


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.80%	1
On the farm (1)	56.80%	71
0-5 miles (2)	21.60%	27
5-10 miles (3)	7.20%	9
10-25 miles (4)	12.80%	16
25+ miles (5)	0.80%	1
TOTAL		125

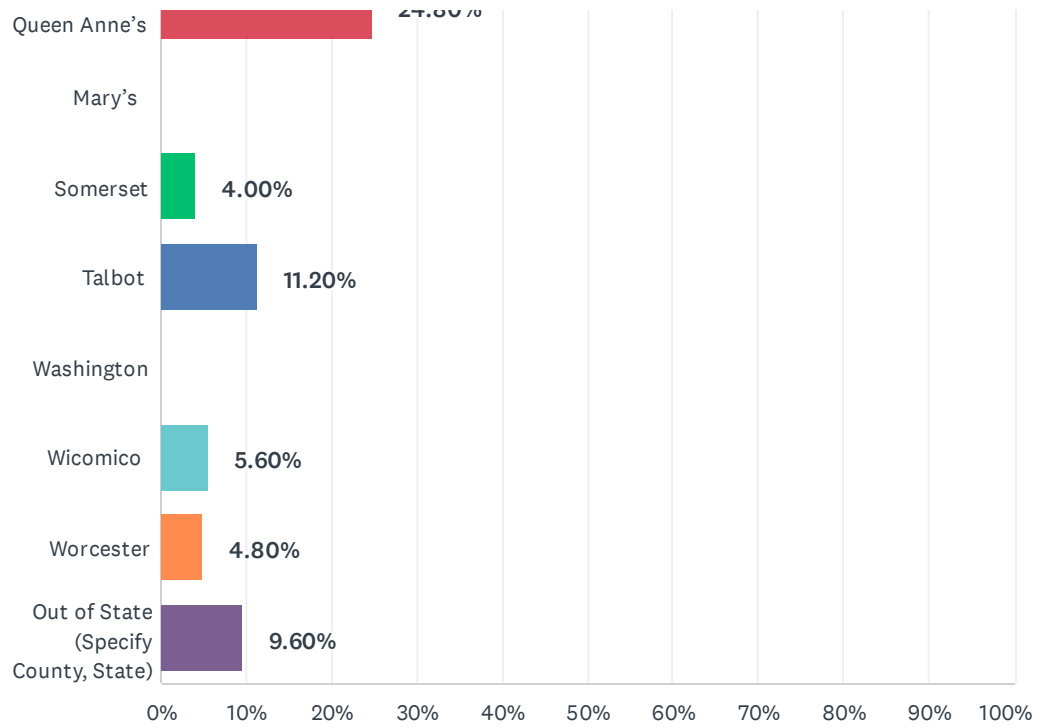
BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 5.00	Median 1.00	Mean 1.78	Standard Deviation 1.09

Q7 In what counties is your ag business located? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		0.00%	0
Allegany (1)		0.80%	1
Anne Arundel (2)		0.80%	1
Baltimore City (3)		0.00%	0
Baltimore County (4)		8.80%	11
Calvert (5)		0.80%	1
Caroline (6)		25.60%	32
Carroll (7)		20.00%	25
Cecil (8)		12.00%	15
Charles (9)		0.00%	0
Dorchester (10)		8.00%	10
Frederick (11)		6.40%	8
Garrett (12)		0.80%	1
Harford (13)		1.60%	2
Howard (14)		0.80%	1
Kent (15)		21.60%	27
Montgomery (16)		1.60%	2
Prince George's (17)		0.00%	0
Queen Anne's (18)		24.80%	31
Mary's (19)		0.00%	0
Somerset (20)		4.00%	5
Talbot (21)		11.20%	14
Washington (22)		0.00%	0
Wicomico (23)		5.60%	7
Worcester (24)		4.80%	6
Out of State (Specify County, State) (25)		9.60%	12
Total Respondents: 125			

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	26.00	13.00	13.14	6.76

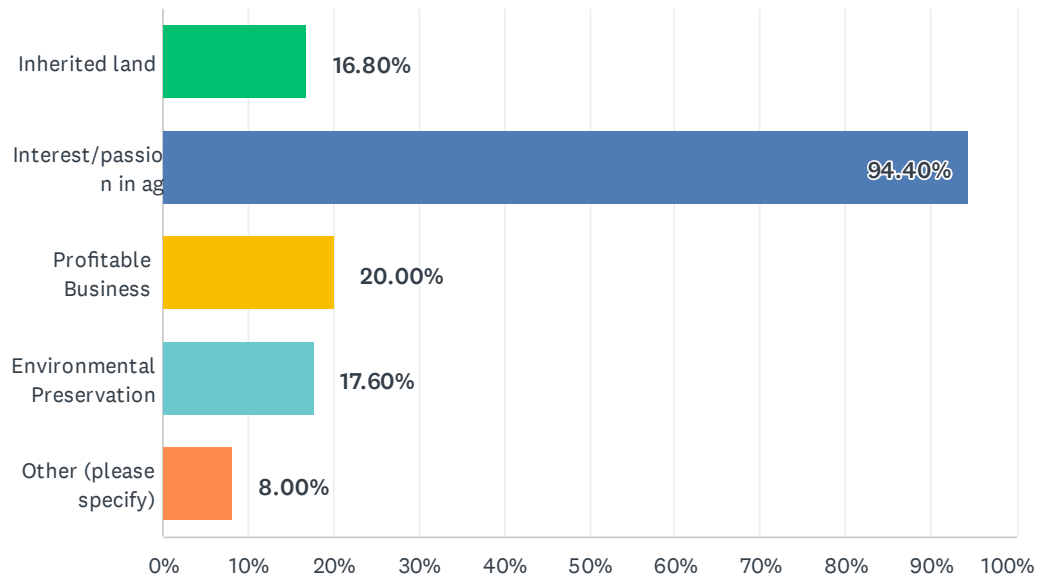
#	OUT OF STATE (SPECIFY COUNTY, STATE)	DATE
1	New Castle Co., DE	2/15/2025 6:37 AM

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2	Kent, DE	2/14/2025 9:03 AM
3	Sussex County, Delaware	2/14/2025 7:49 AM
4	Sussex, DE	2/14/2025 7:01 AM
5	Sussex delaware	1/8/2025 7:23 AM
6	York	12/16/2024 6:09 PM
7	Sussex delware	12/14/2024 8:57 PM
8	Kent, DE	12/6/2024 9:19 PM
9	Adams,PA	11/30/2024 2:37 PM
10	New Castle County, DE	6/19/2024 4:04 PM
11	Adams PA	6/15/2024 1:37 PM
12	Virginia	6/11/2024 8:29 AM

Q8 What motivated you to continue/ start farming? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Inherited land (1)	16.80%	21
Interest/passion in ag (2)	94.40%	118
Profitable Business (3)	20.00%	25
Environmental Preservation (4)	17.60%	22
Other (please specify) (5)	8.00%	10
Total Respondents: 125		

BASIC STATISTICS				
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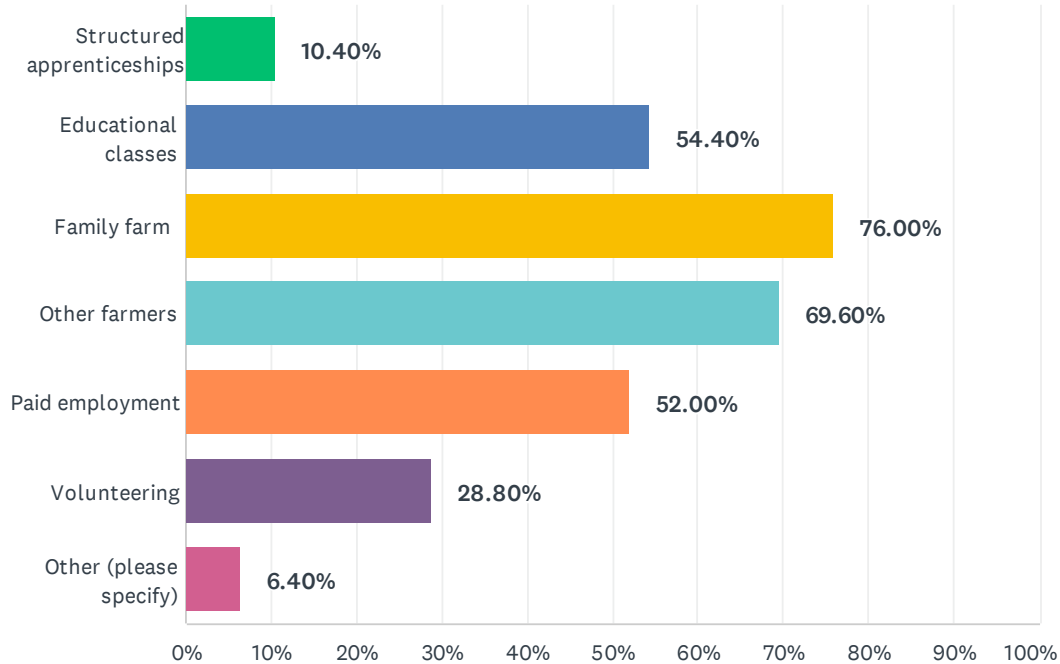
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Keep tradition alive for next generation	2/15/2025 6:37 AM
2	Born into it	2/13/2025 9:26 PM
3	Sustainability	1/24/2025 3:42 PM
4	My husband is a farmer so it's basically a requirement:)	12/20/2024 11:02 AM
5	My grandfathers love of the land that he taught me	12/14/2024 8:57 PM
6	Create a profitable career path for our children	12/4/2024 12:35 PM
7	No choice	12/3/2024 4:44 AM
8	Food access, organic growing practices	6/25/2024 5:01 PM

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9	Fear of being the last generation to farm	6/15/2024 8:05 AM
10	Feeding the community	6/5/2024 11:01 AM

Q9 In what ways have you gained farming experience? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Structured apprenticeships (1)	10.40%	13
Educational classes (2)	54.40%	68
Family farm (3)	76.00%	95
Other farmers (4)	69.60%	87
Paid employment (5)	52.00%	65
Volunteering (6)	28.80%	36
Other (please specify) (7)	6.40%	8
Total Respondents: 125		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	7.00	4.00	3.71	1.40

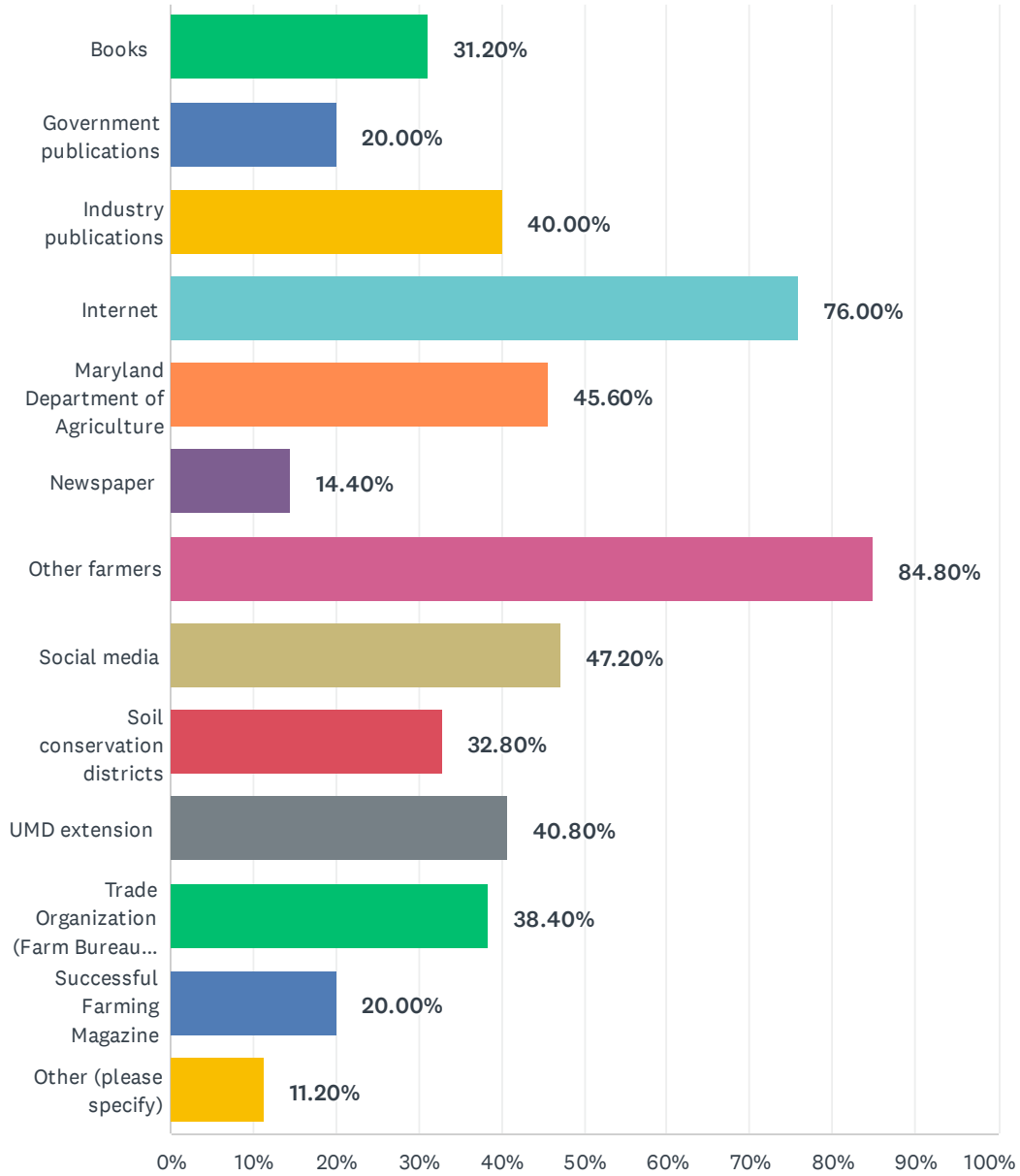
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Total acre	2/14/2025 8:53 PM
2	Personal research and experience	1/19/2025 6:44 PM
3	Internet / YouTube and just learning by doing	1/17/2025 7:39 PM

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4	Selling seed	12/14/2024 8:57 PM
5	Online resources	12/7/2024 4:52 PM
6	YouTube	8/27/2024 3:42 PM
7	College degree	6/24/2024 9:53 PM
8	LEAD	6/11/2024 9:01 AM

Q10 What sources do you use when you need information regarding farming? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0



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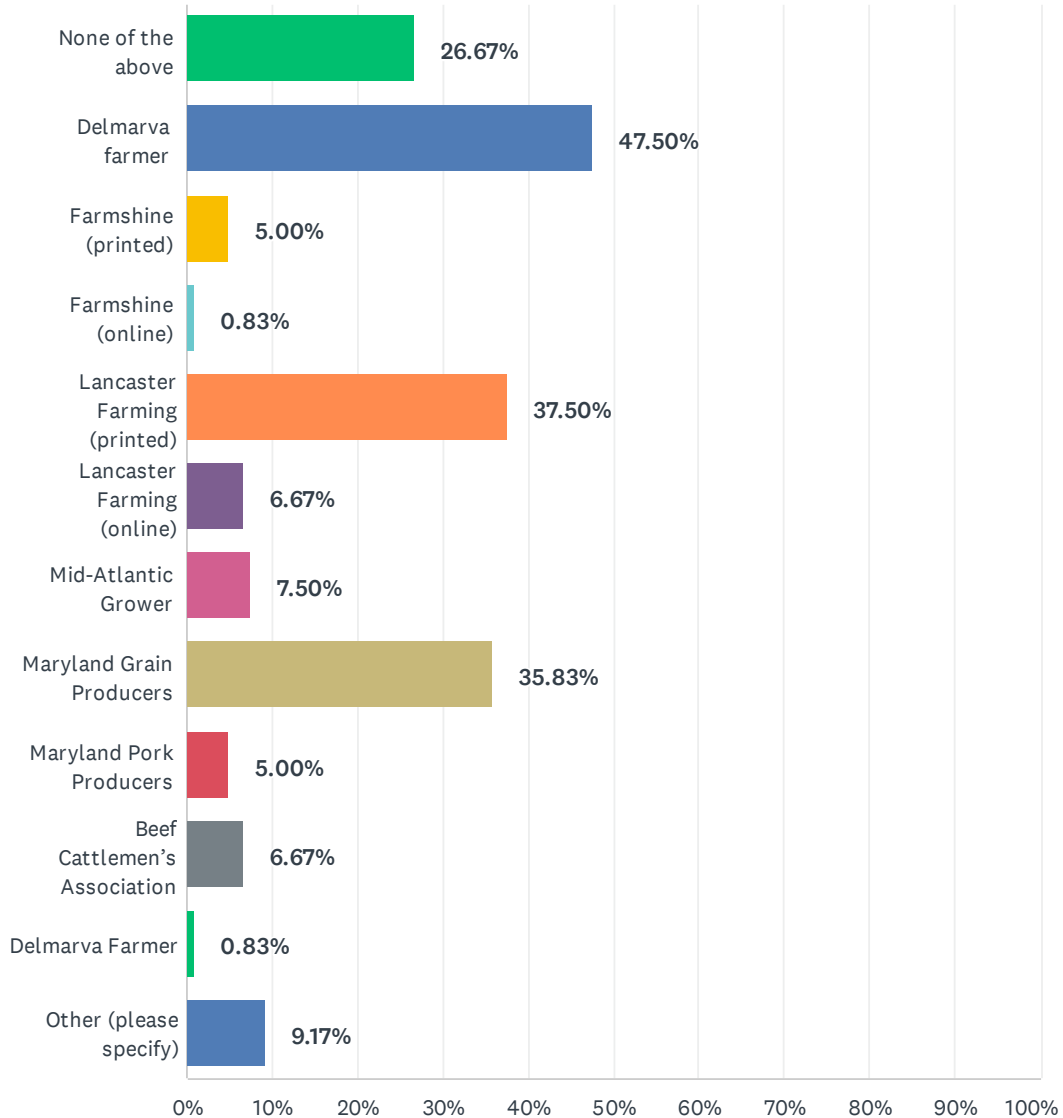
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Books (1)	31.20%	39
Government publications (2)	20.00%	25
Industry publications (3)	40.00%	50
Internet (4)	76.00%	95
Maryland Department of Agriculture (5)	45.60%	57
Newspaper (6)	14.40%	18
Other farmers (7)	84.80%	106
Social media (8)	47.20%	59
Soil conservation districts (9)	32.80%	41
UMD extension (10)	40.80%	51
Trade Organization (Farm Bureau, Corn Growers Assn., etc.) (11)	38.40%	48
Successful Farming Magazine (12)	20.00%	25
Other (please specify) (13)	11.20%	14
Total Respondents: 125		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 13.00	Median 7.00	Mean 6.55	Standard Deviation 3.19

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	My grandparents & dad	2/27/2025 12:28 AM
2	Farming Groups such as Total Acre, Extreme Ag	2/15/2025 2:47 PM
3	ChatGPT	2/15/2025 6:37 AM
4	Local agronomists	2/2/2025 10:53 AM
5	Midwest University Publications	1/15/2025 11:34 AM
6	Conferences	1/14/2025 8:37 PM
7	Seminars	12/29/2024 8:26 AM
8	Podcast	12/15/2024 9:37 PM
9	AG PHD RADIO	11/27/2024 11:34 PM
10	Out of state university publications, because Maryland agronomy information is limited and inaccurate.	11/27/2024 6:02 PM
11	Elder family members	6/24/2024 9:53 PM
12	Other University Research	6/19/2024 4:04 PM
13	Mid Atlantic vegetable grower recommendations book	6/15/2024 1:37 PM
14	Agronomic Advisor/ Crop Scout	6/11/2024 9:01 AM

Q11 Do you subscribe to any online farming/ag publications? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 120 Skipped: 5



