



**Maryland
Department of Agriculture**

Office of the Secretary

Wes Moore, Governor

Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor

Kevin M. Atticks, Secretary

Steven A. Connelly, Deputy Secretary

Maryland Young Farmers Advisory Board

Agriculture | *Maryland's Leading Industry*
mda.maryland.gov

The Wayne A. Cawley, Jr. Building
50 Harry S Truman Parkway
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

410-841-5882 Baltimore/Washington
410-841-5914 Fax

2025 Maryland Young Farmers Survey Supplemental Analysis

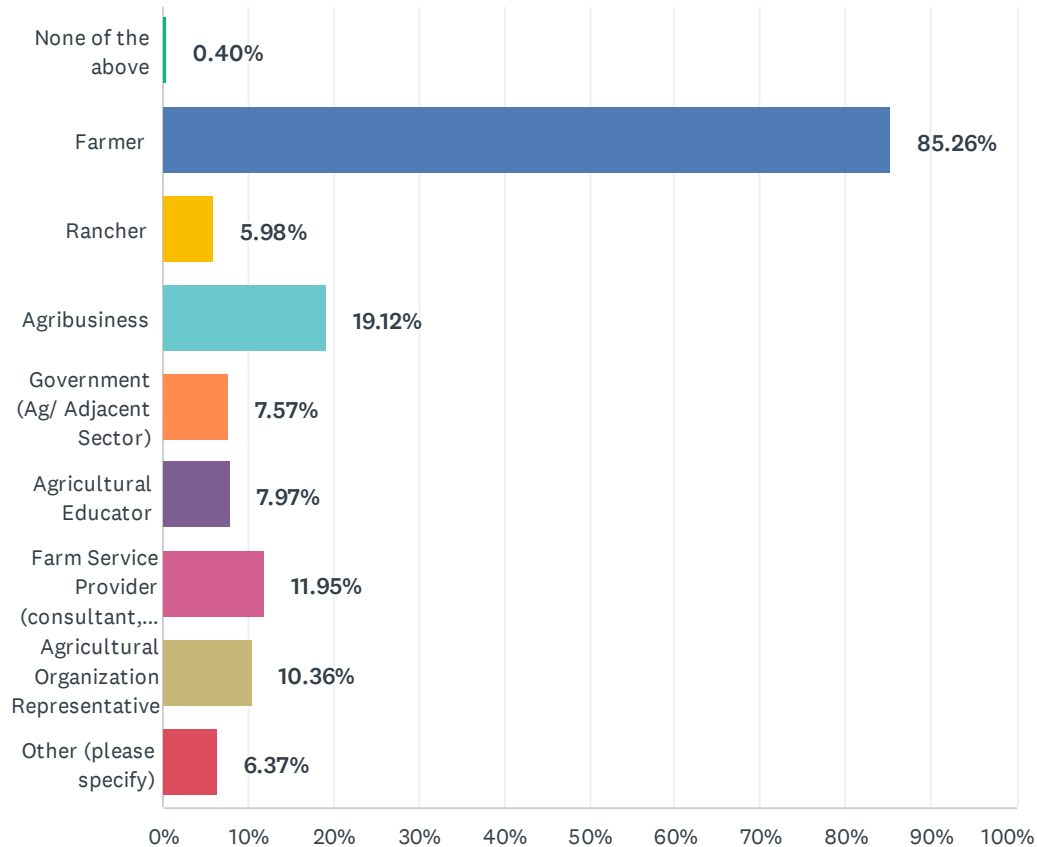
Maryland Farm Bureau Report

This document includes data points from all respondents who selected that they belong to the Maryland Farm Bureau 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: 251 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.40%	1
Farmer (1)	85.26%	214
Rancher (2)	5.98%	15
Agribusiness (3)	19.12%	48
Government (Ag/ Adjacent Sector) (4)	7.57%	19
Agricultural Educator (5)	7.97%	20
Farm Service Provider (consultant, ag mechanic, etc.) (6)	11.95%	30
Agricultural Organization Representative (7)	10.36%	26
Other (please specify) (8)	6.37%	16
Total Respondents: 251		

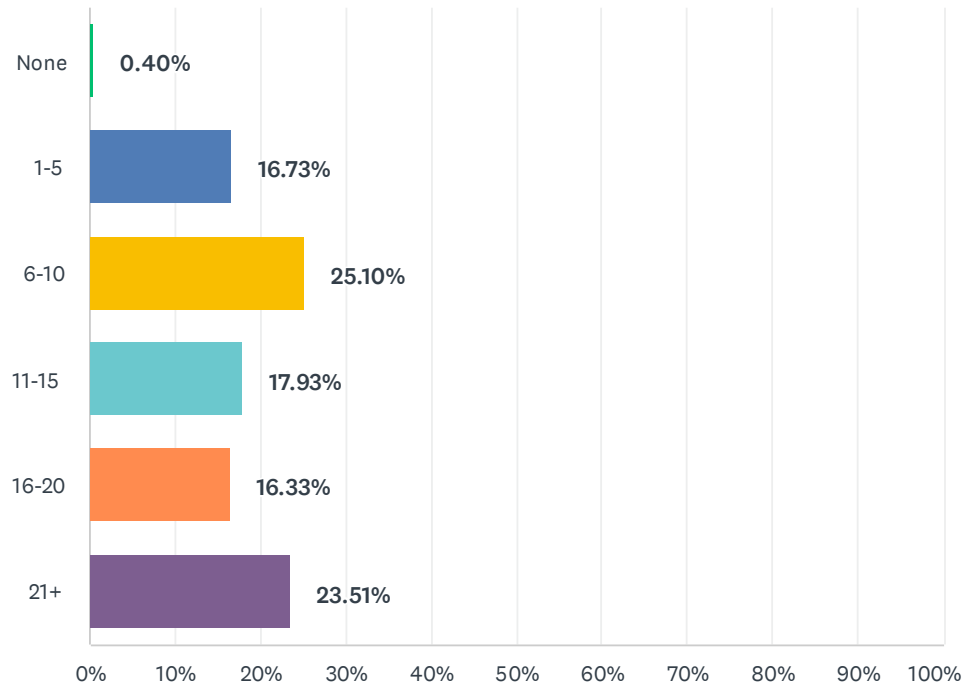
Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 9.00	Median 1.00	Mean 2.76	Standard Deviation 2.39

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Value added products	2/20/2025 9:50 AM
2	Land owner	2/13/2025 9:55 PM
3	Farmers wife, book keeper	2/13/2025 9:02 PM
4	4-H leader	12/28/2024 8:14 PM
5	Preservation consultants	12/24/2024 6:11 AM
6	Farmers wife	12/20/2024 11:02 AM
7	Soil Scientist	12/15/2024 8:35 PM
8	4H youth	11/29/2024 1:22 PM
9	Ag sales	11/29/2024 7:21 AM
10	Employee on a farm & future agricultural educator	11/28/2024 7:37 AM
11	Studying Animal Science in College. Graduate May 2025	11/27/2024 7:10 PM
12	Agritourism	6/28/2024 8:18 AM
13	Farm Owner	6/17/2024 3:23 PM
14	Agricultural Journalist & Author	6/11/2024 12:29 PM
15	mdfb and yfnr member, student pursuing a collegiate ag education and profucer	6/10/2024 9:52 PM
16	Equestrian	6/10/2024 3:16 PM

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: 251 Skipped: 0

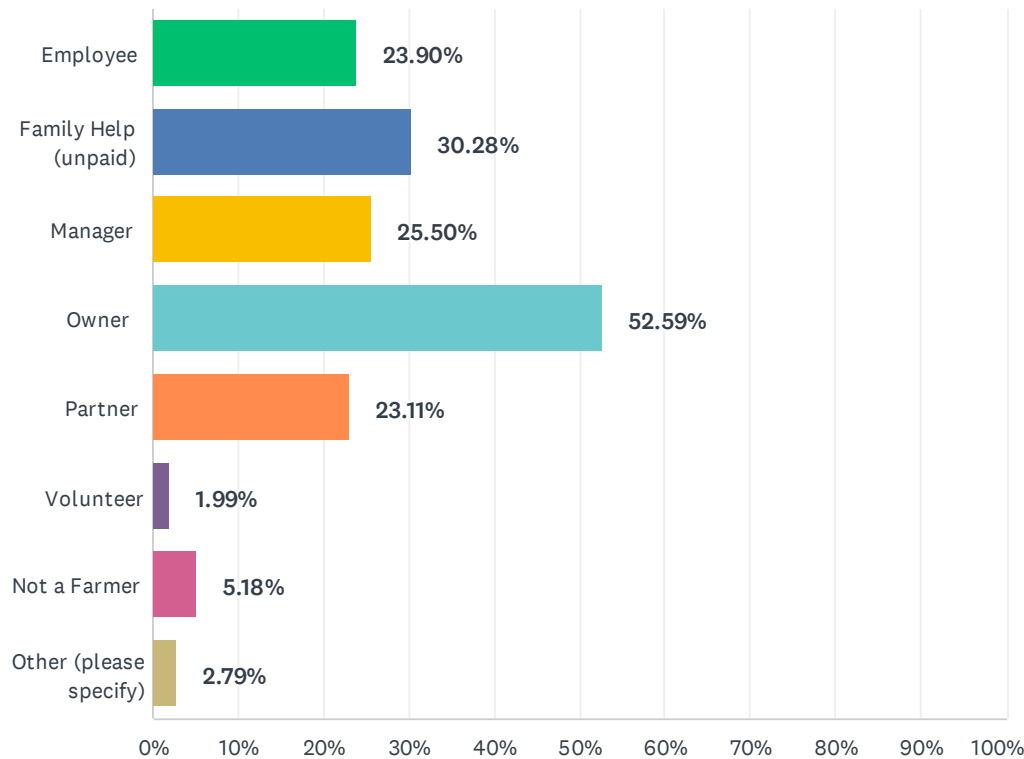


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None (1)	0.40%	1
1-5 (2)	16.73%	42
6-10 (3)	25.10%	63
11-15 (4)	17.93%	45
16-20 (5)	16.33%	41
21+ (6)	23.51%	59
TOTAL		251

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	6.00	4.00	4.04	1.43

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

Answered: 251 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employee (1)	23.90%	60
Family Help (unpaid) (2)	30.28%	76
Manager (3)	25.50%	64
Owner (4)	52.59%	132
Partner (5)	23.11%	58
Volunteer (6)	1.99%	5
Not a Farmer (7)	5.18%	13
Other (please specify) (8)	2.79%	7
Total Respondents: 251		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	8.00	4.00	3.37	1.59