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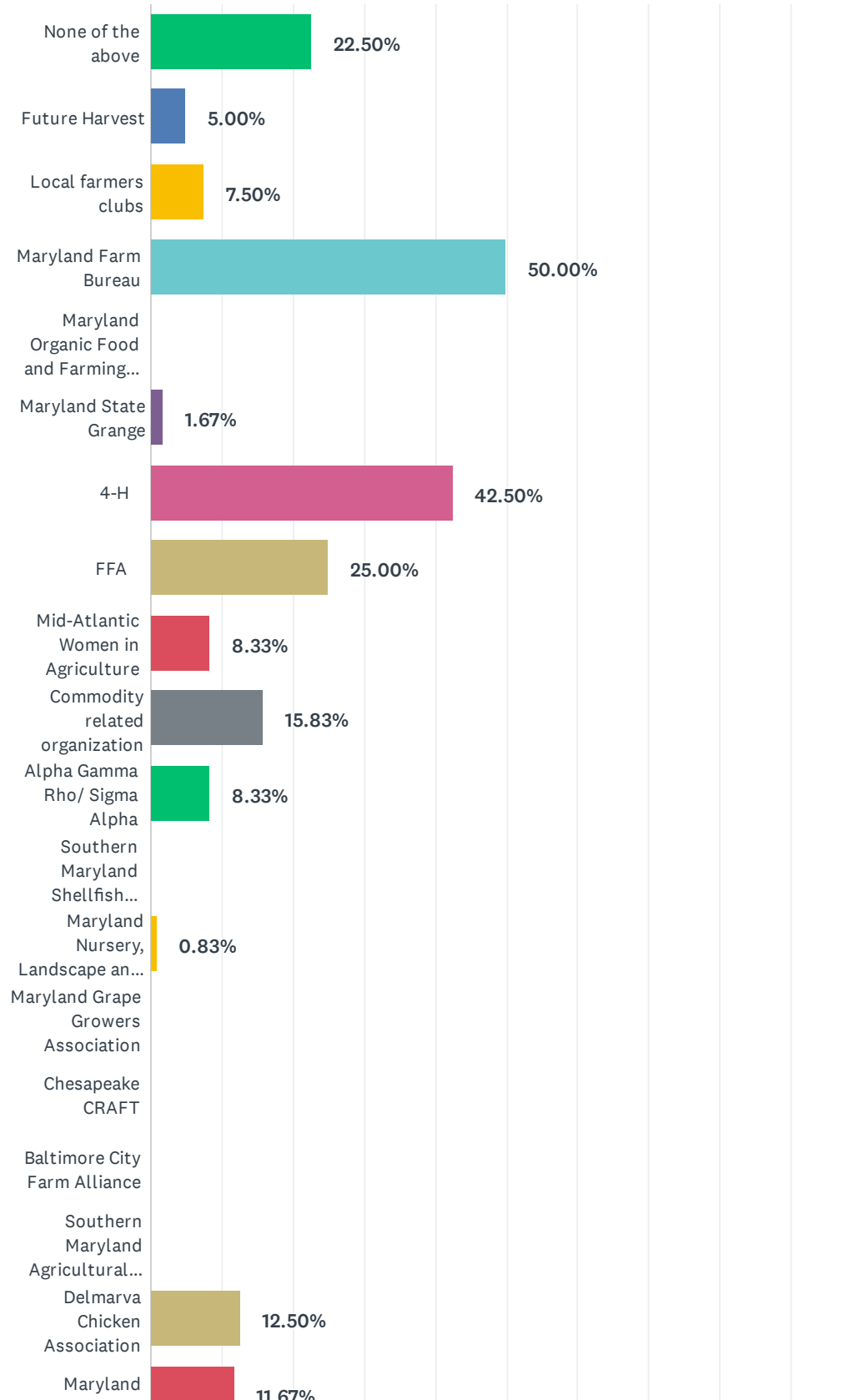
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	26.67%	32
Delmarva farmer (1)	47.50%	57
Farmshine (printed) (2)	5.00%	6
Farmshine (online) (3)	0.83%	1
Lancaster Farming (printed) (4)	37.50%	45
Lancaster Farming (online) (5)	6.67%	8
Mid-Atlantic Grower (6)	7.50%	9
Maryland Grain Producers (7)	35.83%	43
Maryland Pork Producers (8)	5.00%	6
Beef Cattlemen's Association (9)	6.67%	8
Delmarva Farmer (10)	0.83%	1
Other (please specify) (11)	9.17%	11
Total Respondents: 120		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 12.00	Median 4.00	Mean 4.66	Standard Deviation 3.14

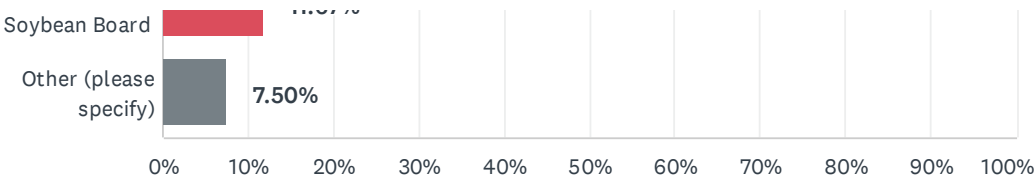
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Standard Grain on YouTube	2/15/2025 6:37 AM
2	Successful Farming Magazine	1/31/2025 7:17 PM
3	Magnetic Ag	12/25/2024 3:01 PM
4	Care farm network	12/20/2024 7:45 PM
5	None currently but have in the past	12/7/2024 4:52 PM
6	Vegetable grower magazine	11/30/2024 2:37 PM
7	Crops and Soils Magazine	11/27/2024 6:02 PM
8	Clydesdale breeders Association	11/27/2024 5:09 PM
9	Growing for Market	6/25/2024 5:01 PM
10	DTN	6/19/2024 4:04 PM
11	Commercial vegetable grower	6/15/2024 1:37 PM

Q12 With what ag organizations are you affiliated? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 120 Skipped: 5



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	22.50%	27
Future Harvest (1)	5.00%	6
Local farmers clubs (2)	7.50%	9
Maryland Farm Bureau (3)	50.00%	60
Maryland Organic Food and Farming Association (4)	0.00%	0
Maryland State Grange (5)	1.67%	2
4-H (6)	42.50%	51
FFA (7)	25.00%	30
Mid-Atlantic Women in Agriculture (8)	8.33%	10
Commodity related organization (9)	15.83%	19
Alpha Gamma Rho/ Sigma Alpha (10)	8.33%	10
Southern Maryland Shellfish Growers Association (11)	0.00%	0
Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association (12)	0.83%	1
Maryland Grape Growers Association (13)	0.00%	0
Chesapeake CRAFT (14)	0.00%	0
Baltimore City Farm Alliance (15)	0.00%	0
Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (16)	0.00%	0
Delmarva Chicken Association (17)	12.50%	15
Maryland Soybean Board (18)	11.67%	14
Other (please specify) (19)	7.50%	9
Total Respondents: 120		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	20.00	6.00	7.54	5.17

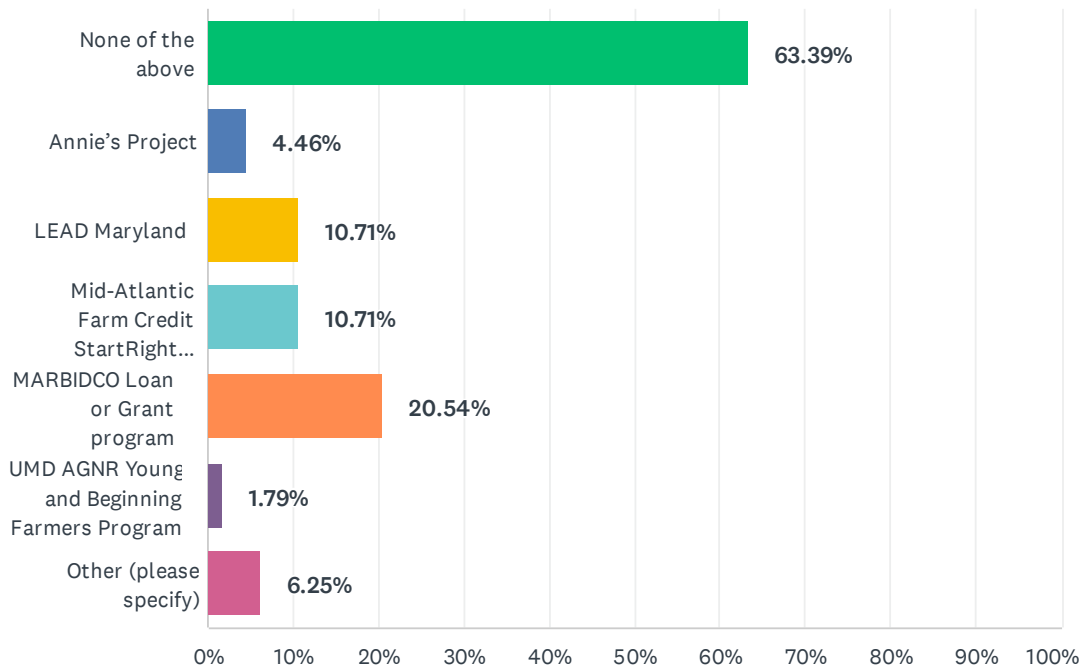
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1	Maryland Holstein Association	2/18/2025 8:40 PM
2	LEAD	2/14/2025 8:53 PM
3	Somerset County Young Farmers	1/31/2025 7:17 PM

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4	National young farmers coalition, CCOF, OTA	1/14/2025 8:37 PM
5	County Ag Preservation Advisory Board	12/10/2024 2:20 PM
6	PVGA	11/30/2024 2:37 PM
7	MD Grain Producers	11/28/2024 5:48 AM
8	Maryland Draft Horse & Mule Association	11/27/2024 5:09 PM
9	maryland cut flower growers	6/10/2024 7:14 PM

Q13 In what ag programs have you participated? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 112 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	63.39%	71
Annie's Project (1)	4.46%	5
LEAD Maryland (2)	10.71%	12
Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit StartRight Program (3)	10.71%	12
MARBIDCO Loan or Grant program (4)	20.54%	23
UMD AGNR Young and Beginning Farmers Program (5)	1.79%	2
Other (please specify) (6)	6.25%	7
Total Respondents: 112		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	7.00	4.00	3.54	1.61

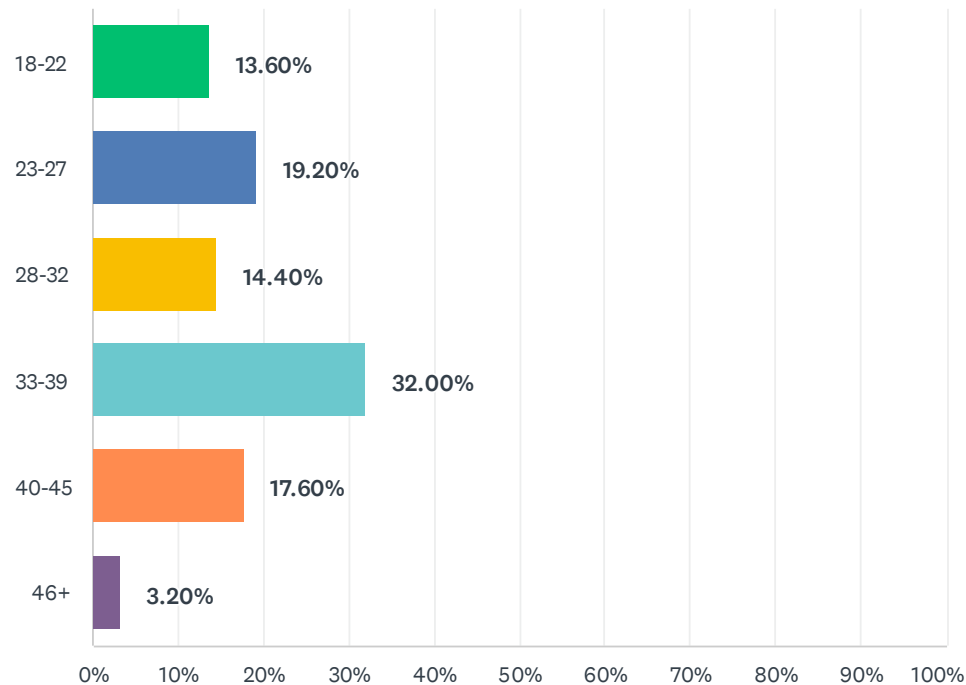
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	CREP	2/13/2025 9:55 PM
2	FFA alumni	2/13/2025 9:02 PM
3	Farming , Pencil to Plow class	1/17/2025 7:39 PM
4	Future Harvest beginner farmer program, AgBiz masters	1/14/2025 8:37 PM

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5	ASA Young Leadership program	12/16/2024 6:09 PM
6	Cecil Grown	12/10/2024 2:20 PM
7	Future Harvest's Beginner Farmer Training Program	6/25/2024 5:01 PM

Q14 What is your age:

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0

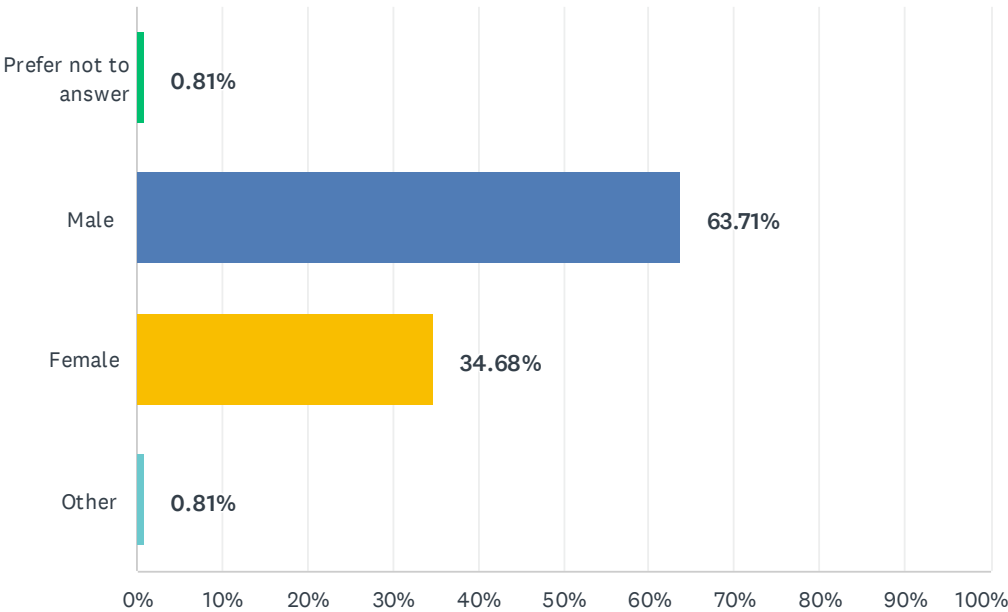


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
18-22 (1)		13.60%	17
23-27 (2)		19.20%	24
28-32 (3)		14.40%	18
33-39 (4)		32.00%	40
40-45 (5)		17.60%	22
46+ (6)		3.20%	4
TOTAL			125

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	6.00	4.00	3.30	1.40

Q15 What is your gender:

Answered: 124 Skipped: 1



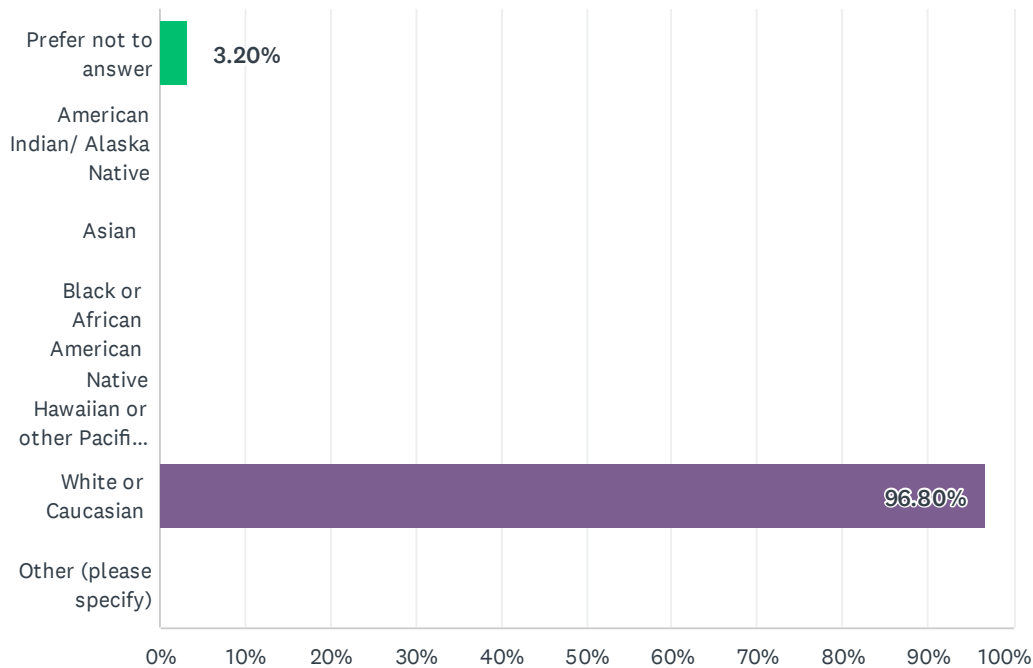
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer		0.81%	1
Male (1)		63.71%	79
Female (2)		34.68%	43
Other (3)		0.81%	1
TOTAL			124

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	1.00	1.37	0.53

#	OTHER	DATE
1	W	1/7/2025 8:28 PM

Q16 Please specify your race

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0



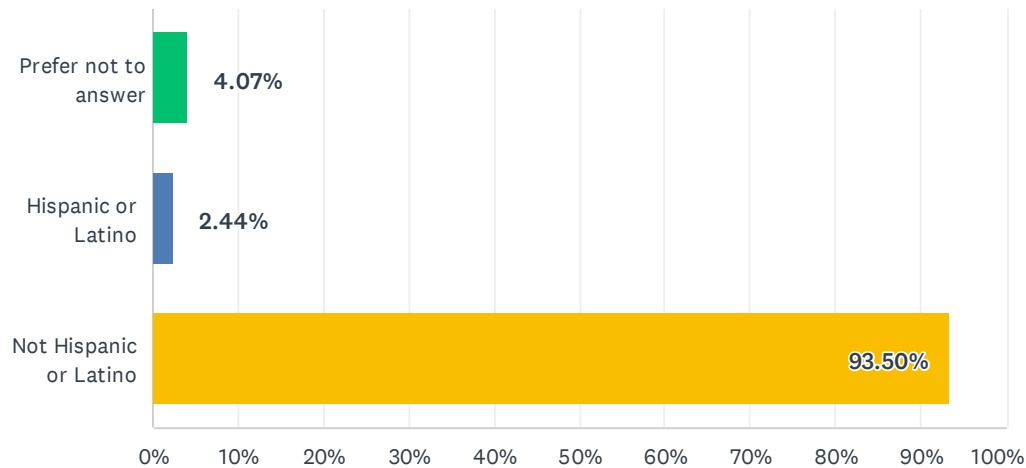
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	3.20%	4
American Indian/ Alaska Native (1)	0.00%	0
Asian (2)	0.00%	0
Black or African American (3)	0.00%	0
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (4)	0.00%	0
White or Caucasian (5)	96.80%	121
Other (please specify) (6)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		125

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q17 Please specify your ethnicity:

Answered: 123 Skipped: 2

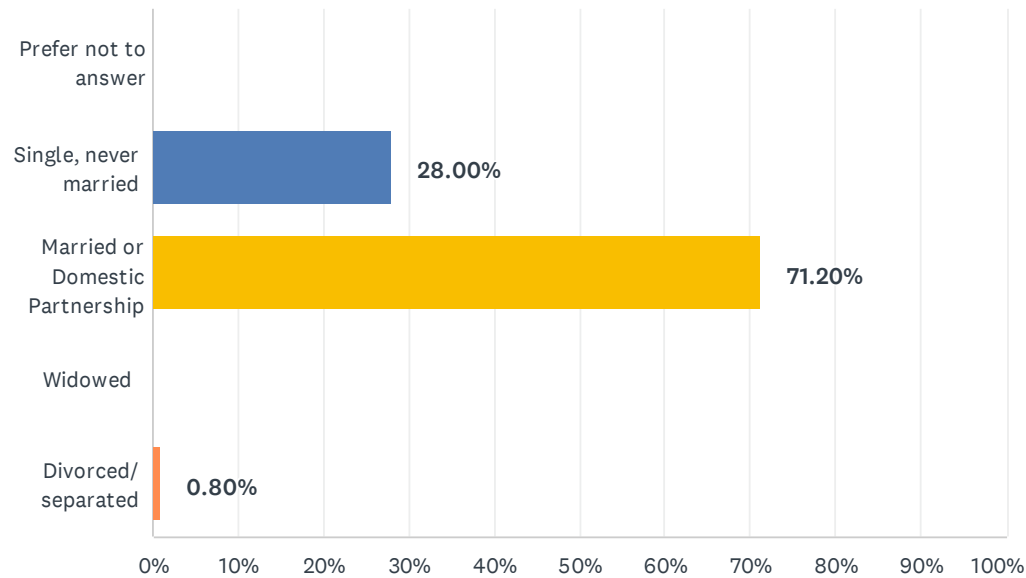


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer		4.07%	5
Hispanic or Latino (1)		2.44%	3
Not Hispanic or Latino (2)		93.50%	115
TOTAL			123

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	2.00	1.97	0.16

Q18 Marital Status?

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0

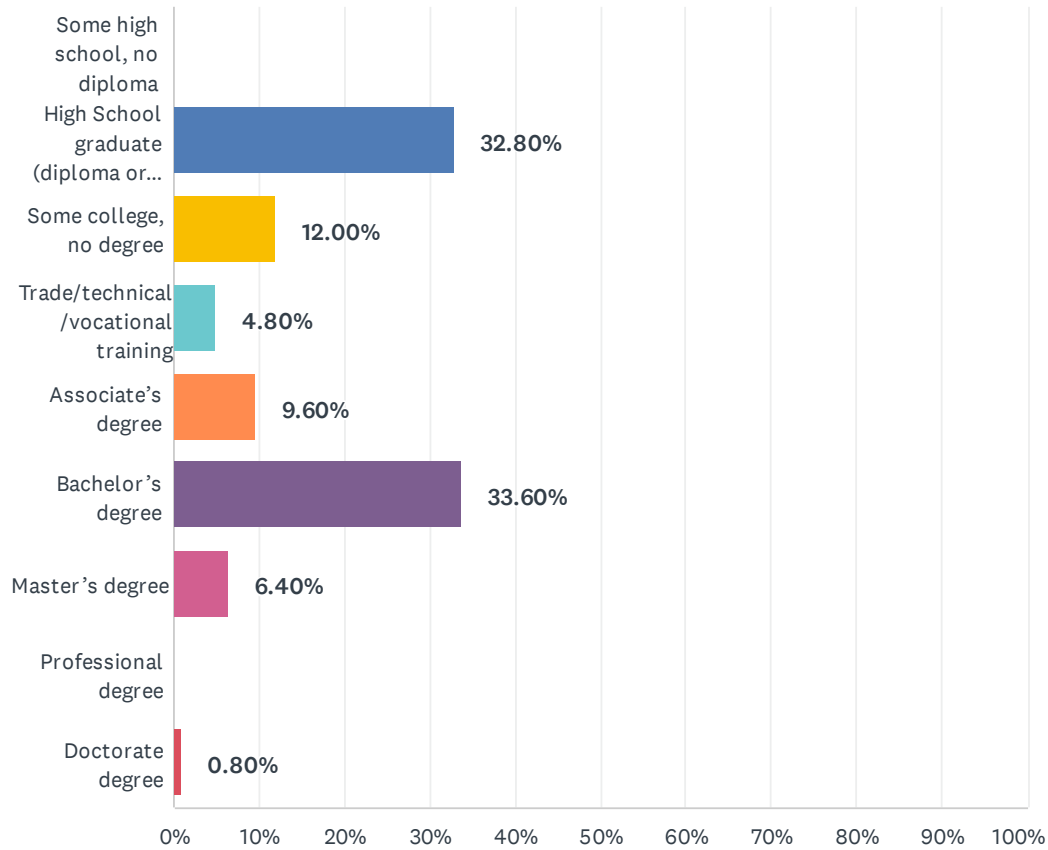


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer		0.00%	0
Single, never married (1)		28.00%	35
Married or Domestic Partnership (2)		71.20%	89
Widowed (3)		0.00%	0
Divorced/ separated (4)		0.80%	1
TOTAL			125

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	1.74	0.49

Q19 What is the highest degree of school you completed:

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0

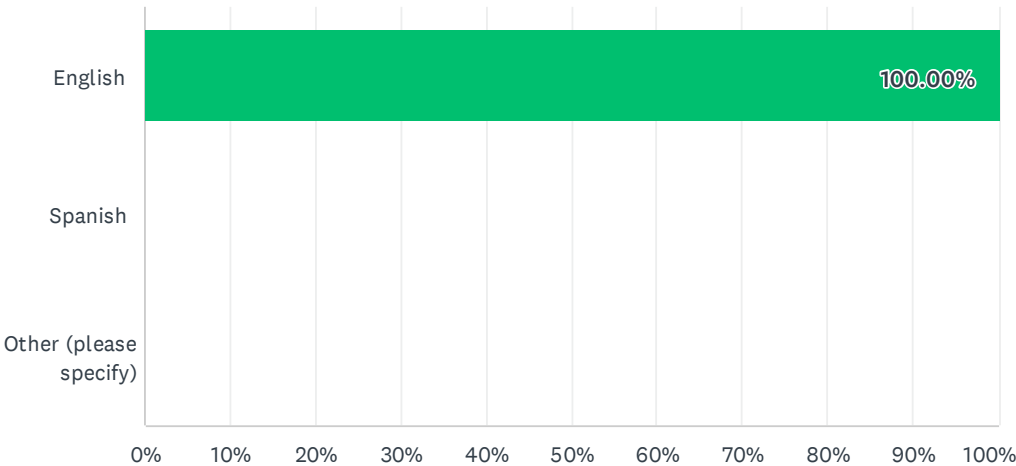


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Some high school, no diploma (1)	0.00%	0
High School graduate (diploma or eq.) (2)	32.80%	41
Some college, no degree (3)	12.00%	15
Trade/technical/vocational training (4)	4.80%	6
Associate's degree (5)	9.60%	12
Bachelor's degree (6)	33.60%	42
Master's degree (7)	6.40%	8
Professional degree (8)	0.00%	0
Doctorate degree (9)	0.80%	1
TOTAL		125

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 2.00	Maximum 9.00	Median 5.00	Mean 4.22	Standard Deviation 1.90

Q20 What language do you prefer to see communication?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 1



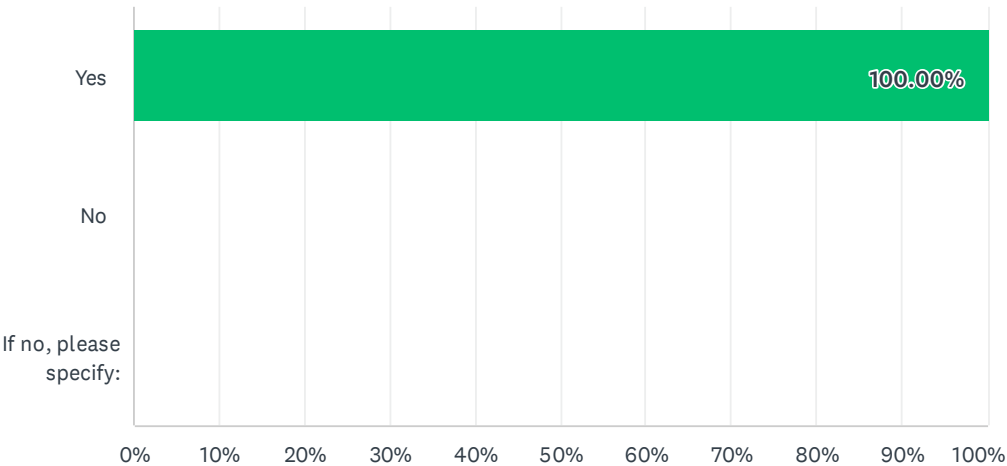
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
English (1)		100.00%	124
Spanish (2)		0.00%	0
Other (please specify) (3)		0.00%	0
TOTAL			124

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q21 Is English your first language?

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0



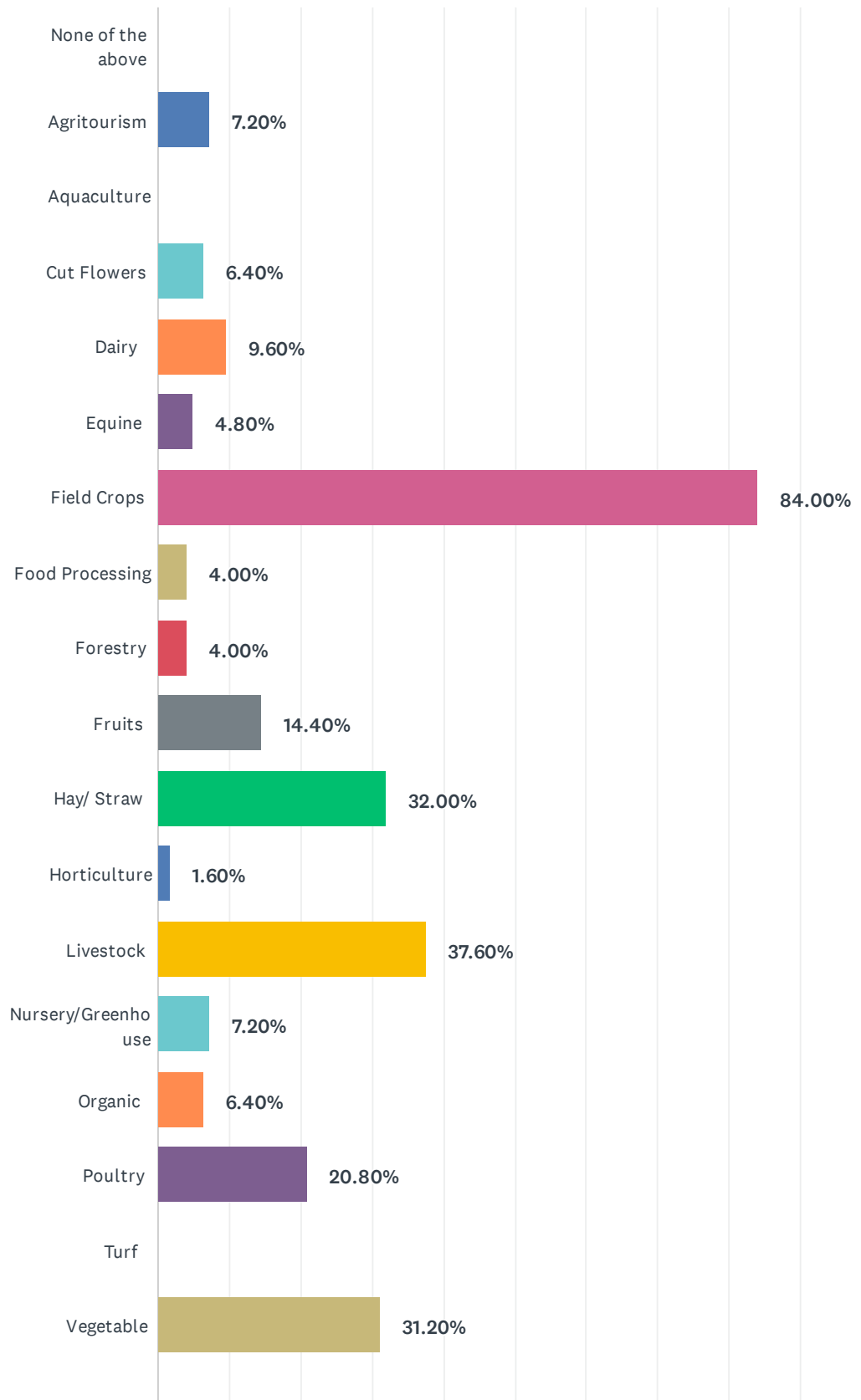
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes (1)		100.00%	125
No (2)		0.00%	0
If no, please specify: (3)		0.00%	0
TOTAL			125

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
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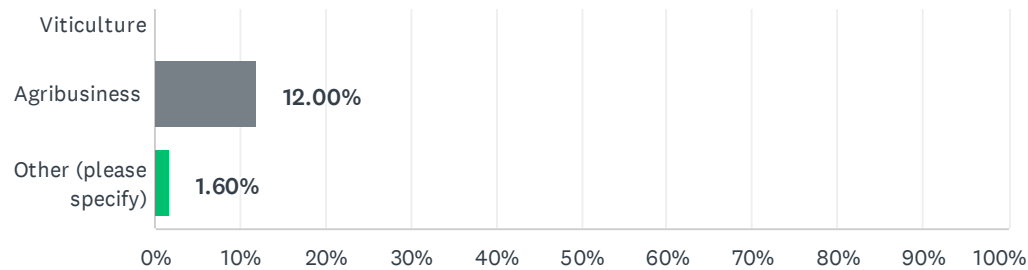
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	There are no responses.	

Q22 What products do you grow/ operate? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.00%	0
Agritourism (1)	7.20%	9
Aquaculture (2)	0.00%	0
Cut Flowers (3)	6.40%	8
Dairy (4)	9.60%	12
Equine (5)	4.80%	6
Field Crops (6)	84.00%	105
Food Processing (7)	4.00%	5
Forestry (8)	4.00%	5
Fruits (9)	14.40%	18
Hay/ Straw (10)	32.00%	40
Horticulture (11)	1.60%	2
Livestock (12)	37.60%	47
Nursery/Greenhouse (13)	7.20%	9
Organic (14)	6.40%	8
Poultry (15)	20.80%	26
Turf (16)	0.00%	0
Vegetable (17)	31.20%	39
Viticulture (18)	0.00%	0
Agribusiness (19)	12.00%	15
Other (please specify) (20)	1.60%	2
Total Respondents: 125		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	21.00	10.00	10.04	4.71

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	Seed sales	12/14/2024 9:03 PM
2	Firewood	12/4/2024 12:49 PM

Q23 How many acres of each crop do you grow/ operate? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 118 Skipped: 7

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agritourism	7.63% 9
Aquaculture	2.54% 3
Cut Flowers	8.47% 10
Field Crops	82.20% 97
Forestry	5.08% 6
Fruits	12.71% 15
Hay/ Straw	32.20% 38
Horticulture	3.39% 4
Nursery/Greenhouse	11.02% 13
Organic	5.93% 7
Turf	2.54% 3
Vegetable	32.20% 38
Viticulture	2.54% 3

#	AGRITOURISM	DATE
1	1/2	3/1/2025 6:40 PM
2	5	2/27/2025 11:42 PM
3	5	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
4	0	1/9/2025 9:24 AM
5	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
6	4 acres	12/20/2024 7:50 PM
7	8	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
8	5	12/7/2024 4:59 PM
9	20	11/28/2024 5:52 AM

#	AQUACULTURE	DATE
1	300	1/9/2025 9:24 AM
2	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
3	0	12/16/2024 8:33 PM

#	CUT FLOWERS	DATE
1	1/2	3/1/2025 6:40 PM
2	1	1/12/2025 4:47 PM

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3	2 acres	1/11/2025 7:32 AM
4	0	1/9/2025 9:24 AM
5	2	1/7/2025 9:27 PM
6	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
7	.25	12/20/2024 4:28 PM
8	.2	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
9	1	8/19/2024 2:58 PM
10	1	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
#	FIELD CROPS	DATE
1	2,800	2/27/2025 6:47 PM
2	700	2/26/2025 6:58 AM
3	4000	2/20/2025 10:59 AM
4	800	2/18/2025 8:55 PM
5	12	2/17/2025 3:07 PM
6	1654	2/15/2025 11:05 PM
7	1800	2/15/2025 2:51 PM
8	300	2/15/2025 7:11 AM
9	5000	2/15/2025 6:44 AM
10	1000	2/14/2025 8:58 PM
11	1,000	2/14/2025 5:02 PM
12	2300	2/14/2025 4:57 PM
13	2000	2/14/2025 4:46 PM
14	510	2/14/2025 9:08 AM
15	1200	2/14/2025 8:46 AM
16	350	2/14/2025 8:30 AM
17	400	2/14/2025 7:53 AM
18	1800	2/14/2025 7:12 AM
19	70	2/14/2025 6:50 AM
20	300	2/14/2025 6:45 AM
21	1800	2/14/2025 6:35 AM
22	1700	2/14/2025 5:06 AM
23	200	2/14/2025 2:07 AM
24	72	2/13/2025 10:37 PM
25	100	2/13/2025 10:30 PM
26	350	2/13/2025 10:23 PM
27	200 +/-	2/13/2025 10:00 PM
28	Over 1,000	2/13/2025 9:47 PM
29	1,200	2/13/2025 9:40 PM

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30	1000	2/13/2025 9:11 PM
31	3800	2/13/2025 9:09 PM
32	60	2/13/2025 9:07 PM
33	105	2/13/2025 9:06 PM
34	50	2/3/2025 4:49 PM
35	400	2/2/2025 10:57 AM
36	5600 ac rotating Corn, Soybeans, Sorghum, Malt Barley and Wheat	1/31/2025 7:24 PM
37	120	1/30/2025 11:34 AM
38	1100	1/25/2025 1:36 PM
39	2	1/24/2025 3:46 PM
40	15	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
41	600	1/11/2025 6:56 PM
42	120 acres	1/11/2025 7:32 AM
43	420	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
44	300	1/9/2025 9:24 AM
45	1200	1/8/2025 7:29 AM
46	200	1/7/2025 9:27 PM
47	120	1/7/2025 6:44 PM
48	3000	1/2/2025 12:25 PM
49	324	1/1/2025 10:41 PM
50	20	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
51	115	12/26/2024 4:33 PM
52	1200	12/25/2024 9:40 PM
53	2500	12/25/2024 3:20 PM
54	350	12/20/2024 4:28 PM
55	4000	12/20/2024 11:05 AM
56	25	12/19/2024 5:35 AM
57	370	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
58	700	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
59	470	12/15/2024 9:45 PM
60	1500	12/14/2024 9:03 PM
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63	700	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
64	3000	12/9/2024 1:36 PM
65	100	12/8/2024 6:16 PM
66	15	12/7/2024 4:59 PM
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68	800	12/6/2024 8:56 PM
69	2500	12/6/2024 8:35 AM
70	1300	12/6/2024 6:52 AM
71	700	12/5/2024 9:42 PM
72	100	12/4/2024 7:40 PM
73	40	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
74	450	12/3/2024 4:48 AM
75	25	12/3/2024 1:58 AM
76	100	12/1/2024 9:48 PM
77	200	11/30/2024 2:45 PM
78	85	11/30/2024 5:11 AM
79	2000	11/28/2024 5:52 AM
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81	120	11/27/2024 6:11 PM
82	19	11/27/2024 5:29 PM
83	340	11/27/2024 3:41 PM
84	700	10/26/2024 9:10 PM
85	350	8/27/2024 3:46 PM
86	3000	7/24/2024 10:01 AM
87	1000	6/24/2024 9:57 PM
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89	380	6/19/2024 8:29 AM
90	350	6/15/2024 1:43 PM
91	1,300	6/15/2024 8:11 AM
92	400	6/11/2024 12:13 PM
93	4500	6/11/2024 8:34 AM
94	145	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
95	120	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
96	200	6/10/2024 8:36 PM
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5	25	12/10/2024 2:27 PM
6	40	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
#	FRUITS	DATE

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4	10	2/14/2025 8:58 PM
5	.5	1/24/2025 3:46 PM
6	6	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
7	5	1/15/2025 11:41 AM
8	0	1/9/2025 9:24 AM
9	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
10	.25 acers	12/20/2024 7:50 PM
11	3	12/20/2024 4:28 PM
12	1	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
13	1	12/9/2024 6:57 PM
14	5	12/7/2024 4:59 PM
15	3	11/27/2024 10:26 PM
#	HAY/ STRAW	DATE
1	150	2/27/2025 6:47 PM
2	100	2/26/2025 6:58 AM
3	300	2/20/2025 10:59 AM
4	100	2/18/2025 8:55 PM
5	600	2/14/2025 4:57 PM
6	15	2/14/2025 9:08 AM
7	75	2/14/2025 8:30 AM
8	100	2/14/2025 7:53 AM
9	100	2/13/2025 10:23 PM
10	300	2/13/2025 9:11 PM
11	200 ac Hay	1/31/2025 7:24 PM
12	200	1/25/2025 1:36 PM
13	900+	1/10/2025 1:44 AM
14	20	1/9/2025 9:24 AM
15	250	1/8/2025 7:29 AM
16	80	1/7/2025 9:27 PM
17	60	1/7/2025 6:44 PM
18	70	12/29/2024 8:30 AM
19	100	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
20	2000	12/20/2024 11:05 AM
21	50	12/19/2024 5:35 AM
22	15	12/16/2024 8:33 PM

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23	100	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
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28	200	12/9/2024 1:36 PM
29	50	12/8/2024 6:16 PM
30	200	12/6/2024 8:56 PM
31	60	12/5/2024 9:42 PM
32	100	12/4/2024 7:40 PM
33	60	12/1/2024 9:48 PM
34	50	11/27/2024 6:11 PM
35	25	11/27/2024 5:29 PM
36	43	11/27/2024 3:41 PM
37	25	6/24/2024 9:57 PM
38	500	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
#	HORTICULTURE	DATE
1	0	1/9/2025 9:24 AM
2	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
3	.25	12/20/2024 4:28 PM
4	0	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
#	NURSERY/GREENHOUSE	DATE
1	1/2	3/1/2025 6:40 PM
2	0.25	1/14/2025 8:42 PM
3	1	1/12/2025 4:47 PM
4	2 greenhouses	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
5	0	1/9/2025 9:24 AM
6	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
7	.2	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
8	1	12/9/2024 6:57 PM
9	14x24 greenhouse	12/6/2024 12:52 AM
10	2	11/30/2024 5:11 AM
11	.2	8/19/2024 2:58 PM
12	1	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
13	2	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
#	ORGANIC	DATE
1	1500	2/16/2025 9:20 PM
2	1	1/14/2025 8:42 PM
3	0	1/9/2025 9:24 AM

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4	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
5	0	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
6	30	12/15/2024 9:45 PM
7	7	12/10/2024 2:27 PM
#	TURF	DATE
1	0	1/9/2025 9:24 AM
2	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
3	0	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
#	VEGETABLE	DATE
1	5	3/1/2025 6:40 PM
2	300sq ft	2/27/2025 12:33 AM
3	2	2/17/2025 3:07 PM
4	0.25	2/15/2025 5:25 PM
5	150	2/14/2025 8:58 PM
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10	5	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
11	1	1/14/2025 8:42 PM
12	1	1/12/2025 9:18 PM
13	5	1/12/2025 4:47 PM
14	120 acres	1/11/2025 7:32 AM
15	0	1/9/2025 9:24 AM
16	5	1/7/2025 8:31 PM
17	400	1/2/2025 12:25 PM
18	2	12/29/2024 8:30 AM
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22	6	12/20/2024 11:05 AM
23	4	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
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25	1	12/10/2024 2:27 PM
26	1	12/9/2024 6:57 PM
27	5	12/7/2024 4:59 PM
28	10	12/2/2024 5:49 PM
29	90	11/30/2024 2:45 PM

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32	2	11/27/2024 5:29 PM
33	.5	8/19/2024 2:58 PM
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35	20	6/25/2024 5:06 PM
36	120	6/15/2024 1:43 PM
37	1	6/11/2024 12:13 PM
38	5	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
#	VITICULTURE	DATE
1	0	1/9/2025 9:24 AM
2	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
3	0	12/16/2024 8:33 PM

Q24 How many head of each livestock do you raise? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 70 Skipped: 55

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Beef Cattle	60.00% 42
Dairy Cattle	17.14% 12
Pigs	31.43% 22
Goats	12.86% 9
Sheep	12.86% 9
Laying Hens	21.43% 15
Meat Chickens	28.57% 20
Horses	15.71% 11
Turkeys	8.57% 6
Rabbits	11.43% 8
Alpaca/ Llama	4.29% 3