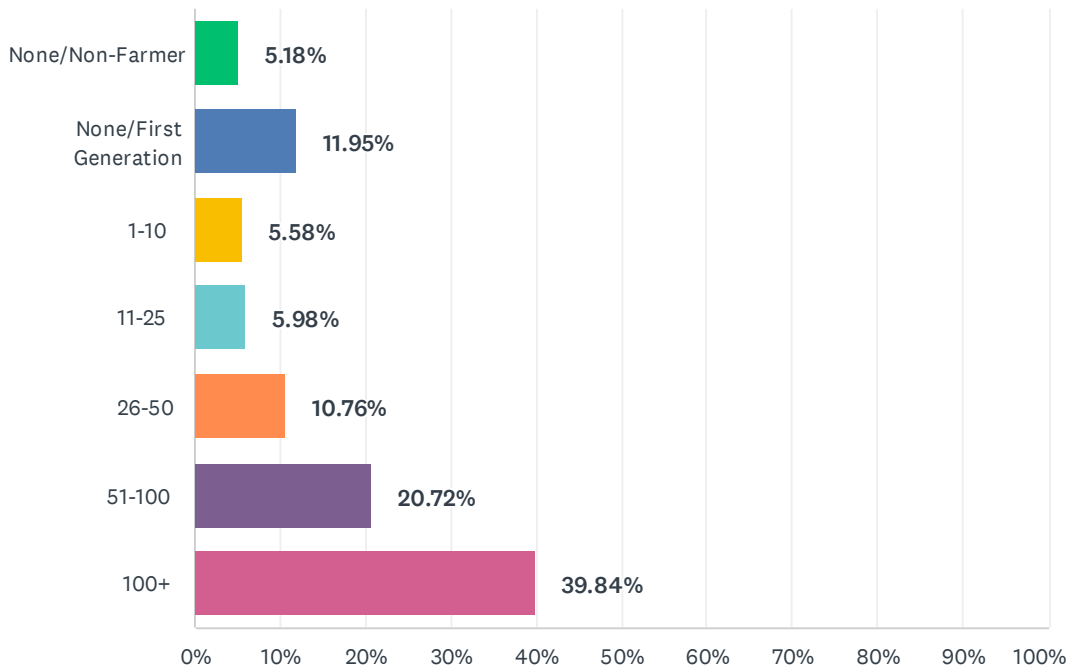
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Sales and consulting ag and forested land	12/24/2024 6:11 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

2	farm kid	12/12/2024 11:57 AM
3	Non farmer	6/28/2024 8:18 AM
4	landowner	6/17/2024 3:23 PM
5	Part-Time fall help	6/12/2024 8:34 AM
6	Consultant	6/12/2024 5:46 AM
7	Employee/Next Generation	6/10/2024 8:19 PM

Q4 How many years has your family been farming?

Answered: 251 Skipped: 0

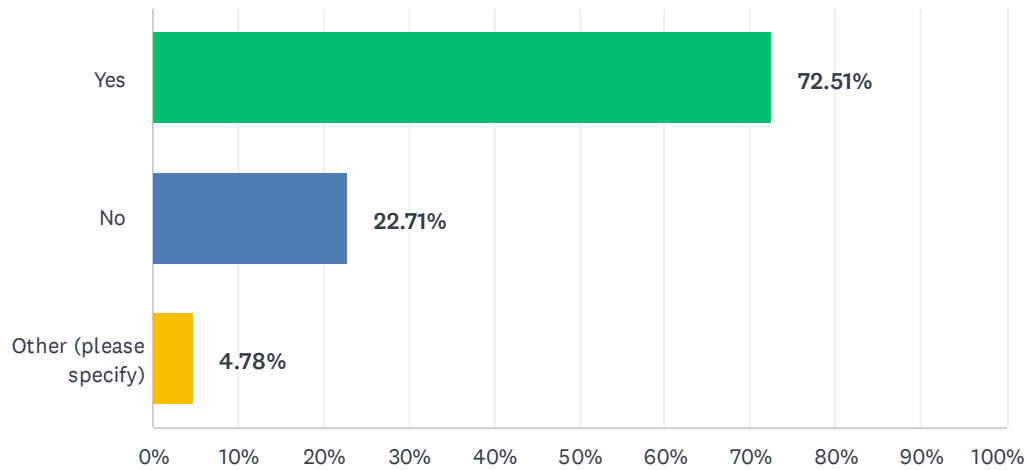


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None/Non-Farmer (1)		5.18%	13
None/First Generation (2)		11.95%	30
1-10 (3)		5.58%	14
11-25 (4)		5.98%	15
26-50 (5)		10.76%	27
51-100 (6)		20.72%	52
100+ (7)		39.84%	100
TOTAL			251

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	7.00	6.00	5.27	1.98

Q5 Did you grow up on a farm?

Answered: 251 Skipped: 0



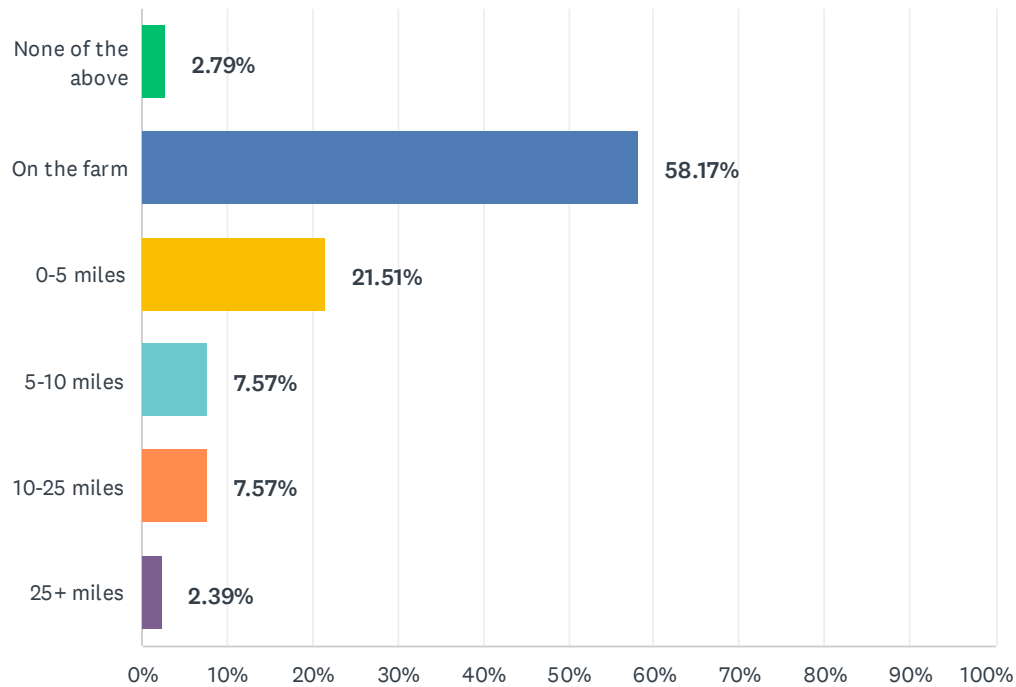
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (1)	72.51%	182
No (2)	22.71%	57
Other (please specify) (3)	4.78%	12
TOTAL		251

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 3.00	Median 1.00	Mean 1.32	Standard Deviation 0.56

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	On and Off	2/14/2025 1:45 PM
2	My grandparents owned a farm, we do not live on a farm but now rent property to farm.	1/17/2025 9:08 AM
3	Spent 10+ years on neighbor farm	12/28/2024 6:11 PM
4	Lived off the farm but was still there every day	12/16/2024 6:09 PM
5	Dad was dairy farmer until I was young, but did not grow up in that environment	12/15/2024 8:03 PM
6	Married in	12/11/2024 9:47 AM
7	Part time	12/10/2024 12:10 PM
8	Hobby farm with livestock raised for 4H	7/19/2024 10:43 AM
9	My husband and myself did not grow up on a farm, but grew up around agriculture. My husband worked on several farms and my family ran an orchard and farm when I was young.	6/11/2024 8:46 AM
10	grew up in ffa/4h with the support of my family	6/10/2024 9:52 PM
11	My grandparents I visited	6/10/2024 5:28 PM
12	Farmette	6/10/2024 3:16 PM

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

Answered: 251 Skipped: 0

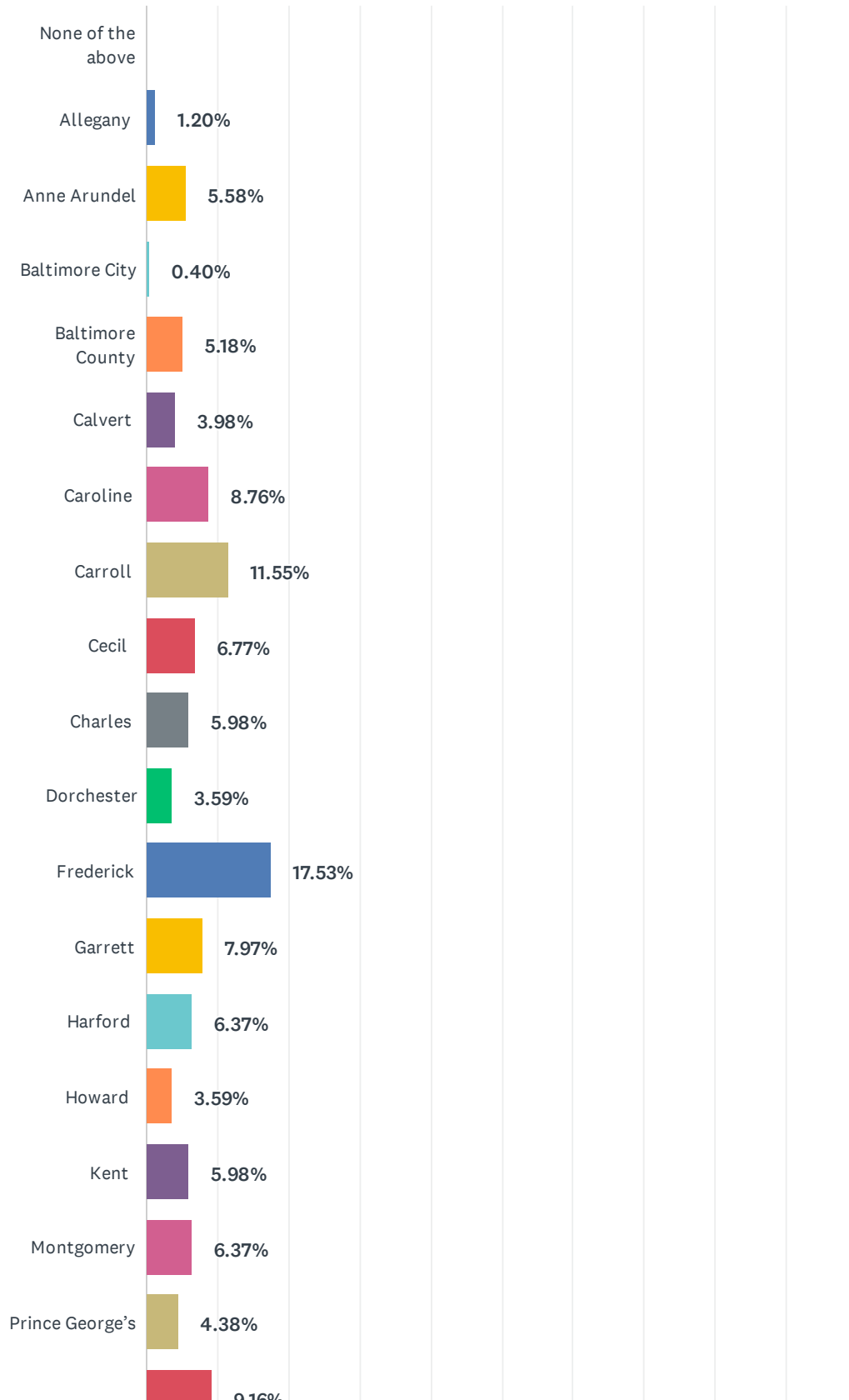


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	2.79%	7
On the farm (1)	58.17%	146
0-5 miles (2)	21.51%	54
5-10 miles (3)	7.57%	19
10-25 miles (4)	7.57%	19
25+ miles (5)	2.39%	6
TOTAL		251