#	BEEF CATTLE	DATE
1	2 show longhorns	2/28/2025 1:10 PM
2	10	2/27/2025 6:47 PM
3	65	2/26/2025 6:58 AM
4	25	2/16/2025 9:20 PM
5	2	2/15/2025 5:25 PM
6	15	2/14/2025 9:08 AM
7	100	2/14/2025 7:53 AM
8	5	2/14/2025 2:07 AM
9	90	2/13/2025 10:23 PM
10	75	2/13/2025 9:11 PM
11	4	2/13/2025 9:06 PM
12	35	1/25/2025 1:36 PM
13	4	1/15/2025 11:41 AM
14	12	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
15	74	1/9/2025 9:24 AM
16	53	1/8/2025 7:29 AM
17	45	1/7/2025 9:27 PM
18	175	1/7/2025 6:44 PM

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19	110	12/29/2024 8:30 AM
20	20	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
21	8	12/26/2024 4:33 PM
22	3 cows	12/25/2024 9:40 PM
23	30	12/20/2024 4:28 PM
24	60 to 120 (mom cows, calves and replacements)	12/19/2024 5:35 AM
25	50	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
26	24	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
27	125	12/15/2024 9:45 PM
28	15 feedlot	12/12/2024 9:59 PM
29	25	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
30	3	12/9/2024 6:57 PM
31	60	12/9/2024 1:36 PM
32	12	12/6/2024 9:24 PM
33	75	12/5/2024 9:42 PM
34	35	12/4/2024 7:40 PM
35	45	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
36	11	12/3/2024 1:58 AM
37	125	12/1/2024 9:48 PM
38	15	11/30/2024 2:45 PM
39	6	11/27/2024 5:29 PM
40	65	6/24/2024 9:57 PM
41	60	6/11/2024 12:13 PM
42	40	6/11/2024 8:34 AM
#	DAIRY CATTLE	DATE
1	250	2/28/2025 1:10 PM
2	700	2/18/2025 8:55 PM
3	1000	2/16/2025 9:20 PM
4	1	2/14/2025 6:50 AM
5	200	2/13/2025 9:47 PM
6	200+	12/30/2024 2:31 PM
7	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
8	3	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
9	2500	12/6/2024 8:35 AM
10	1	12/3/2024 1:58 AM
11	20	6/24/2024 9:57 PM
12	360	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
#	PIGS	DATE

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1	20	2/15/2025 5:25 PM
2	75	2/14/2025 7:53 AM
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4	10000	2/13/2025 9:09 PM
5	30	1/24/2025 3:46 PM
6	10	1/15/2025 11:41 AM
7	14	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
8	5	1/9/2025 9:24 AM
9	12	1/7/2025 9:27 PM
10	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
11	140 sows	12/25/2024 9:40 PM
12	2	12/19/2024 5:35 AM
13	200	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
14	15	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
15	70	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
16	1	12/9/2024 6:57 PM
17	20	12/4/2024 7:40 PM
18	10	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
19	25	12/1/2024 9:48 PM
20	10	11/30/2024 2:45 PM
21	6	6/15/2024 1:43 PM
22	1,200	6/15/2024 8:11 AM
#	GOATS	DATE
1	1	2/14/2025 6:50 AM
2	5	1/8/2025 7:29 AM
3	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
4	7	12/20/2024 7:50 PM
5	0	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
6	10	12/9/2024 6:57 PM
7	30	12/6/2024 12:52 AM
8	1	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
9	22	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
#	SHEEP	DATE
1	12	2/16/2025 9:20 PM
2	10	2/15/2025 5:25 PM
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4	0	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
5	16	12/10/2024 4:37 PM

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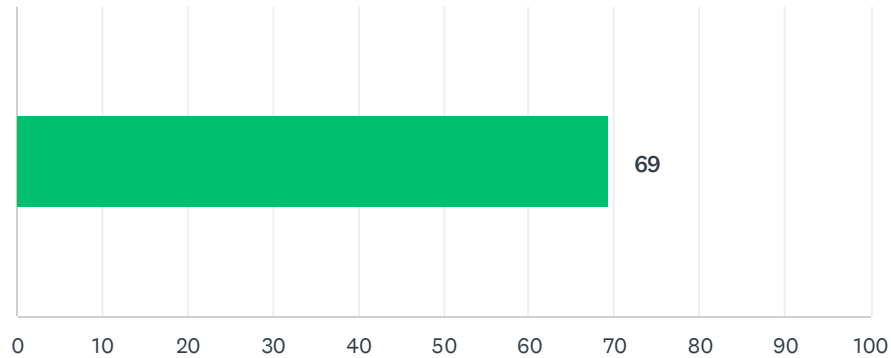
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4	40	1/24/2025 3:46 PM
5	7	1/15/2025 11:41 AM
6	15	12/29/2024 8:30 AM
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13	150	12/6/2024 12:52 AM
14	16	12/3/2024 1:58 AM
15	25	11/27/2024 5:29 PM
#	MEAT CHICKENS	DATE
1	200	2/15/2025 5:25 PM
2	130000	2/15/2025 2:51 PM
3	800,000 annually	2/15/2025 6:44 AM
4	180,000 per year	2/14/2025 9:08 AM
5	48,000	2/14/2025 8:46 AM
6	5000	2/13/2025 10:37 PM
7	10	1/24/2025 3:46 PM
8	360,000	1/11/2025 6:56 PM
9	36000	1/8/2025 7:29 AM
10	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
11	110000	12/16/2024 8:33 PM
12	126,000	12/14/2024 9:03 PM
13	2 commercial houses	12/12/2024 9:59 PM
14	600	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
15	180,000	12/6/2024 9:24 PM
16	72,000	11/30/2024 5:11 AM
17	50+	11/27/2024 5:29 PM

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#	ALPACA/ LLAMA	DATE
1	0	12/28/2024 3:02 PM
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3	3	12/9/2024 6:57 PM

Q25 What percentage of your acreage do you plant in cover crops?

Answered: 108 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	69	7,494	108
Total Respondents: 108			

BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
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7	70	2/15/2025 11:05 PM
8	90	2/15/2025 2:51 PM
9	100	2/15/2025 7:11 AM
10	100	2/15/2025 6:44 AM
11	50	2/14/2025 8:58 PM
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14	100	2/14/2025 9:08 AM
15	81	2/14/2025 8:46 AM
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17	25	2/14/2025 7:53 AM

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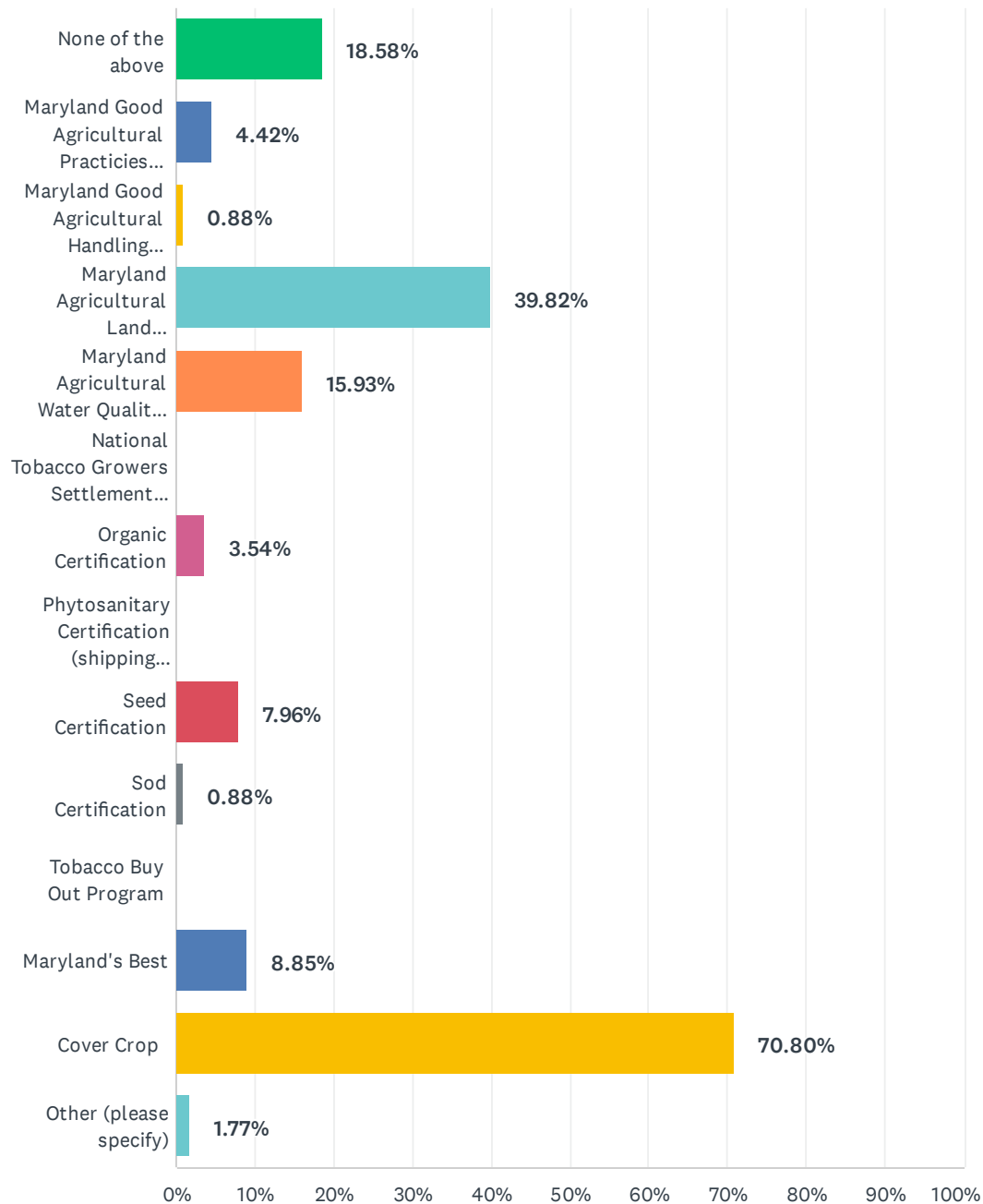
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104	60	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
105	75	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
106	100	6/10/2024 8:36 PM
107	100	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
108	100	6/5/2024 11:07 AM

Q26 In what MDA programs do you participate? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 113 Skipped: 12



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	18.58%	21
Maryland Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Certification (1)	4.42%	5
Maryland Good Agricultural Handling Practices (GHP) (2)	0.88%	1
Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) (3)	39.82%	45
Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost Share Program (MACS) (4)	15.93%	18
National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust (5)	0.00%	0
Organic Certification (6)	3.54%	4
Phytosanitary Certification (shipping nursery and greenhouse products out of state) (7)	0.00%	0
Seed Certification (8)	7.96%	9
Sod Certification (9)	0.88%	1
Tobacco Buy Out Program (10)	0.00%	0
Maryland's Best (11)	8.85%	10
Cover Crop (12)	70.80%	80
Other (please specify) (13)	1.77%	2
Total Respondents: 113		

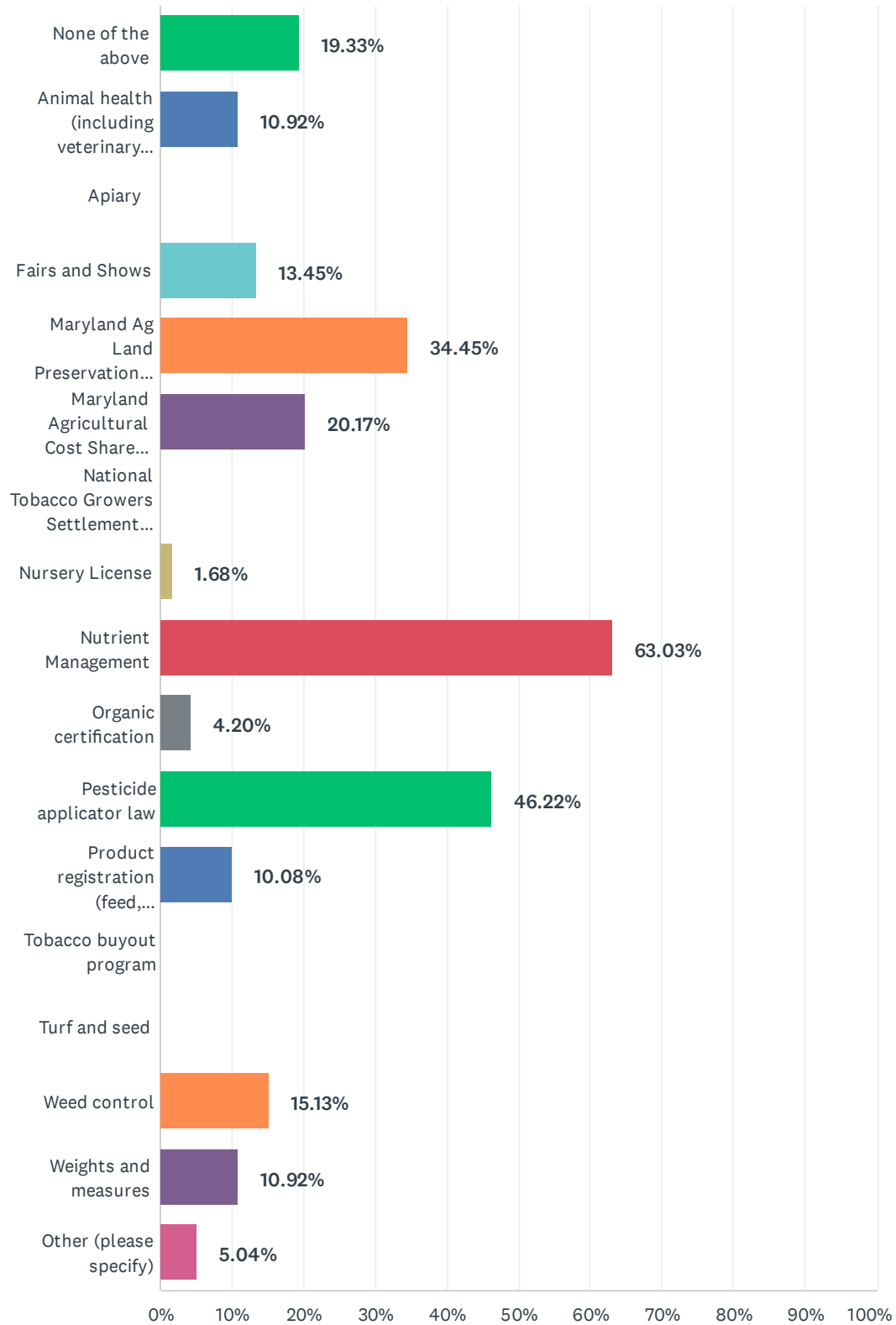
BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	14.00	11.00	8.10	4.24

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Cecil Grown	12/10/2024 2:27 PM
2	Certified Naturally Grown	6/25/2024 5:06 PM

Q27 Are you or your business in any way regulated or subject to the regulatory authority of Maryland Department of Agriculture? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 119 Skipped: 6

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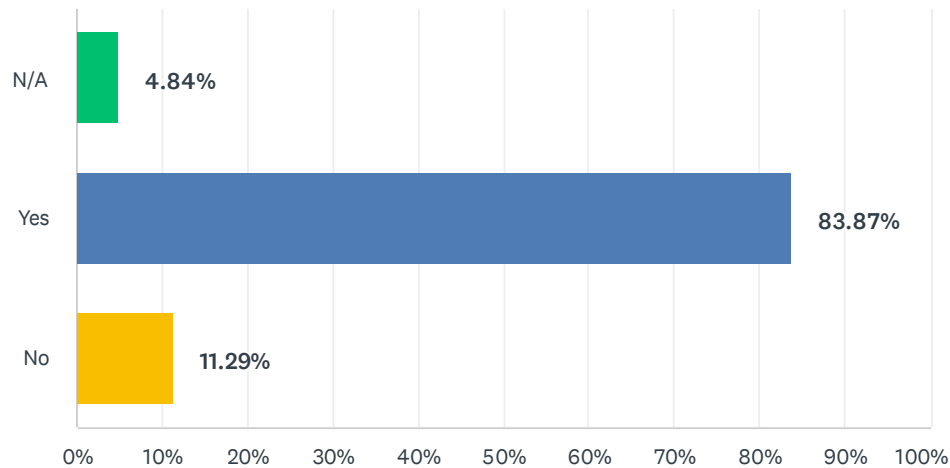
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	19.33%	23
Animal health (including veterinary licensing) (1)	10.92%	13
Apiary (2)	0.00%	0
Fairs and Shows (3)	13.45%	16
Maryland Ag Land Preservation Foundation (4)	34.45%	41
Maryland Agricultural Cost Share Program (5)	20.17%	24
National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust (6)	0.00%	0
Nursery License (7)	1.68%	2
Nutrient Management (8)	63.03%	75
Organic certification (9)	4.20%	5
Pesticide applicator law (10)	46.22%	55
Product registration (feed, fertilizer, pesticides) (11)	10.08%	12
Tobacco buyout program (12)	0.00%	0
Turf and seed (13)	0.00%	0
Weed control (14)	15.13%	18
Weights and measures (15)	10.92%	13
Other (please specify) (16)	5.04%	6
Total Respondents: 119		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 17.00	Median 8.00	Mean 7.98	Standard Deviation 3.79

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	CAFO	2/15/2025 7:11 AM
2	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO)	1/11/2025 6:56 PM
3	MD DNR	1/10/2025 1:44 AM
4	Product Safety	12/10/2024 2:27 PM
5	Raw milk permit	12/6/2024 12:52 AM
6	FSMA	6/15/2024 1:43 PM

Q28 Has your farm been negatively impacted by deer damage?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 1

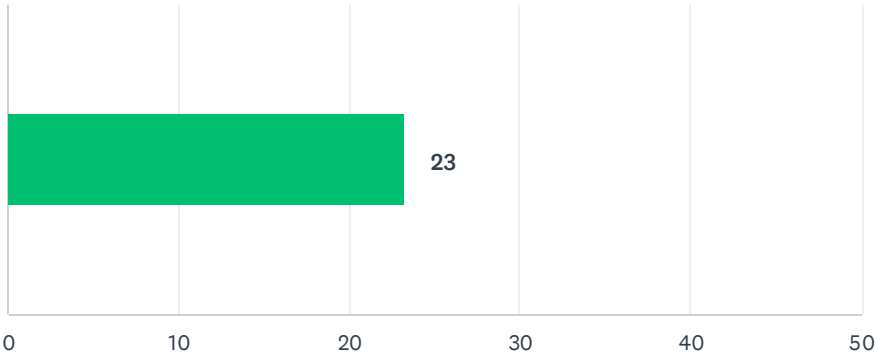


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
N/A		4.84%	6
Yes (1)		83.87%	104
No (2)		11.29%	14
TOTAL			124

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	1.00	1.12	0.32

Q29 If you answered "yes" to experiencing deer damage, what percentage of your crop is lost annually to deer?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	23	2,371	102
Total Respondents: 102			

BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
	0.00	91.00	20.00	23.25	16.95

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4	75	2/20/2025 10:59 AM
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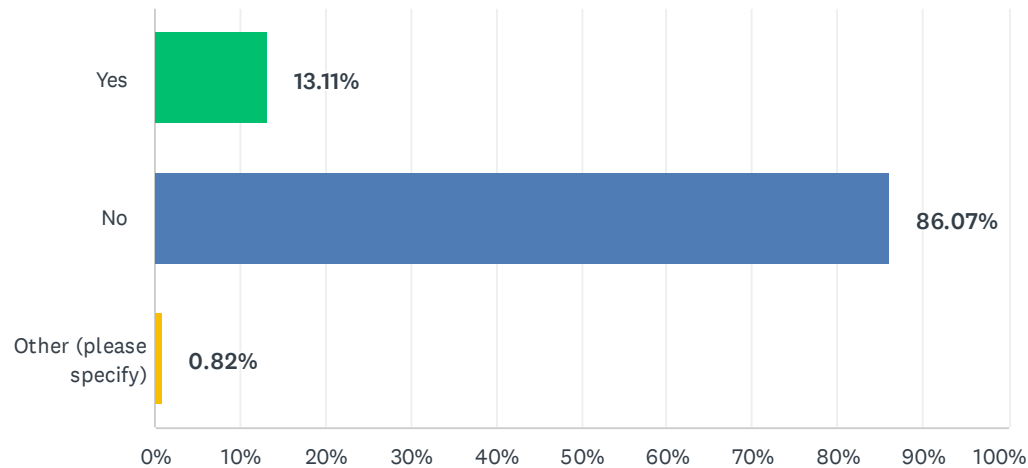
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92	18	6/19/2024 8:29 AM

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96	10	6/11/2024 9:05 AM
97	25	6/11/2024 8:34 AM
98	15	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
99	33	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
100	40	6/10/2024 8:36 PM
101	10	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
102	25	6/5/2024 11:07 AM

Q30 Do you use Artificial Intelligence in your farming operation?

Answered: 122 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes (1)		13.11%	16
No (2)		86.07%	105
Other (please specify) (3)		0.82%	1
TOTAL			122

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	3.00	2.00	1.88	0.35

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Sometimes when trying to quickly source an answer	1/15/2025 11:41 AM

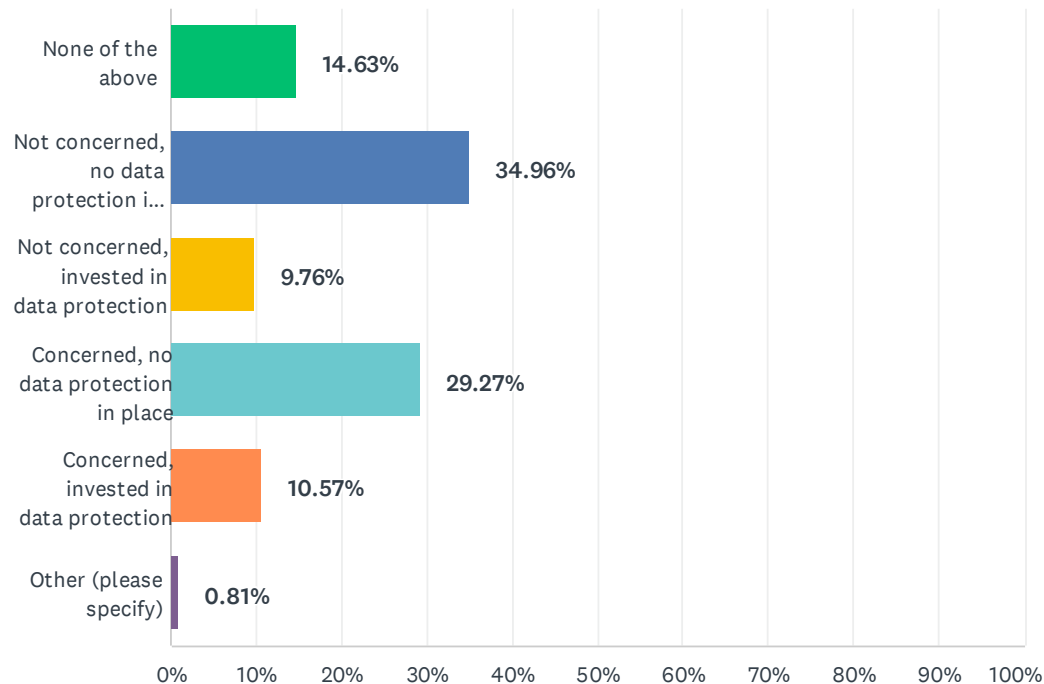
Q31 If you use AI, how do you incorporate to assist your farm?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 113

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Field mapping	2/26/2025 6:58 AM
2	Animal Heat Detection	2/18/2025 8:55 PM
3	Ag research, drafting letters, brainstorming and strategic planning	2/15/2025 6:44 AM
4	irrigation watering	2/14/2025 4:46 PM
5	Mainly just as a search engine but I'm investigating other ways to incorporate it in to decision making.	2/14/2025 7:12 AM
6	Auto guidance, mapping, other technology	2/2/2025 10:57 AM
7	Advertising, documents, and research	12/20/2024 7:50 PM
8	Data collection, utilization	12/9/2024 1:36 PM
9	Miller attentiveness	12/6/2024 8:35 AM
10	Ambrook(data system) and marketing strategy on Facebook	11/27/2024 5:29 PM
11	Use Auto steer for accuracy rates and precision	6/10/2024 8:36 PM
12	office services	6/10/2024 7:22 PM

Q32 Are you concerned with cyber security threats and are you proactively working to protect your data?

Answered: 123 Skipped: 2



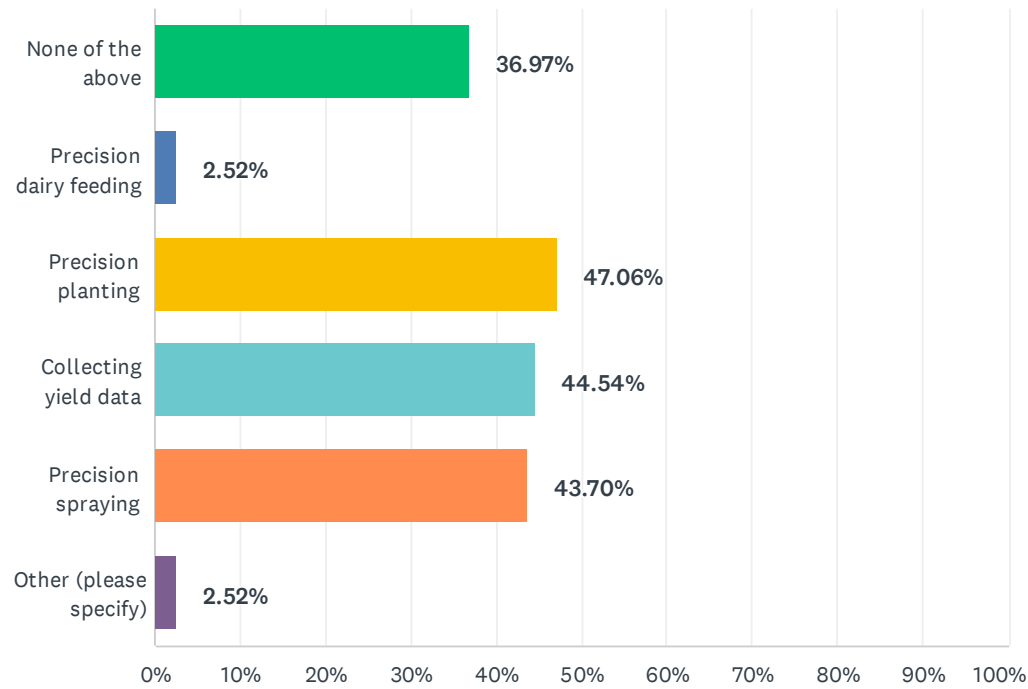
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		14.63%	18
Not concerned, no data protection in place (1)		34.96%	43
Not concerned, invested in data protection (2)		9.76%	12
Concerned, no data protection in place (3)		29.27%	36
Concerned, invested in data protection (4)		10.57%	13
Other (please specify) (5)		0.81%	1
TOTAL			123

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	6.00	2.00	2.22	1.16

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Unsure	1/17/2025 7:46 PM

Q33 Have you adopted any precision agriculture into your farming operation? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 119 Skipped: 6



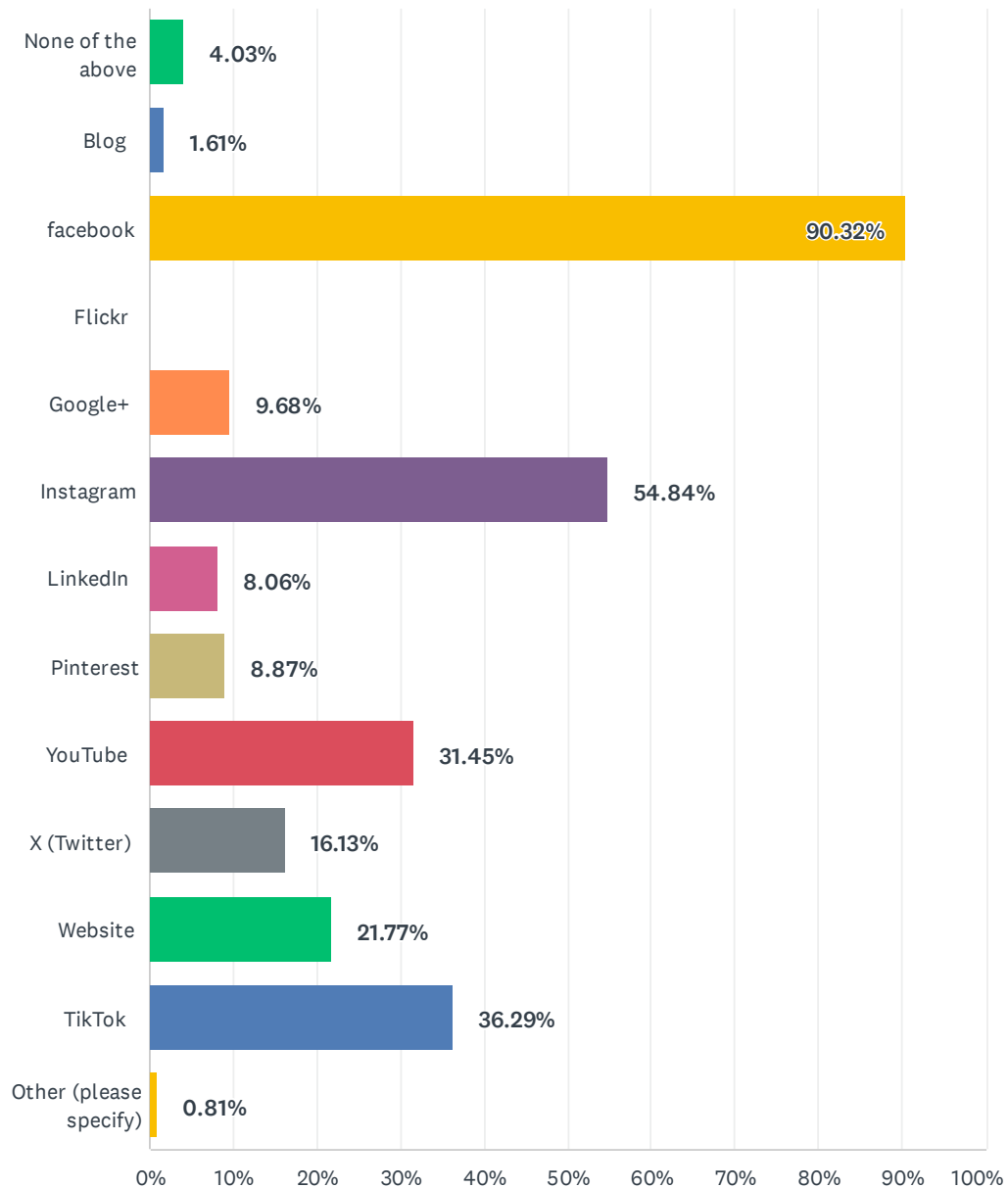
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		36.97%	44
Precision dairy feeding (1)		2.52%	3
Precision planting (2)		47.06%	56
Collecting yield data (3)		44.54%	53
Precision spraying (4)		43.70%	52
Other (please specify) (5)		2.52%	3
Total Respondents: 119			

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	6.00	3.00	2.99	0.94

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Variable Rate Technology for Fertilizers and Planting	1/31/2025 7:24 PM
2	Precision nutrient application	12/25/2024 3:20 PM
3	Auto steer	6/10/2024 9:39 PM

Q34 What social media platforms do you use? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 124 Skipped: 1



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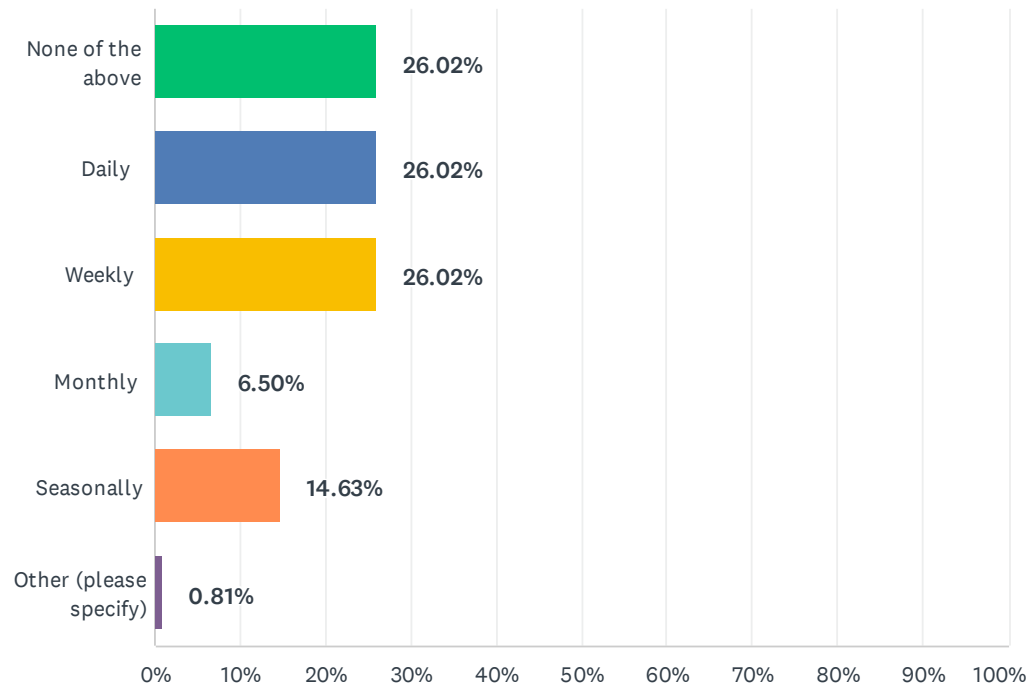
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		4.03%	5
Blog (1)		1.61%	2
facebook (2)		90.32%	112
Flickr (3)		0.00%	0
Google+ (4)		9.68%	12
Instagram (5)		54.84%	68
LinkedIn (6)		8.06%	10
Pinterest (7)		8.87%	11
YouTube (8)		31.45%	39
X (Twitter) (9)		16.13%	20
Website (10)		21.77%	27
TikTok (11)		36.29%	45
Other (please specify) (12)		0.81%	1
Total Respondents: 124			

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	13.00	5.00	5.82	3.35

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Snap chat	12/14/2024 9:03 PM

Q35 How frequently do you use social media for your farm?

Answered: 123 Skipped: 2



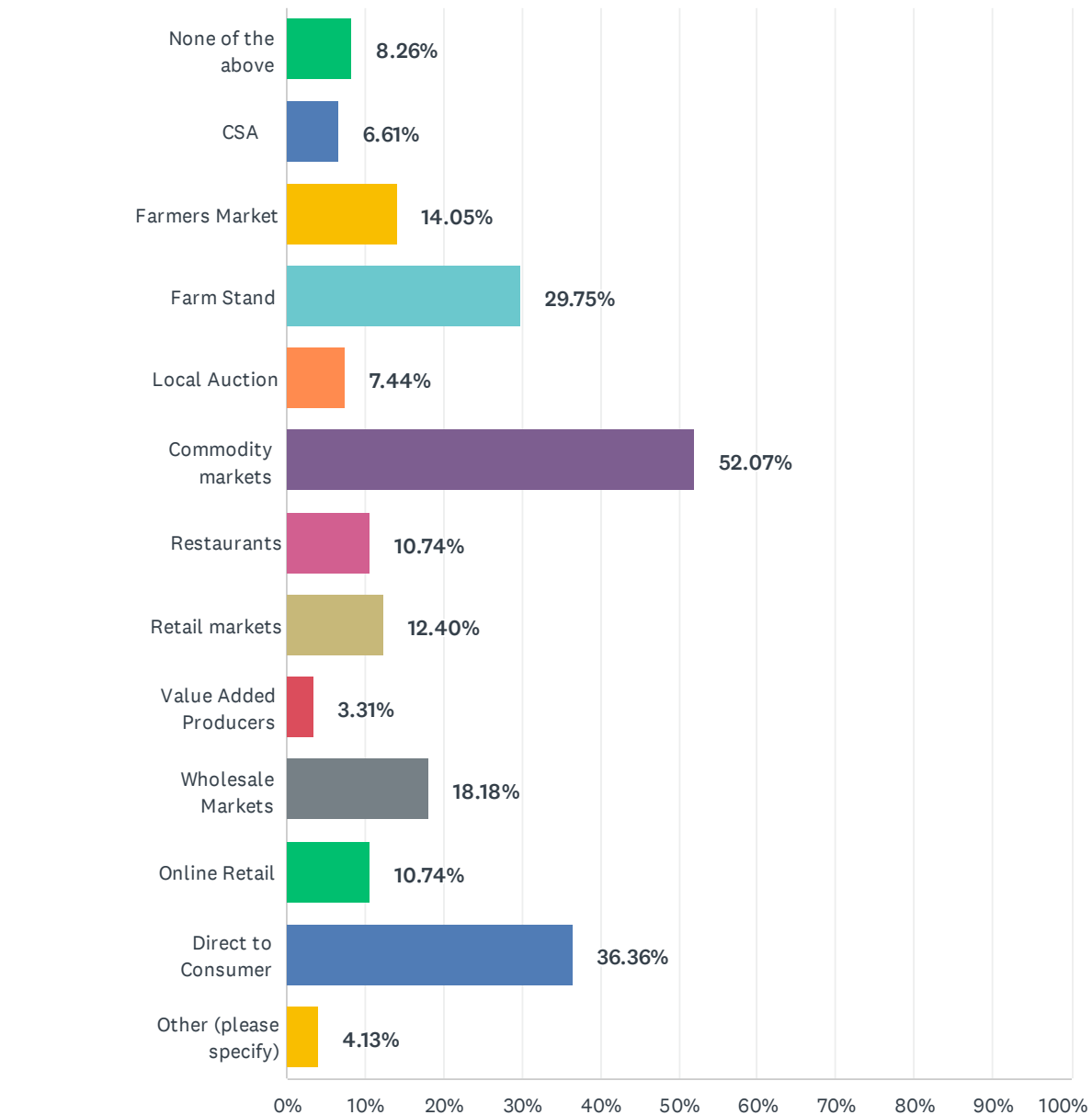
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	26.02%	32
Daily (1)	26.02%	32
Weekly (2)	26.02%	32
Monthly (3)	6.50%	8
Seasonally (4)	14.63%	18
Other (please specify) (5)	0.81%	1
TOTAL		123

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 6.00	Median 2.00	Mean 2.18	Standard Deviation 1.17

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Two or three times a week	6/5/2024 11:07 AM

Q36 How do you market your products? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 121 Skipped: 4



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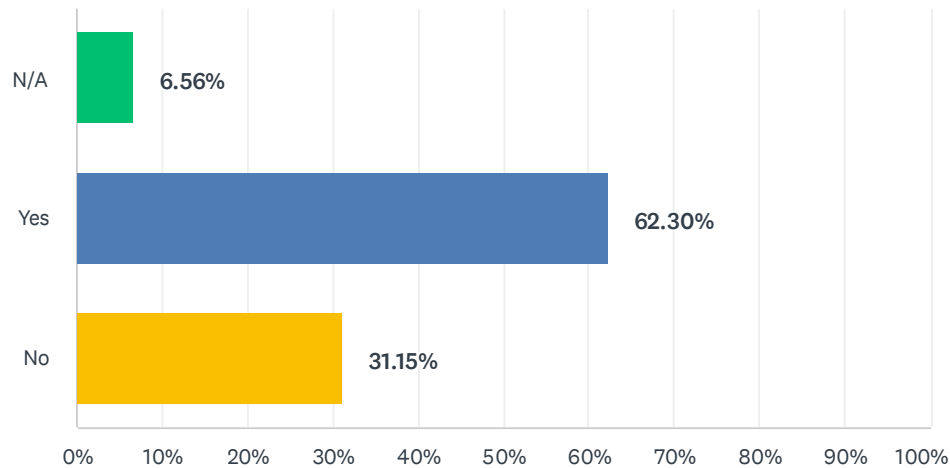
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	8.26%	10
CSA (1)	6.61%	8
Farmers Market (2)	14.05%	17
Farm Stand (3)	29.75%	36
Local Auction (4)	7.44%	9
Commodity markets (5)	52.07%	63
Restaurants (6)	10.74%	13
Retail markets (7)	12.40%	15
Value Added Producers (8)	3.31%	4
Wholesale Markets (9)	18.18%	22
Online Retail (10)	10.74%	13
Direct to Consumer (11)	36.36%	44
Other (please specify) (12)	4.13%	5
Total Respondents: 121		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 13.00	Median 5.00	Mean 6.40	Standard Deviation 3.25

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Cooperative	2/18/2025 8:55 PM
2	Mills	2/14/2025 6:45 AM
3	Contracted	12/25/2024 9:40 PM
4	Local mills	6/10/2024 8:36 PM
5	Social Media, Vendor Shows	6/5/2024 11:07 AM

Q37 Do you depend on off-farm income to continue farming?