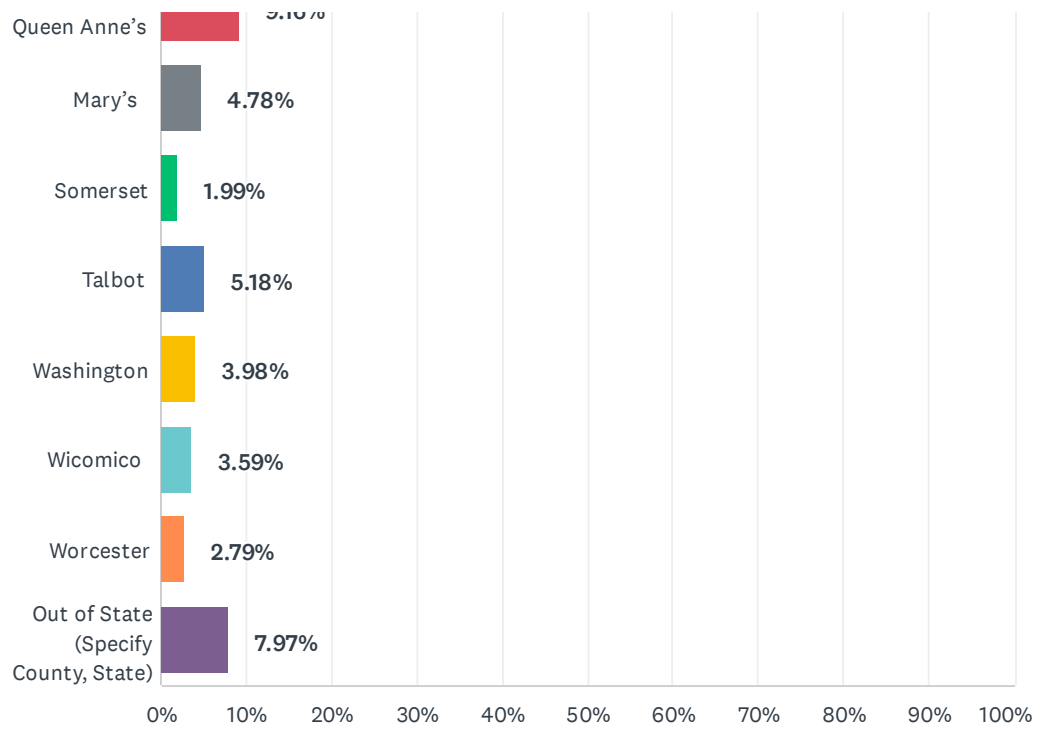
BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 5.00	Median 1.00	Mean 1.71	Standard Deviation 1.06

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

Answered: 251 Skipped: 0



Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024



Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		0.00%	0
Allegany (1)		1.20%	3
Anne Arundel (2)		5.58%	14
Baltimore City (3)		0.40%	1
Baltimore County (4)		5.18%	13
Calvert (5)		3.98%	10
Caroline (6)		8.76%	22
Carroll (7)		11.55%	29
Cecil (8)		6.77%	17
Charles (9)		5.98%	15
Dorchester (10)		3.59%	9
Frederick (11)		17.53%	44
Garrett (12)		7.97%	20
Harford (13)		6.37%	16
Howard (14)		3.59%	9
Kent (15)		5.98%	15
Montgomery (16)		6.37%	16
Prince George's (17)		4.38%	11
Queen Anne's (18)		9.16%	23
Mary's (19)		4.78%	12
Somerset (20)		1.99%	5
Talbot (21)		5.18%	13
Washington (22)		3.98%	10
Wicomico (23)		3.59%	9
Worcester (24)		2.79%	7
Out of State (Specify County, State) (25)		7.97%	20
Total Respondents: 251			

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	26.00	12.00	12.91	6.51

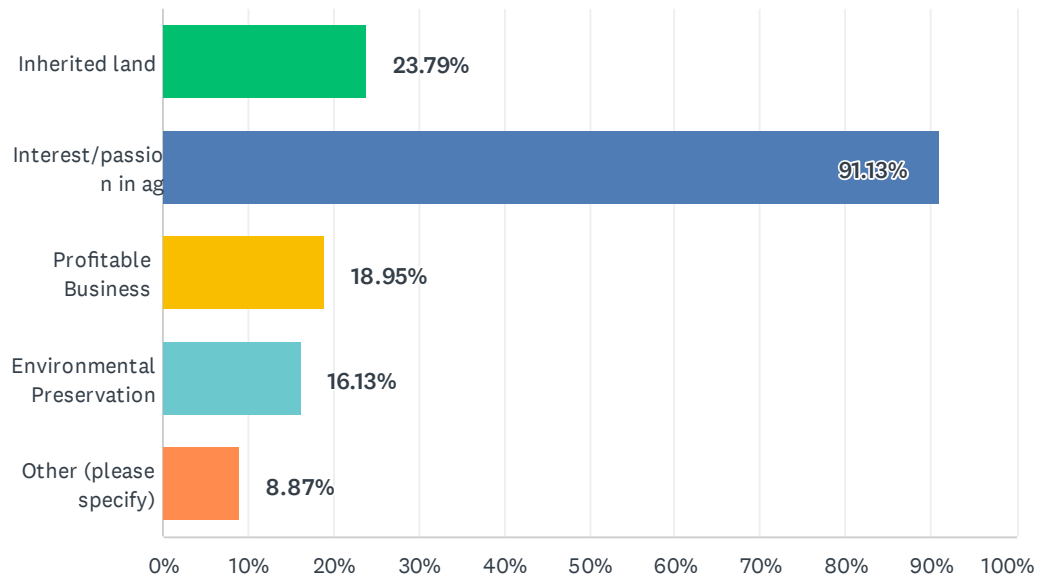
#	OUT OF STATE (SPECIFY COUNTY, STATE)	DATE
1	Kent, DE	2/14/2025 9:03 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