Answered: 122 Skipped: 3

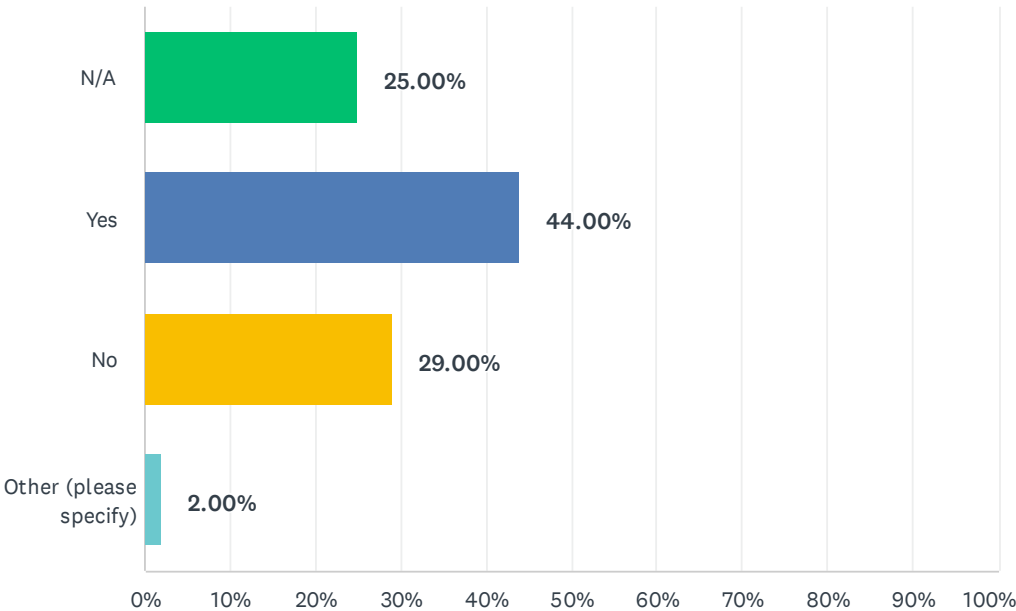


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
N/A		6.56%	8
Yes (1)		62.30%	76
No (2)		31.15%	38
TOTAL			122

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
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Q38 If you answered depend on off-farm income, is your off farm job ag-related?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 25



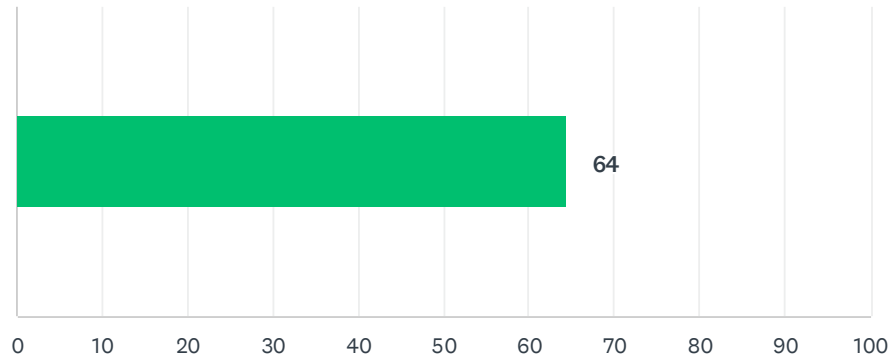
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Yes (1)		44.00%	44
No (2)		29.00%	29
Other (please specify) (3)		2.00%	2
TOTAL			100

BASIC STATISTICS				
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Q39 What percentage of your personal income is from agriculture?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	64	7,270	113
Total Respondents: 113			

BASIC STATISTICS					
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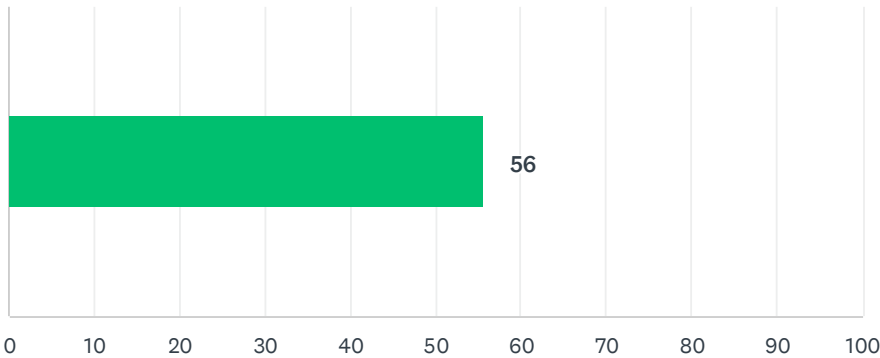
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Q40 What percentage of your household income is from agriculture?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	56	6,187	111
Total Respondents: 111			

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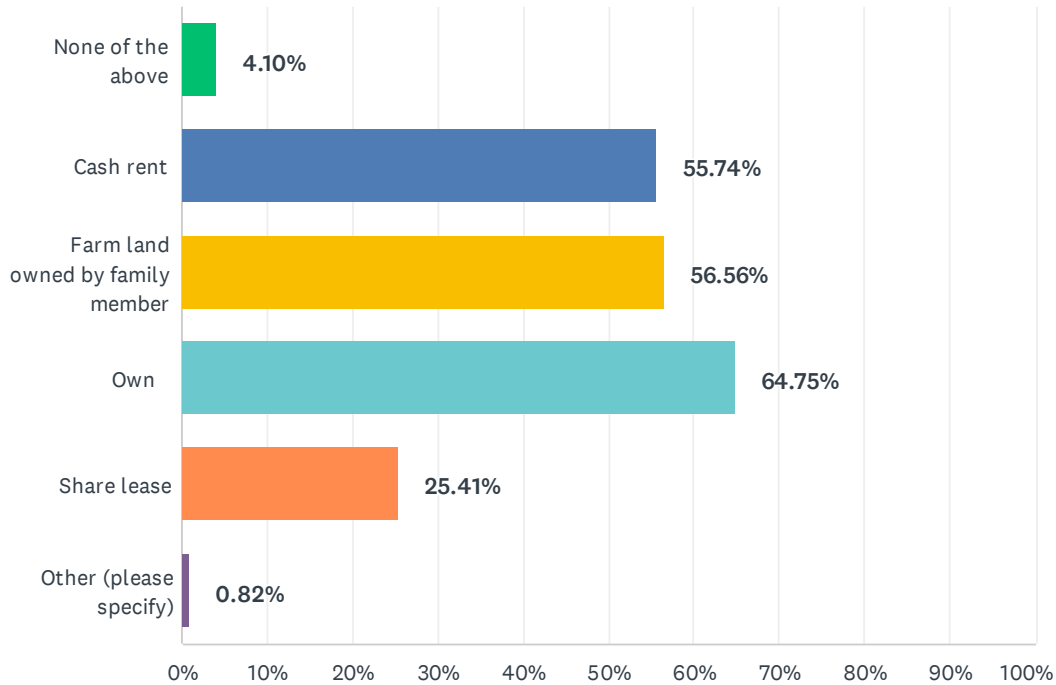
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Q41 In regards to land, do you: (Select all that apply)

Answered: 122 Skipped: 3



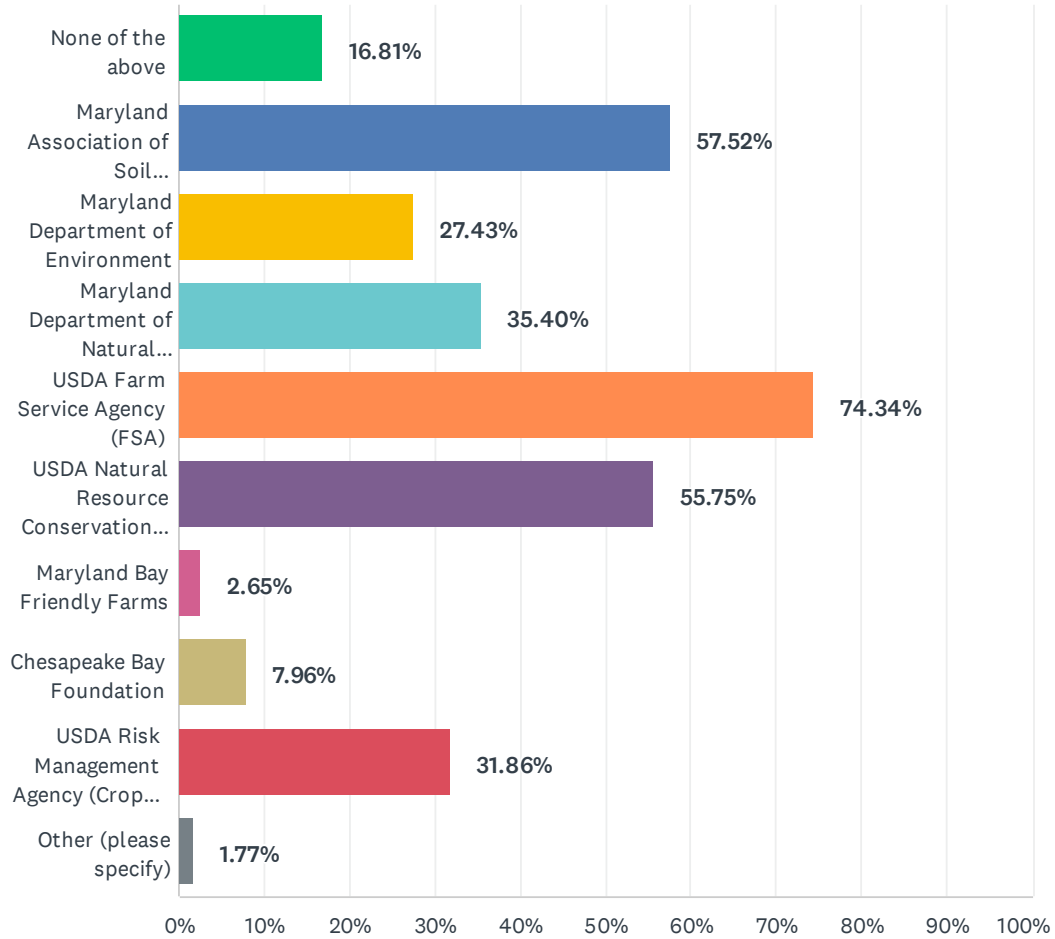
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	4.10%	5
Cash rent (1)	55.74%	68
Farm land owned by family member (2)	56.56%	69
Own (3)	64.75%	79
Share lease (4)	25.41%	31
Other (please specify) (5)	0.82%	1
Total Respondents: 122		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 6.00	Median 2.00	Mean 2.31	Standard Deviation 1.03

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Would love to buy land and become new farmer. But not outlets or opportunity's in Maryland.	12/6/2024 6:52 AM

Q42 Do you interact with the following organizations? (Select all that apply):

Answered: 113 Skipped: 12



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	16.81%	19
Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts (1)	57.52%	65
Maryland Department of Environment (2)	27.43%	31
Maryland Department of Natural Resources (3)	35.40%	40
USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) (4)	74.34%	84
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) (5)	55.75%	63
Maryland Bay Friendly Farms (6)	2.65%	3
Chesapeake Bay Foundation (7)	7.96%	9
USDA Risk Management Agency (Crop Insurance) (8)	31.86%	36
Other (please specify) (9)	1.77%	2
Total Respondents: 113		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	10.00	4.00	3.86	2.16

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	USDA organic certification	1/14/2025 8:42 PM
2	Crop Insurance through Farm Credit	6/5/2024 11:07 AM

Q43 If you selected any of the programs in the last question, what is your interaction with each? (ex. NRCS Cost Share, RMA crop insurance, etc.)

Answered: 48 Skipped: 77

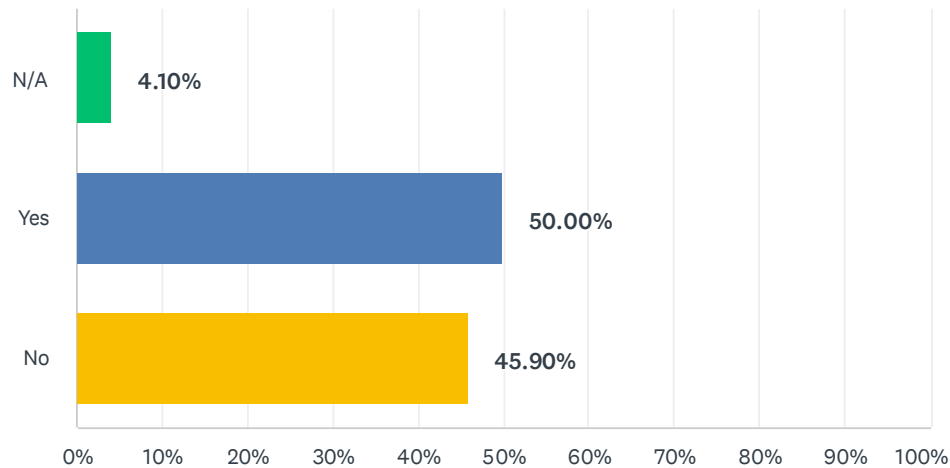
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2	Unsure	2/18/2025 8:55 PM
3	Nrcs equip	2/17/2025 3:07 PM
4	NRCS cost share/EQIP. CREP acreage.	2/15/2025 5:25 PM
5	cost share	2/14/2025 5:02 PM
6	Cover crop, reporting planting etc.	2/14/2025 4:46 PM
7	MDE cafo permit FSA crop reporting, govt programs NRCS cover crop and cost share programs and grants such as AMA	2/14/2025 8:46 AM
8	Cost share, crop insurance, regulatory, cover crop	2/14/2025 7:12 AM
9	Employed by conservation district	2/14/2025 6:50 AM
10	Soil conservation- tiles for drainage/ less erosion. Cover crop FSA- to report crop acres Crop insurance- to help on damaged/ bad yield in crops	2/14/2025 6:45 AM
11	Nrcs cost share C bay cost share	2/14/2025 5:06 AM
12	Cost share, nutrient management, crop insurance	2/13/2025 10:30 PM
13	Average reporting, NRCS cost share	2/13/2025 9:40 PM
14	NRCs cost share	2/13/2025 9:11 PM
15	All positive out of my local branches	2/3/2025 4:49 PM
16	Cover crops, insurance, E-Quip, FSA loan	2/2/2025 10:57 AM
17	The boss man takes care of that	1/31/2025 7:24 PM
18	Na	1/30/2025 11:34 AM
19	Cost share crop Insurance FSA lending	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
20	NRCs cost share	1/12/2025 4:47 PM
21	Wildlife management	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
22	Shooting times for deer removal	1/10/2025 1:44 AM
23	Cost share and required paperwork	1/8/2025 7:29 AM
24	Cost share, conservation plans, funding, grants	1/2/2025 12:25 PM
25	Cost share	12/29/2024 8:30 AM
26	Crop insurance	12/25/2024 9:40 PM
27	Soil conservation for drainage tile, MDE for irrigation wells, DNR for crop damage permits, FSA for reporting acres	12/25/2024 3:20 PM
28	Crop reports and cattle houseing and manure storage	12/15/2024 9:45 PM
29	Cost share , crop insurance , cafo permit, nutrient management	12/14/2024 9:03 PM
30	Soil conservation- cost share MDE- CAFO Permits RMA- crop insurance FSA- multiple	12/12/2024 9:59 PM

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	programs	
31	We bought a farm last year where we have been putting up fencing and interacting with each to get everything squared away	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
32	NRCS programs, COUNTY soil conservation plan, MDA Forestry WIP EQIP	12/10/2024 2:27 PM
33	NRCS equip and cover crop. FSA loans and crop reporting DNR crop damage permits	12/7/2024 4:59 PM
34	Cost share	12/6/2024 9:24 PM
35	Cover crop.	12/6/2024 8:56 PM
36	Continue to wait for a SCD Plan to be eligible for NRCS Cost Share	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
37	.	12/3/2024 4:48 AM
38	Cover crops	11/27/2024 11:39 PM
39	NRCS grants	11/27/2024 10:26 PM
40	Loans, Cost share programs, EQIP	11/27/2024 3:41 PM
41	Soil conservation-cover crops,crep Mde-cafo FSA-farm loan	10/26/2024 9:10 PM
42	Husband on Baltimore County SCD Board, NRCS cost share, loans from FSA, crop destruction permits from DNR	6/25/2024 5:06 PM
43	Program enhancements	6/24/2024 9:57 PM
44	Soil conservation for cover crop program, MDNR for crop damage permits, USDA fir acreage reports	6/15/2024 1:43 PM
45	Equip, crop insurance, crop reporting/ARC	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
46	Soil conservation for drainage and to keep the land in the best shape that I can. FSA office with keeping crop records	6/10/2024 8:36 PM
47	cost share, crop insurance, loans, regulations, deer management	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
48	Cover Crop, Wetland Management, Cattle Cost-Share Opportunities, Hunting, Planting Report, Harvest Reports.	6/5/2024 11:07 AM

Q44 Do you use social media to promote your farm?

Answered: 122 Skipped: 3

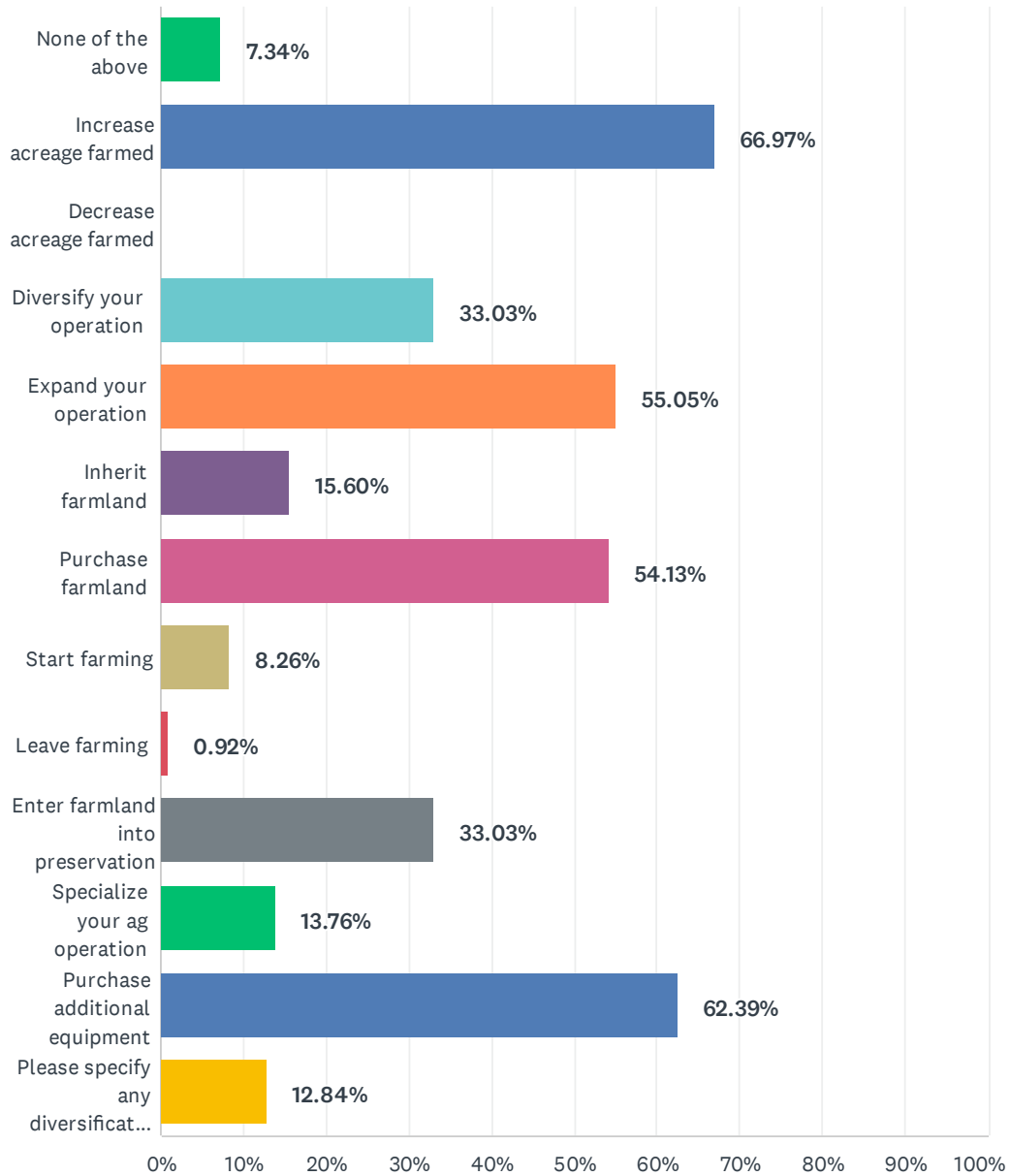


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
N/A		4.10%	5
Yes (1)		50.00%	61
No (2)		45.90%	56
TOTAL			122

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	1.00	1.48	0.50

Q45 In the next 5 years do you plan to: (Select all that apply)

Answered: 109 Skipped: 16



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	7.34%	8
Increase acreage farmed (1)	66.97%	73
Decrease acreage farmed (2)	0.00%	0
Diversify your operation (3)	33.03%	36
Expand your operation (4)	55.05%	60
Inherit farmland (5)	15.60%	17
Purchase farmland (6)	54.13%	59
Start farming (7)	8.26%	9
Leave farming (8)	0.92%	1
Enter farmland into preservation (9)	33.03%	36
Specialize your ag operation (10)	13.76%	15
Purchase additional equipment (11)	62.39%	68
Please specify any diversification, specialization, or expansion: (12)	12.84%	14
Total Respondents: 109		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 13.00	Median 6.00	Mean 6.02	Standard Deviation 3.72

#	PLEASE SPECIFY ANY DIVERSIFICATION, SPECIALIZATION, OR EXPANSION:	DATE
1	Buy more land, make a bigger garden, plant more fruit trees, be big enough to go to farmers markets	2/27/2025 12:42 AM
2	More acres, more cows	2/18/2025 9:02 PM
3	Want to branch out more into drainage, land management, land leveling/field drain tile, cleaning up farms, more custom application of pesticides and fertilizers	1/31/2025 7:31 PM
4	Due to the loss of crop and forested lands, the deer herd becomes compressed and causes from damage.	1/10/2025 1:49 AM
5	Expand vegetable and fruit production	12/29/2024 9:12 AM
6	Buy and on rent more acres to row crop farm	12/28/2024 3:13 PM
7	Finish pigs	12/25/2024 9:40 PM
8	Increase acreage to support more family members	12/25/2024 3:50 PM
9	Would like to double cattle Herd and pick up more land	12/15/2024 9:51 PM
10	Not sure yet but I like to keep my husband on his toes	12/10/2024 4:42 PM
11	Agritourism	12/6/2024 8:37 AM
12	Additional livestock offerings,	12/4/2024 1:43 PM
13	Start farming in partnership with family members. There is opportunities to grow the operation in the next few years by growing higher value specialty crops and investing in better quality hay equipment.	11/27/2024 6:20 PM
14	More crop land more another chicken house	10/26/2024 9:15 PM

Q46 What programs have you utilized directed towards young farmer success? (i.e. MARBIDCO Next-Gen, etc.)