2	Sussex County, Delaware	2/14/2025 7:49 AM
3	Sussex, DE	2/14/2025 7:01 AM
4	Fauquier	1/17/2025 10:50 PM
5	Adams, PA	1/13/2025 7:52 AM
6	Wayne County, North Carolina	1/5/2025 11:33 PM
7	Illinois	12/28/2024 8:14 PM
8	Bedford, PA	12/19/2024 6:34 PM
9	Adam's county and York county Pennsylvania.	12/18/2024 11:41 PM
10	South Carolina	12/16/2024 11:17 PM
11	York	12/16/2024 6:09 PM
12	Sussex delware	12/14/2024 8:57 PM
13	Berkeley County, WV	12/12/2024 7:08 PM
14	Kent, DE	12/6/2024 9:19 PM
15	Adams,PA	11/30/2024 2:37 PM
16	New Castle County, DE	6/19/2024 4:04 PM
17	Adams PA	6/15/2024 1:37 PM
18	Adams county Pennsylvania	6/11/2024 2:08 PM
19	Virginia	6/11/2024 8:29 AM
20	Pulaski County, Missouri	6/10/2024 8:03 PM

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

Answered: 248 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Inherited land (1)	23.79%	59
Interest/passion in ag (2)	91.13%	226
Profitable Business (3)	18.95%	47
Environmental Preservation (4)	16.13%	40
Other (please specify) (5)	8.87%	22
Total Respondents: 248		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 5.00	Median 2.00	Mean 2.34	Standard Deviation 1.03

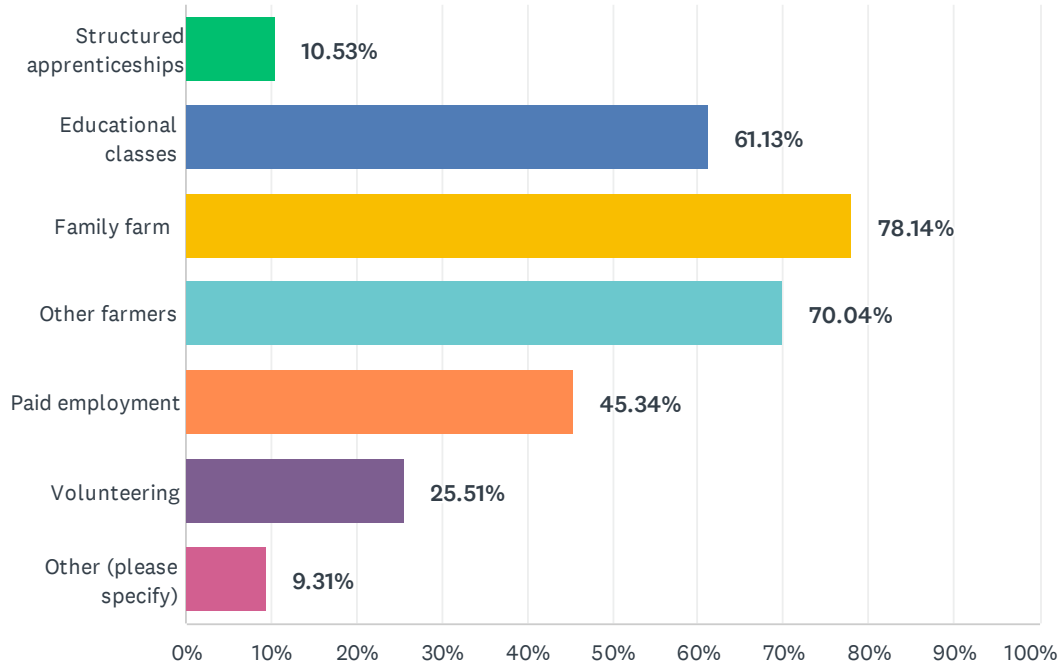
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	In the blood	2/20/2025 9:50 AM
2	Future for our children	2/13/2025 9:02 PM
3	Married into farm family	2/2/2025 6:31 PM
4	Self sufficiency	1/30/2025 11:41 AM
5	Family	1/11/2025 12:26 PM
6	None of the above	1/7/2025 10:22 PM
7	Continuing family tradition and being part of a great community with other farm families	1/5/2025 9:35 PM
8	Non-farmer	12/24/2024 6:11 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