Answered: 44 Skipped: 81

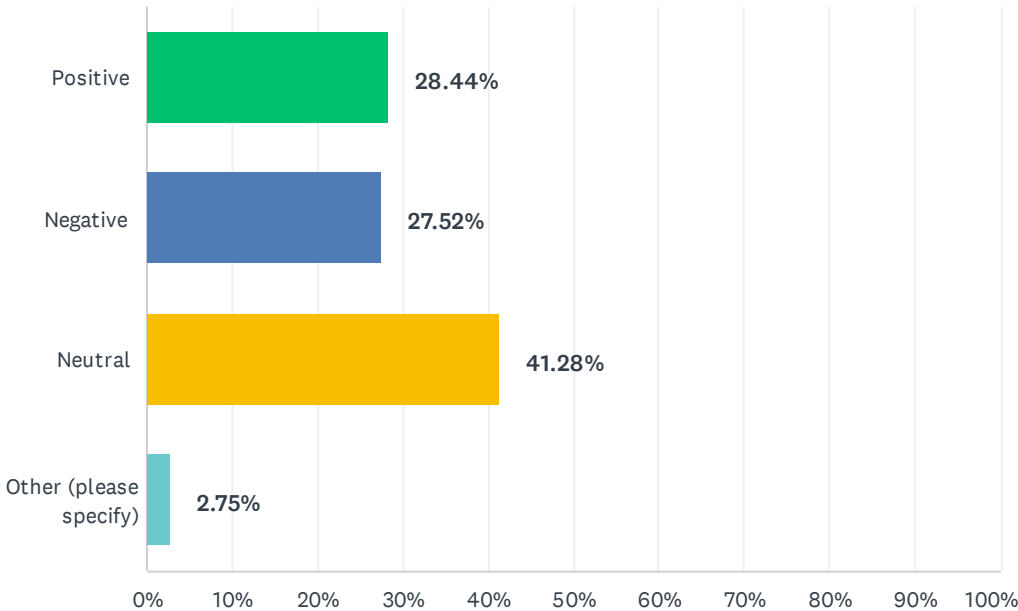
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5	UME Beginning Farmer Success	2/15/2025 5:30 PM
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7	Start right, fsa loans	2/14/2025 9:04 PM
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27	Morco cold storage. Upper shore regional council grant	12/15/2024 9:51 PM
28	Marbidco	12/14/2024 9:08 PM
29	MARBIDCO cold storage grant Horizon farm credit jumpstart farmer grant	12/10/2024 4:42 PM
30	County grants, Farm Credit young farmer credit rate incentives, ShoreRivers NextGen program.	12/10/2024 2:36 PM
31	MARBIDCO MRBIFF loan and an orchard establishment loan	12/7/2024 5:07 PM

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32	Marbidco	12/4/2024 7:42 PM
33	Annie's Project,	12/4/2024 1:43 PM
34	None	11/27/2024 11:42 PM
35	None	11/27/2024 3:47 PM
36	Marbidco next gen FSA young farmer loam	10/26/2024 9:15 PM
37	Marbidco	6/24/2024 10:03 PM
38	Beginning Farmer and Rancher Benefits for Crop Insurance	6/19/2024 4:21 PM
39	LEAD MD, Farm Credit Program-Farm Credit University	6/11/2024 12:20 PM
40	FSA Loans Farm Credit interest for 3 years program	6/11/2024 9:09 AM
41	Upper shore regional council grant	6/10/2024 9:43 PM
42	Farm credit Fsa backed young beginning farmer loan	6/10/2024 8:46 PM
43	I use the next gen program to purchase my first farm.	6/10/2024 8:41 PM
44	Farm Credits Next Gen Program MARBIDCO Freezer Grant	6/5/2024 11:12 AM

Q47 What do you think is the average Maryland citizen's perception of agriculture?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 16



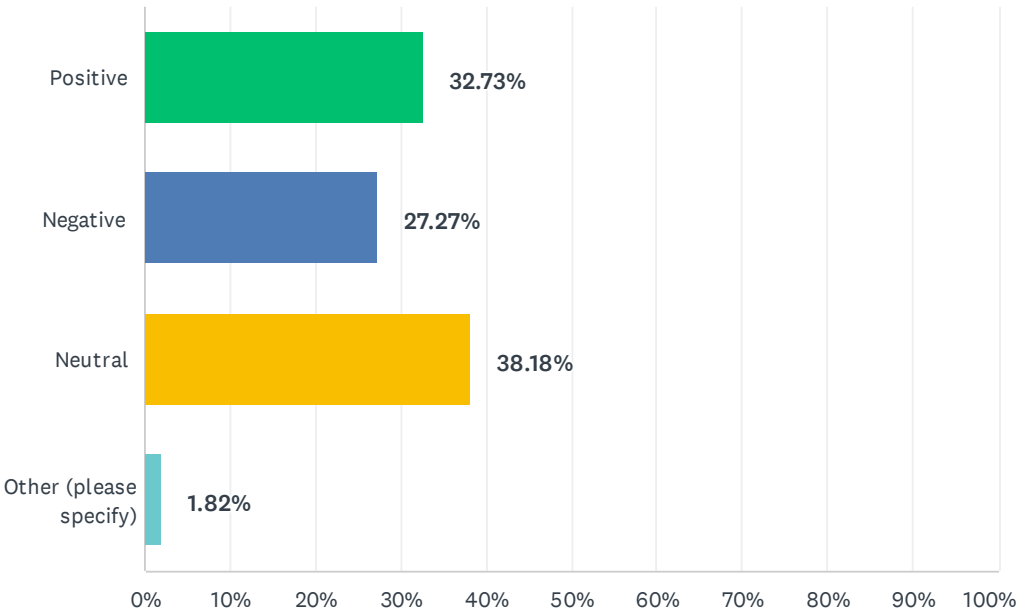
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Positive (1)	28.44%	31
Negative (2)	27.52%	30
Neutral (3)	41.28%	45
Other (please specify) (4)	2.75%	3
TOTAL		109

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	2.18	0.88

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Uneducated	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
2	varies widely by topic - i.e. GMO's bad, local farm produce stand good	6/19/2024 4:21 PM
3	We have large key outliners for support and non-support.	6/5/2024 11:12 AM

Q48 What do you think the average Maryland citizen’s perception of Maryland farmers is?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Positive (1)		32.73%	36
Negative (2)		27.27%	30
Neutral (3)		38.18%	42
Other (please specify) (4)		1.82%	2
TOTAL			110

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	2.09	0.88

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Uneducated	2/15/2025 11:07 PM
2	Not much different.	6/5/2024 11:12 AM

Q49 What actions can the Maryland Department of Agriculture take to promote a positive perception of Maryland agriculture?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 71

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Growing more diverse crops and starting new popular crops that people know Maryland for	3/1/2025 6:42 PM
2	I think the biggest problem within society and agriculture is misinformation. The consumer and farmer usually don't see eye to eye. Statewide agricultural education would be ideal.	2/28/2025 1:19 PM
3	Promote agriculture in school curriculum	2/27/2025 6:51 PM
4	Promote the amount education it takes to be a farmer	2/27/2025 12:42 AM
5	Do seminars, tv commercials, radio ads and social media posts to connect with those not already connected to the Ag community	2/21/2025 11:05 AM
6	Nothing. It will always be that way, living in a blue state	2/18/2025 9:02 PM
7	New Governor	2/17/2025 3:09 PM
8	Educate	2/15/2025 11:07 PM
9	Encouraging unity in agriculture.	2/14/2025 9:04 PM
10	Promote on television and social media all the strides the farming community has made towards a cleaner Chesapeake bay and the challenges we face that are out of our control such as runoff from other states, weather, markets, etc	2/14/2025 8:51 AM
11	Teach the public more about the about farming	2/14/2025 7:56 AM
12	Education of consumers about MD agricultures leadership in conservation.	2/14/2025 7:15 AM
13	More community participation	2/13/2025 9:31 PM
14	Continue to educate the public	2/13/2025 9:12 PM
15	Continue to make efforts in showing farmers are protecting the bay and our resources	2/2/2025 11:00 AM
16	Express more that pesticides are not as harmful as they are made out to be. STRESS GREATLY to the general public about farm safety and transport of farm equipment. This is the main thing I am most concerned about is the lack of knowledge people have about what to do and what to look for when a piece of ag machinery is moving down the public roads. It's becoming more and more of a issue for us farmers to move from field to field due to the lack of knowledge and awareness of the public.	1/31/2025 7:31 PM
17	Show the diversity of all parts of agriculture	1/30/2025 11:35 AM
18	Continue to spotlight and highlight local Maryland farmers. It's becoming a popular hobby "homesteading" so marketing farms that are doing hard work, supplying Marylanders with nutrition or what fun things they do on their farms would be very interesting to learn about. Share the hardships, share what it takes, show the good, the bad, the ugly- chicks are cute, highland calves are cute- do people know that you have to clean chicken poop and figure out how to unfreeze waterers in a coop that doesn't have electricity, or that cows need to be rotated in pasture or that you can have a petting farm and a brewery as a business or support those local places? Make Maryland a destination, make the farms seen as source of education, nutrition and even entertainment if applicable! Help the small farmers (also figure out how to teach the new generations who inherit farms, to keep them or give them tax breaks because WE NEED THEM, we don't need farms turning into developments or shopping centers)!!	1/24/2025 3:57 PM
19	Better consumer education	1/17/2025 7:51 PM
20	Provide the public with true generalized knowledge about agriculture. The public needs to be	1/15/2025 11:48 AM

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able to form accurate opinions about the agriculture industry. Perhaps introducing more agriculture topics to city schools would help. Farmers are not bad, we are trust trying to feed the world.

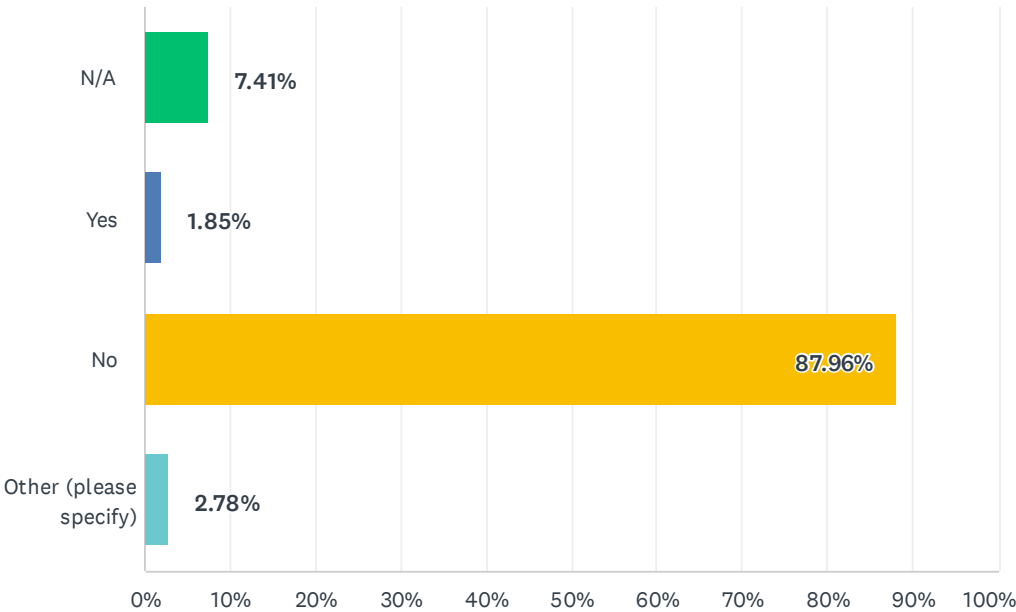
21	Show the diverse faces of MD farmers and ranchers not just multi-generational white farm families.	1/14/2025 8:49 PM
22	N/A	1/10/2025 9:11 PM
23	Roadside signs	1/10/2025 1:49 AM
24	None	1/9/2025 9:27 AM
25	Stop the building or we won't have land to farm	1/8/2025 7:32 AM
26	Share more with public the measures farmers take to preserve the bay and environment. (Nutrient mgmt, cover crop, programs and restrictions farmers take that the public isn't aware of	1/7/2025 6:47 PM
27	Share more farmer stories, share on farm practices that are used across the state	1/2/2025 12:36 PM
28	Fight against companies who portray false information about pesticides, herbicides, organic farming,ect. To meet there political agenda	12/28/2024 3:13 PM
29	Educate and promote good practices	12/25/2024 9:40 PM
30	Explain that farmers are necessary and they feed everyone with everyone's best interest in mind	12/25/2024 3:50 PM
31	Not sure	12/20/2024 7:52 PM
32	Encourage people to go to farms see food is grown. Encourage farms in agro tourism by not making too many regulations. People need to see where their food comes from to both appreciate the farmers and the food.	12/16/2024 8:51 PM
33	Show that the farmers are trying to do everything right. And that all farmers have to fallow all guidelines	12/15/2024 9:51 PM
34	Push back on cafo's and help the public poultry farms are not as bad as state legislatures make them out to be . Same thing with using manure for crops	12/14/2024 9:08 PM
35	Most people are concerned about spraying crops. I think people need a better understanding of chemical vs dilution and absorption	12/10/2024 4:42 PM
36	Show the food network somehow. Graphic illustrations, maps, etc. consolidate the online resources, there are many resources it's hard to navigate. People don't understand where food comes from or how it is grown.	12/10/2024 2:36 PM
37	Continue to support Agritourism that promotes unbiased agriculture education. Support County Fairs and their growth, they are a major player in most communities when it comes to introducing young people to the agriculture industry. Also continue to be a major player with Ag in the Classroom, getting the message to schools farther removed from rural areas.	12/9/2024 1:48 PM
38	Stop letting people put solar panels on ag land	12/8/2024 6:19 PM
39	Educate consumers	12/7/2024 5:07 PM
40	More positive public outreach and advertising of the good that farmers do for the community and environment.	12/6/2024 9:27 PM
41	Inform people of our state how important farming is. Stop pushing and allowing solar panels. Farming is a huge portion to a lot of our state but our state government could care less. WES MOORE sucks along with our whole state government. It's a joke. They do nothing for the people unless you're colored or an immigrant.	12/6/2024 6:58 AM
42	Allow more food freedoms and become a food sovereign state	12/6/2024 12:55 AM
43	Tell more agriculture stories, especially of the farms and farmers not in the everyday spotlight by Ag. organizations already.	12/4/2024 1:43 PM
44	Public outreach from actual producers	12/2/2024 5:54 PM

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45	That the farming practices we use are safe and environmental and we are not destroying the environment or killing people with pesticides.	11/30/2024 2:51 PM
46	Make it well known that city's are dumping sewage into the rivers and bays. Stop blaming all the water pollution on the farmers and watermen.	11/27/2024 11:42 PM
47	Reduce regulations and give farmers the freedom to produce agronomically viable crops.	11/27/2024 6:20 PM
48	people need to realize farming is essential getting to the beach in a hurry is not	10/26/2024 9:15 PM
49	Reenforce the positive points of their actions	6/24/2024 10:03 PM
50	more education and engagement of the general public and ag	6/19/2024 4:21 PM
51	Need to get people to accept modern farming practices and that crops are grown responsibly and safely and we are not going to kill them with pesticides and gmo crops.	6/15/2024 1:53 PM
52	Continue to show and tell our environmental conservation efforts and to put farmer faces to the food people purchase to grow the demand for Maryland Produced products	6/11/2024 12:20 PM
53	Stop allowing blame to be placed on Maryland agriculture for the Bay health.	6/11/2024 9:09 AM
54	Tell the farmers story. Contact farmers. Push Farm and Harvest info out and encourage more viewers.	6/5/2024 11:12 AM

Q50 Do you sell carbon credits?

Answered: 108 Skipped: 17



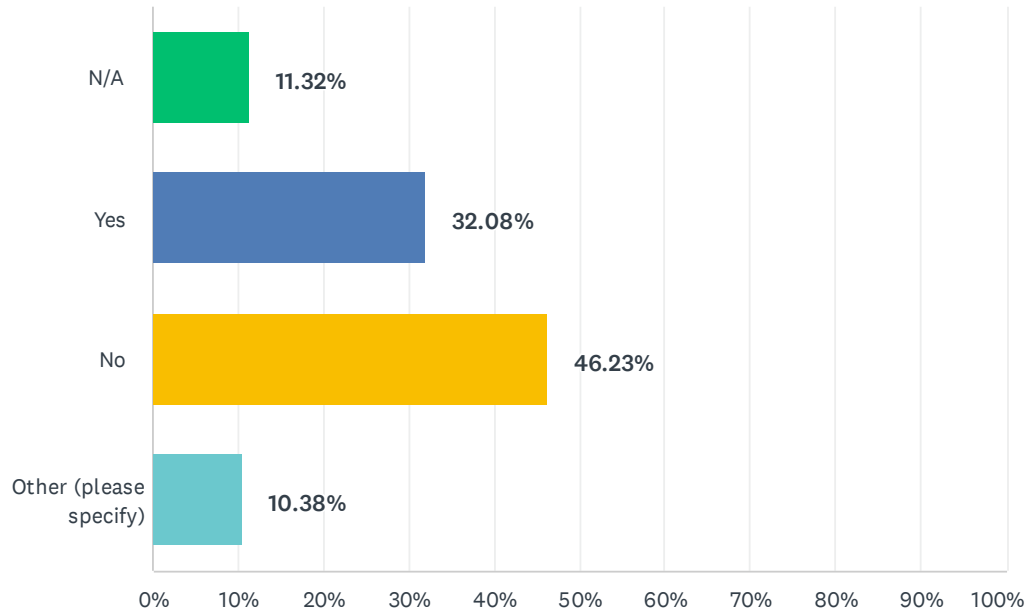
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
N/A		7.41%	8
Yes (1)		1.85%	2
No (2)		87.96%	95
Other (please specify) (3)		2.78%	3
TOTAL			108

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	2.04	0.37

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Participate in Perdue regen ag program	2/14/2025 7:15 AM
2	Not allowed under MALPF easement	12/10/2024 2:36 PM
3	Have tried, have not found a great market yet	12/9/2024 1:48 PM

Q51 Would you be interested in participating in a pilot carbon credit exchange program?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 19



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A	11.32%	12
Yes (1)	32.08%	34
No (2)	46.23%	49
Other (please specify) (3)	10.38%	11
TOTAL		106

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 4.00	Median 2.00	Mean 1.87	Standard Deviation 0.90

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Would need more info on this to accurately answer	2/21/2025 11:05 AM
2	Need more info	2/15/2025 11:07 PM
3	Maybe	2/14/2025 9:04 PM
4	Maybe	2/14/2025 7:15 AM
5	Need more details	2/13/2025 10:26 PM
6	Depends on payment and details	12/29/2024 9:12 AM
7	I'd have to see the details	12/25/2024 3:50 PM

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8	Maybe	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
9	Possibly	12/4/2024 7:42 PM
10	Maybe?	6/11/2024 9:09 AM
11	Not sure	6/5/2024 11:12 AM

Q52 What programs would you like to see the Maryland Department of Agriculture make available to assist young farmers?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 73

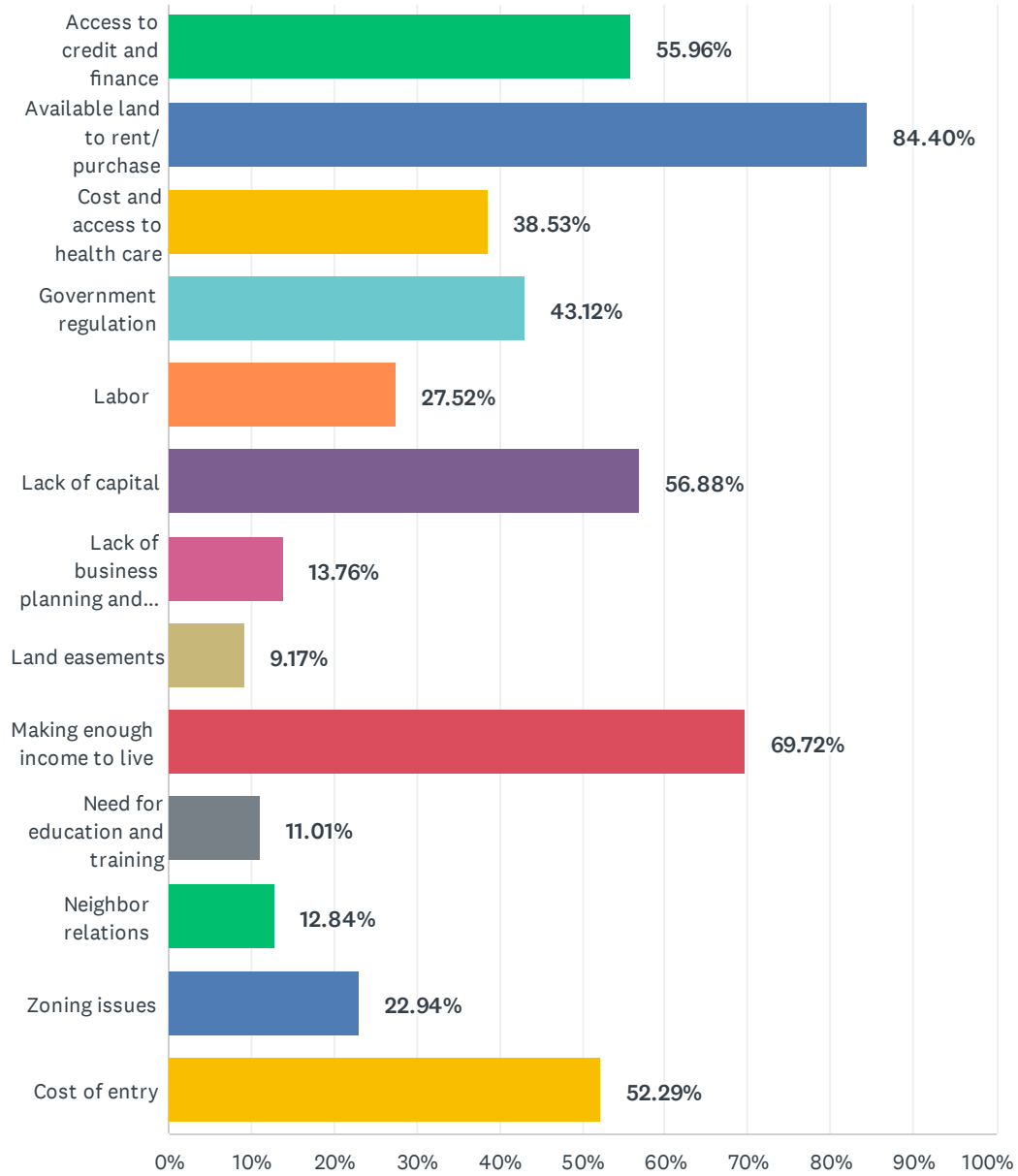
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A program where young farmers can meet occasionally, fundraise for additional money for starting up, learn new information and most importantly build a strong connection with other farmers.	2/28/2025 1:19 PM
2	MALPF	2/27/2025 6:51 PM
3	Grants to get started with something (gardening, fruit trees, meat raising, etc.) Legal action provided to help advocate for agriculture in suburban areas/cities	2/27/2025 12:42 AM
4	Buying farm land to make it more affordable for young farmers	2/26/2025 7:01 AM
5	I think seminars on how to start or enter into the farming community, whether on an acre of ground or more.	2/21/2025 11:05 AM
6	Unsure	2/18/2025 9:02 PM
7	Education on making a small operation successful	2/15/2025 5:30 PM
8	Land purchase help	2/14/2025 7:15 AM
9	Assistance for those in 4-h/ffa	2/14/2025 6:54 AM
10	Grants/ low interest loans to upgrade to newer equipment and technology	2/14/2025 6:48 AM
11	None take government out of farming	2/14/2025 6:39 AM
12	Assistance for farmers starting out	2/13/2025 9:12 PM
13	Farm acquisition ultra low interest loans Operating cost loans	2/3/2025 4:54 PM
14	Cash flow is hard, low interest operation loans would be nice	2/2/2025 11:00 AM
15	N/A	1/31/2025 7:31 PM
16	MARBIDCO programs	1/30/2025 11:35 AM
17	Low interest credit line. Low interest land loans with long-terms	1/25/2025 1:40 PM
18	Intro to farming for the newby How to keep the land your grandparents built More local feed stores and easier way to access hay, straw, grain.... Reduce the red tape and taxes to create MD businesses	1/24/2025 3:57 PM
19	More assistance to those who want to become a first gen row crop farmer.	1/15/2025 11:48 AM
20	Ease of access to young farmer assistance programs	1/12/2025 9:20 PM
21	Money for start up— I've spent over 50,000 in equipment needed to start	1/12/2025 4:50 PM
22	More opportunity's for funding for young farmers.	1/10/2025 9:11 PM
23	Expand the use of deer donation cold boxes in Mont. Co. Likewise offer assistance to deer processors for participate in the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry.	1/10/2025 1:49 AM
24	None	1/9/2025 9:27 AM
25	More education opportunities for those coming back to the farm	1/2/2025 12:36 PM
26	Crop land grazing equip program	12/29/2024 9:12 AM
27	Tax breaks for new and upcoming farmers. Make the rules for agricultural grants more strict/ in favor of cattle and row crop farmers	12/28/2024 3:13 PM

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28	Financial aid education	12/25/2024 9:40 PM
29	Program to stop solar farms from ruining potential land for us to farm	12/25/2024 3:50 PM
30	More money	12/20/2024 4:32 PM
31	I don't know how this would be done. But helping young gamers to be able to purchase farmland. Seems like the big farmers keep getting bigger. And it's so hard to get into farming.	12/16/2024 8:51 PM
32	Land rent incentives. Make it easier for young farms that are on there own to get the help they need.	12/15/2024 9:51 PM
33	More money for ag preservation to help young farmers purchase land and allowing young farmers to buy more than one farm using that program	12/14/2024 9:08 PM
34	Match what DE does and pay a certain amount towards producers crop insurance bills. EX: \$10 per acre planted to go towards the growers premium due.	12/12/2024 10:04 PM
35	Not sure- we utilized young farmer loans & farm credit accounting which wor	12/10/2024 4:42 PM
36	More financing. The financing is too strict. We applied for USDA financing, but because we already own land, we did not qualify. Also, because 100% of our income does not come from farming, we often are not eligible. But that is unreasonable as almost all farmers have to make supplemenal income.	12/10/2024 2:36 PM
37	Continuing support of Land preservation programs and assisting young farmers with transition planning for preceding generations and first time land purchasing programs	12/9/2024 1:48 PM
38	Allow program for new farmers to buy land. State program that pushes sales for new farmers to get into it rather then sell to developers.	12/6/2024 6:58 AM
39	All	12/6/2024 12:55 AM
40	More for youth	12/3/2024 2:00 AM
41	Funding not tied to traditional credit/equity requirements	12/2/2024 5:54 PM
42	Access to loans for farmland without large down payments.	11/30/2024 2:51 PM
43	More Land grants	11/27/2024 11:42 PM
44	Different loan assistance. Most companies (fertilizer or crop insurance, etc) give a young farmer discount or 0% interest for	11/27/2024 3:47 PM
45	Lower interest longer loan terms	10/26/2024 9:15 PM
46	Low interest loans	6/24/2024 10:03 PM
47	Low interest rate loans would be helpful - the USDA programs are too rigid and the employees aren't helpful	6/19/2024 4:21 PM
48	We need money to fence our fields to prevent deer damage. The deer are OUT OF CONTROL!!! And you can't hunt enough of them. On our vegetable ground most is fenced by us to stop the deer but I would like to see the state assist with funding to install deer fences in farmland for vegetables and grain acres.	6/15/2024 1:53 PM
49	Marketing and Advertising, building a brand and MD Farming Regulations 101--a simple place to learn all the rules and regulations for folks starting in the industry.	6/11/2024 12:20 PM
50	Tax incentives for retiring farmers to sell to young farmers	6/10/2024 9:43 PM
51	Operating loans with lower interest rates. Equipment loans with lower interest rates. Have grants to upgrade towards technology such as auto steer and etc.	6/10/2024 8:41 PM
52	Quicker turn around to utilize MARBIDCO and FSA to purchase land. Legacy farmers have the ability to quickly get a loan.	6/5/2024 11:12 AM

Q53 From your experience please select up to five main obstacles that young farmers face:

Answered: 109 Skipped: 16



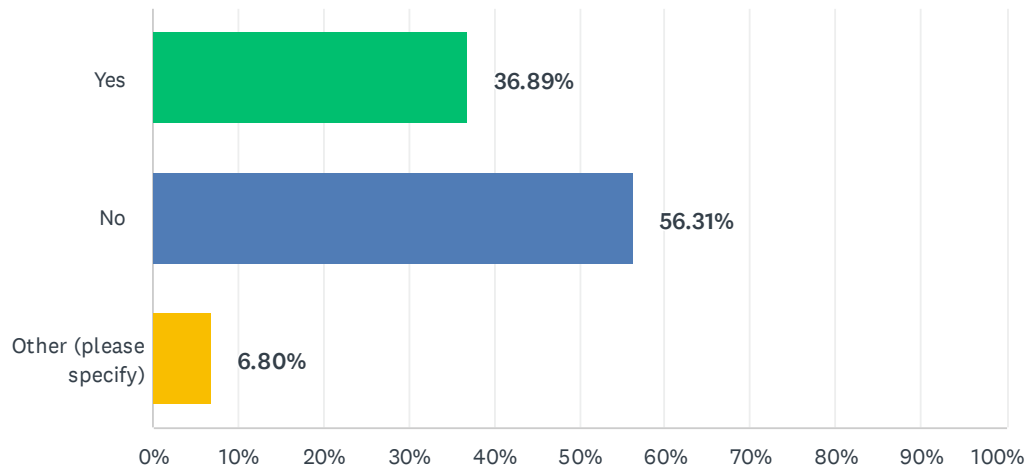
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Access to credit and finance (1)		55.96%	61
Available land to rent/ purchase (2)		84.40%	92
Cost and access to health care (3)		38.53%	42
Government regulation (4)		43.12%	47
Labor (5)		27.52%	30
Lack of capital (6)		56.88%	62
Lack of business planning and marketing trainings (7)		13.76%	15
Land easements (8)		9.17%	10
Making enough income to live (9)		69.72%	76
Need for education and training (10)		11.01%	12
Neighbor relations (11)		12.84%	14
Zoning issues (12)		22.94%	25
Cost of entry (13)		52.29%	57
Total Respondents: 109			

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 13.00	Median 5.00	Mean 6.01	Standard Deviation 3.97

Q54 Do you apply for grants to help advance your operation?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (1)	36.89%	38
No (2)	56.31%	58
Other (please specify) (3)	6.80%	7
TOTAL		103

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 3.00	Median 2.00	Mean 1.70	Standard Deviation 0.59

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Not yet	2/18/2025 9:02 PM
2	Equip	2/17/2025 3:09 PM
3	Boss man does for the farm. I personally do not for my smaller operation	1/31/2025 7:31 PM
4	Planning to	12/20/2024 7:52 PM
5	Healthy soils competitive grant	12/16/2024 8:51 PM
6	We haven't but plan to	12/6/2024 12:55 AM
7	Yes but would love to know if there are more/others available.	6/5/2024 11:12 AM

Q55 If so, what grants have been most valuable to you and your operation?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 95

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Micro ag grant.	2/21/2025 11:05 AM
2	Equip	2/17/2025 3:09 PM
3	EQIP high tunnel	2/15/2025 5:30 PM
4	AMA, EQUIP	2/14/2025 8:51 AM
5	Cost share	2/14/2025 5:07 AM
6	Marissa storage	2/13/2025 10:26 PM
7	Na	2/13/2025 9:49 PM
8	NRCs cost share equip	2/13/2025 9:12 PM
9	Na	1/30/2025 11:35 AM
10	N/A yet	1/24/2025 3:57 PM
11	Cover crop High tunnels	1/17/2025 7:51 PM
12	American farmland trust grant	1/14/2025 8:49 PM
13	NRCs cost share for greenhouse and water well for irrigation	1/12/2025 4:50 PM
14	Soil conservation grants as well as some marbidco grants we've used to expand the beef sales side of the operation	1/7/2025 6:47 PM
15	Equip programs that covered fencing pasture establishment and water infrastructure	12/29/2024 9:12 AM
16	Scholarships w contractors	12/25/2024 9:40 PM
17	None	12/20/2024 4:32 PM
18	Maryland cover crop program Cover crop plus Healthy soils grant	12/16/2024 8:51 PM
19	I received a grant from the Maryland grain Producers to help pay for my CDL training	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
20	C last answer	12/15/2024 9:51 PM
21	Marbidco and jumpstart farmer	12/10/2024 4:42 PM
22	Local county-level grants. Much faster and much less paperwork. Farmers hate paperwork.	12/10/2024 2:36 PM
23	Energy efficiency grants	12/9/2024 1:48 PM
24	MARBIDCO	12/4/2024 1:43 PM
25	Equip, NRCS manure storage	11/28/2024 5:57 AM
26	NRCS for high tunnel	11/27/2024 10:32 PM
27	Mathias Agriculture Energy Efficiency Program	6/19/2024 4:21 PM
28	MARBIDCO value added for my wife's business	6/11/2024 9:09 AM
29	Upper shore regional council	6/10/2024 9:43 PM
30	MARBIDCO really helped when they offered more than a \$1,000 grant for freezers. Start up money for big purchases have also been helpful.	6/5/2024 11:12 AM

Q56 If you had the opportunity to speak with a legislator, what would you ask them to do for Maryland agriculture?

Answered: 64 Skipped: 61

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I would simply ask to support their local farmers. Farmers are the hardest working group of people and continue to struggle and face a lot of hatred. I would ask to provide more financial assistance that can't easily be misused and more statewide information that is properly given.	2/28/2025 1:19 PM
2	Don't let the state take away funding for MAPLF	2/27/2025 6:51 PM
3	Fight for the freedom of farmers to be able to grow crops or livestock And encourage homeowners to grow their own food	2/27/2025 12:42 AM
4	Better promote agriculture in the public eye	2/26/2025 7:01 AM
5	Protect our existing farm land	2/21/2025 11:05 AM
6	Lower regulations	2/18/2025 9:02 PM
7	Remove regulations that place undue administrative burden on small producers	2/15/2025 5:30 PM
8	Stop the legislative war on Ag	2/15/2025 6:49 AM
9	Right now? Gotta kill this eminent domain solar bill.	2/14/2025 9:04 PM
10	stop solar farms	2/14/2025 4:49 PM
11	Fight for protection of farmland against development and especially now solar panels	2/14/2025 8:51 AM
12	Continue the cover crop program and invest in MALPF and not DNR open space	2/14/2025 7:15 AM
13	Stop pointing fingers at Maryland agriculture	2/14/2025 6:39 AM
14	Make commodity prices higher	2/14/2025 5:07 AM
15	Continue to support programs that support our farmers	2/13/2025 10:26 PM
16	Come learn from the average farmer	2/13/2025 9:49 PM
17	Support farmers and walk a day in their shoes	2/13/2025 9:12 PM
18	Help smaller/younger farmers not be smothered out by large legacy farms	2/3/2025 4:54 PM
19	Input farm safety/ag machinery transporting up and down the roads in either schools or driving schools to educate those who do not have an idea of what farming is and or what to do when passing/coming up to a piece of farm machinery on the road	1/31/2025 7:31 PM
20	Na	1/30/2025 11:35 AM
21	Everything listed above- less red tape, less taxes, easier inheritance of farms or transition of them before they are sold to developments- make it harder to sell the ag land to developers!!!	1/24/2025 3:57 PM
22	Reduce the cost and regulations that have pushed fruit and vegetable processors out of the state. Our processing and wholesale fruit and vegetable industry is disappearing rapidly	1/17/2025 7:51 PM
23	Promote and support Maryland agriculture.	1/15/2025 11:48 AM
24	Already have spoke with some	1/12/2025 9:20 PM
25	Support us. Give more grants for new younger farmers	1/12/2025 4:50 PM
26	To control the crop rates, offer affordable health care	1/10/2025 9:11 PM
27	See above comment	1/10/2025 1:49 AM

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28	Stop the building of all the solar and homes and regs that are only informed on farmers	1/8/2025 7:32 AM
29	Ease regulations	1/7/2025 9:30 PM
30	Encourage more families to apply for land preservation- once it's gone its gone	1/7/2025 6:47 PM
31	Focus on educational grant opportunities for new/beginning farmers toward CCA, Pesticide applicator, nutrient management	1/2/2025 12:36 PM
32	I would ask them to support crop land grazing to make it more appealing to farmers who dont already do this it would add revenue to the farms and add soil health and water shed health if managed right	12/29/2024 9:12 AM
33	Reduce regulations and or alter regulations for nutrient management plans in counties not close to the bay	12/28/2024 3:13 PM
34	Prioritize agriculture and food production, promote publicly and assist in educating the public, find ways to assist incoming farmers w the costs	12/25/2024 9:40 PM
35	STOP FUNDING SOLAR FARMS AND STOP THE SOLAR LAND GRAB. Solar ruins the land and it never returns to is prime farmland status. Also stop rails to trails. A right away for trains through our farms should not be used for people's leisure. It is a huge liability for us.	12/25/2024 3:50 PM
36	Promote it!	12/20/2024 11:07 AM
37	Make it legal for farmers to sell raw milk. Make it easier to butcher and sell on farm raised beef, pork, sheep ext.. just let us farm and sell all of our food to our neighbors. Every little thing needs a license and inspection and mounds of paperwork and regulations. I just want to sell good quality nutrients dense food to my neighbors and community.	12/16/2024 8:51 PM
38	My biggest problem right now other than interest rates is the deer population. It is killing us	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
39	Fund cost, share for the farmers due to the drought	12/15/2024 9:51 PM
40	Back off poultry farms .	12/14/2024 9:08 PM
41	Just support what we do, and try to understand why we do it. Before just pounding more regulations.	12/12/2024 10:04 PM
42	Help protect Maryland farmland. We are currently battling PSEG for the piedmont reliability project	12/10/2024 4:42 PM
43	Simplify financing for beginning farmers.	12/10/2024 2:36 PM
44	I would ask them to find a way to withdraw from green energy goals, the current goals are not truly sustainable and the government's interjection to force them through is not feasible long term	12/9/2024 1:48 PM
45	Stop letting people put solar on ag land	12/8/2024 6:19 PM
46	Less overburdensome and unnecessary environmental regulation	12/6/2024 9:27 PM
47	Focus on new farmers. The average age for farmers is 60+. The old farmers are getting out due to making a very good living and kids have gotten lazy. Now a few large farmers are taking over everything. Which is centralizing all income and making jobs/ local economy's worse. The areas will do better if there is many smaller farmers then a few super large operations. Provide education. Give incentives for the older farmer to sell to younger farmer. Instead of solar/developers or just renting out.	12/6/2024 6:58 AM
48	Ask for more food freedoms	12/6/2024 12:55 AM
49	- Protect Preserved Farmland and farmland from being used to utility projects -Prohibit prime and productive farmland from being used for any solar -Change state law to allow	12/4/2024 1:43 PM
50	Educate themselves from actual operations/producers instead of special interest groups having nothing to do with agriculture	12/2/2024 5:54 PM
51	We need money to fence our land to protect from deer. Deer are the biggest challenge right now to farming. I lose so much crop to deer that it almost is to the point where I can't farm the fields. And you can't shoot enough deer that doesn't work. We need cost share programs to fence our fields from deer. That would drastically increase yield and financial return per acre.	11/30/2024 2:51 PM

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52	Protect productive land from solar development	11/28/2024 5:57 AM
53	Cut regulations	11/27/2024 11:42 PM
54	Encourage people to find and support their local farmers and go to the farmers market	11/27/2024 10:32 PM
55	Reduce farming regulations.	11/27/2024 6:20 PM
56	Get in front of farmers more. The nutrient management regulations and the AIR form are unnecessary. Farmers generally feel from my experience of dealing with 100+ that the government does nothing but get in their way of farming	11/27/2024 3:47 PM
57	Lower land tax	10/26/2024 9:15 PM
58	less regulation. less pushing for solar fields. less sprawling development. Support solar and development in urban areas that need to be revitalized and rebuilt.	6/19/2024 4:21 PM
59	We need funding for deer fences to protect our crops because the deer are OUT OF CONTROL and hunting doesn't do enough anymore. I would also say that purchasing farmland is a problem because we used to have ag preservation money so you could buy a farm and put it in preservation and use the preservation money to pay the down payment of the mortgage. But now most farms are already preserved and there is no funding to assist with purchase for and already preserved farm. And in Carroll county the Amish are buying every farm and pricing out young farmers like myself to where I may have to sell our farm and move elsewhere because I can't expand in Carroll county.	6/15/2024 1:53 PM
60	Preserve farmland by voting against use of solar and planting trees on prime and productive farmland.	6/15/2024 8:14 AM
61	Hold other industries and areas accountable for their contributions to the degradation of the Chesapeake Bay--- storm water, urban waste water, construction, etc.	6/11/2024 12:20 PM
62	Keep the government out of farming	6/10/2024 9:43 PM
63	Keep advocating for young farmers and low interest loans to help young farmers have a fighting chance. Any government loans that are allocated for hardships not be able to be taxed as income earned we have suffered a substantial hardship for some government money that was issued during covid 19 pandemic that has almost put us out of business due to the tax penalty form money we did not earn but had to claim as self employment. We will take no more help from the government lesson learned.	6/10/2024 8:46 PM
64	Reach out to us when they have questions don't get swept away from those who have the time to lobby.	6/5/2024 11:12 AM

Q57 If you have any additional comments, please specify below:

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	N/a	2/21/2025 11:05 AM
2	Na	2/13/2025 9:49 PM
3	Na	1/30/2025 11:35 AM
4	More creative marketing for what you want to promote	1/24/2025 3:57 PM
5	N/A	12/28/2024 3:13 PM
6	Agriculture is Maryland's number one industry and it should be treated as such when passing bills and making decisions.	12/25/2024 3:50 PM
7	I custom harvest 2000-2500 acre in neighboring counties	12/15/2024 9:51 PM
8	Financing for beginning farmers should not be contingent on 100% of income being farm generated. Because 100% of our income does not come from farming, we often are not eligible for some financing. But that is unreasonable as almost all farmers have to make supplemental income.	12/10/2024 2:36 PM
9	I've lost 120 acres to land owners choosing to put solar on there farm land	12/8/2024 6:19 PM
10	It has been difficult to reach MDA staff both in person or on the phone. Several units have shared that if the employee is working from home, and you call their desk phone the phone does not ring to them at home.	12/4/2024 1:43 PM