9	My husband is a farmer so it's basically a requirement:)	12/20/2024 11:02 AM
10	Family's legacy	12/16/2024 11:17 PM
11	Family Tradition	12/15/2024 8:03 PM
12	My grandfathers love of the land that he taught me	12/14/2024 8:57 PM
13	Married in	12/12/2024 7:08 PM
14	It's what I was meant to do	12/10/2024 5:48 PM
15	Create a profitable career path for our children	12/4/2024 12:35 PM
16	Non farmer	6/28/2024 8:18 AM
17	Fear of being the last generation to farm	6/15/2024 8:05 AM
18	Husband is a farmer	6/13/2024 2:34 PM
19	Married into	6/13/2024 6:54 AM
20	my sons joined FFA	6/10/2024 9:51 PM
21	Fear of the farm not being there for future generations	6/10/2024 8:19 PM
22	Feeding the community	6/5/2024 11:01 AM

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

Answered: 247 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Structured apprenticeships (1)	10.53%	26
Educational classes (2)	61.13%	151
Family farm (3)	78.14%	193
Other farmers (4)	70.04%	173
Paid employment (5)	45.34%	112
Volunteering (6)	25.51%	63
Other (please specify) (7)	9.31%	23
Total Respondents: 247		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	7.00	4.00	3.64	1.43

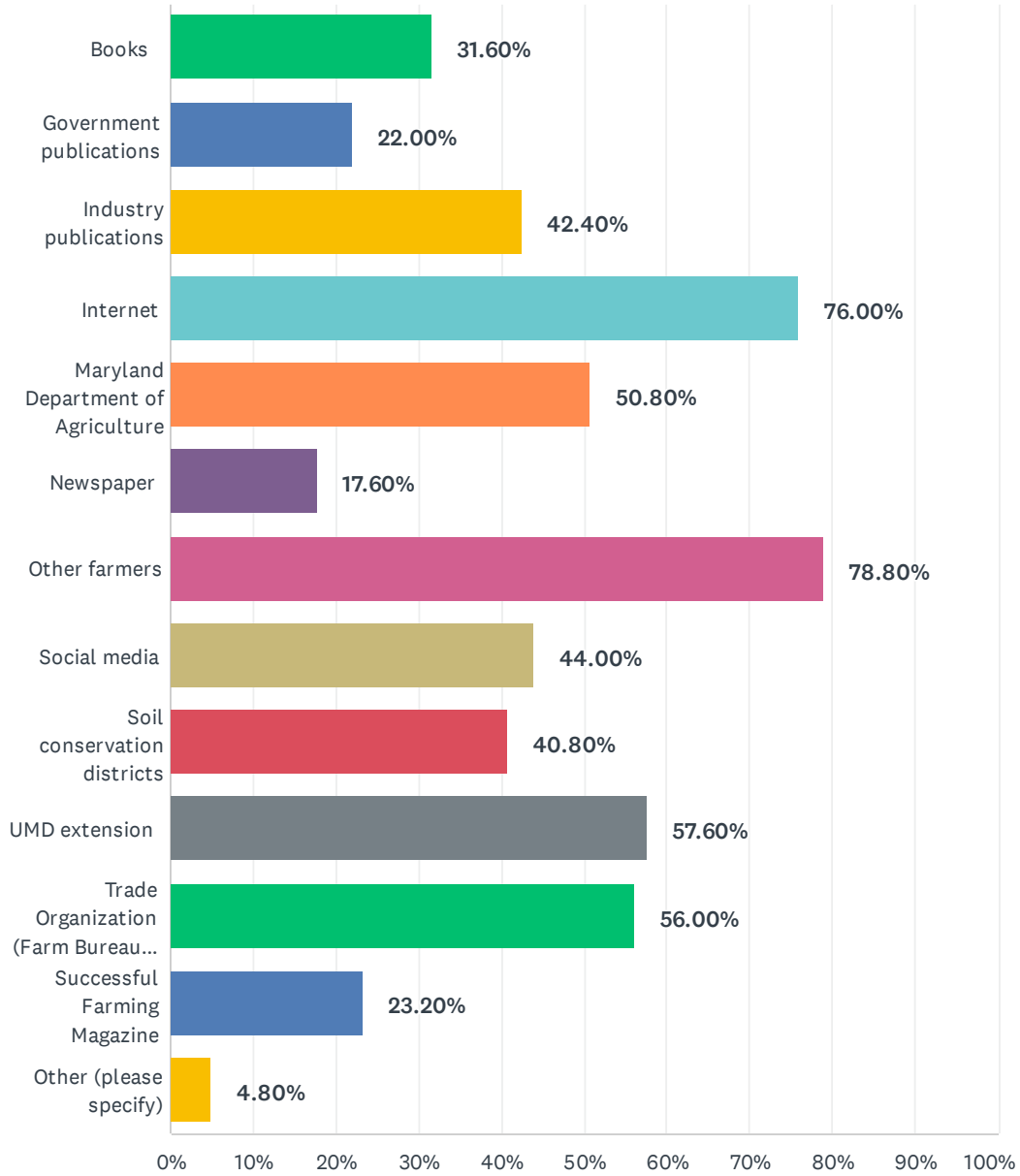
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Hands on, school of hard knocks	2/20/2025 9:50 AM
2	Total acre	2/14/2025 8:53 PM
3	Farming friends and groups	1/30/2025 11:41 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

4	Experience from trial and error	1/20/2025 8:13 PM
5	College	1/17/2025 10:50 PM
6	Internet / YouTube and just learning by doing	1/17/2025 7:39 PM
7	4-H	1/17/2025 9:08 AM
8	Service sector work	1/13/2025 7:52 AM
9	Failures	1/12/2025 8:28 AM
10	farm shows/farm visits	1/1/2025 2:27 PM
11	Representing farmers	12/24/2024 6:11 AM
12	4-H	12/23/2024 4:50 PM
13	Trial. And error	12/16/2024 8:36 PM
14	Selling seed	12/14/2024 8:57 PM
15	Family knowledge	12/10/2024 3:27 PM
16	Internships	12/9/2024 9:50 AM
17	Colorado State University	11/27/2024 7:10 PM
18	Through my spouse	7/9/2024 11:37 AM
19	Non farmer	6/28/2024 8:18 AM
20	self taught	6/24/2024 2:27 PM
21	LEAD	6/11/2024 9:01 AM
22	Lots of trial and error	6/11/2024 8:46 AM
23	Met good people	6/10/2024 5:28 PM

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

Answered: 250 Skipped: 1



Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

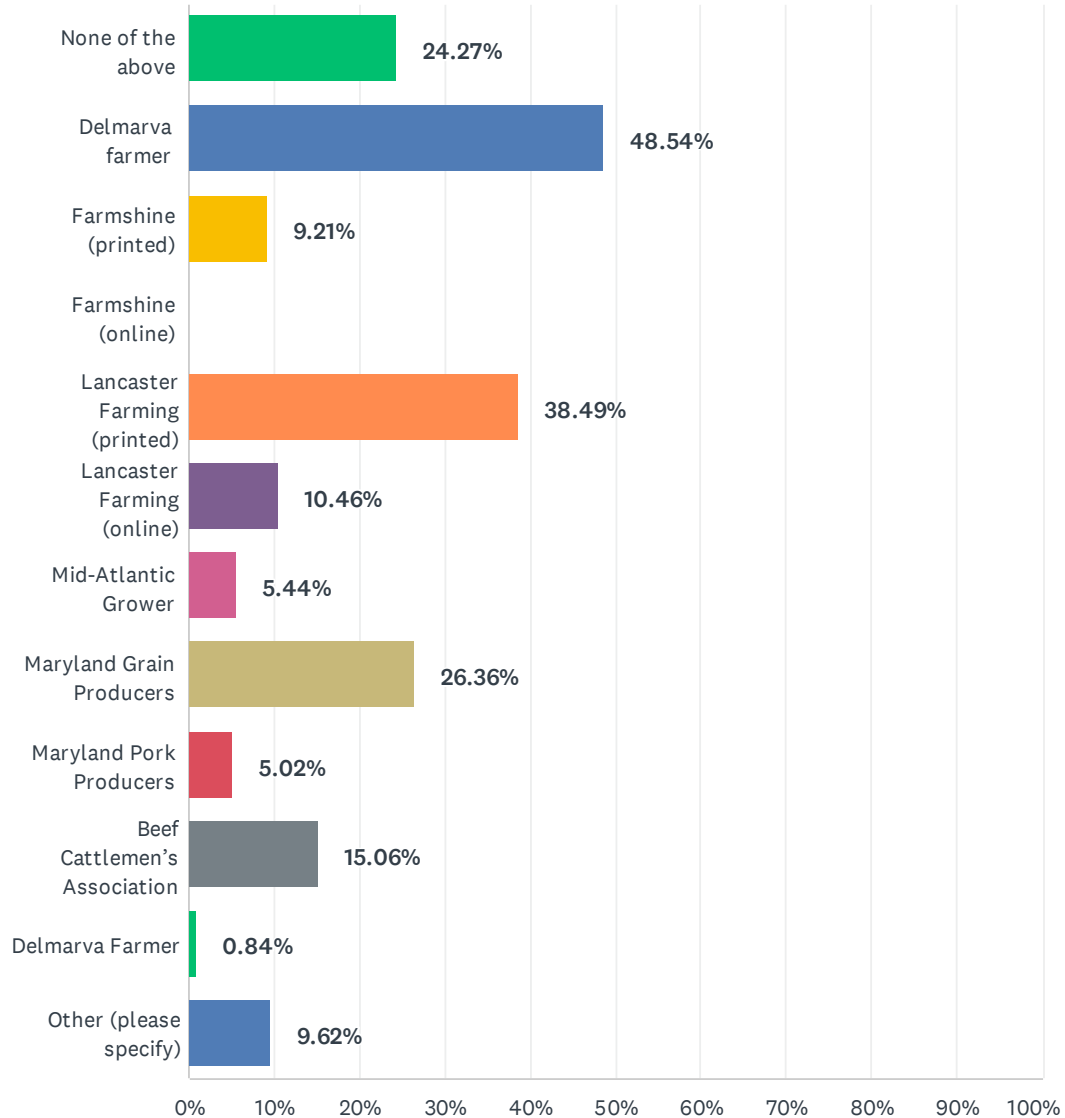
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Books (1)	31.60%	79
Government publications (2)	22.00%	55
Industry publications (3)	42.40%	106
Internet (4)	76.00%	190
Maryland Department of Agriculture (5)	50.80%	127
Newspaper (6)	17.60%	44
Other farmers (7)	78.80%	197
Social media (8)	44.00%	110
Soil conservation districts (9)	40.80%	102
UMD extension (10)	57.60%	144
Trade Organization (Farm Bureau, Corn Growers Assn., etc.) (11)	56.00%	140
Successful Farming Magazine (12)	23.20%	58
Other (please specify) (13)	4.80%	12
Total Respondents: 250		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 13.00	Median 7.00	Mean 6.73	Standard Deviation 3.20

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Allied partners	2/16/2025 7:10 AM
2	Local agronomists	2/2/2025 10:53 AM
3	Nonprofit ag groups	1/30/2025 11:41 AM
4	Podcast	12/15/2024 9:37 PM
5	AI	12/9/2024 9:50 AM
6	Suppliers(fertilizer/seed,etc)	12/4/2024 5:44 PM
7	Private Agriculture farm classes	12/2/2024 9:09 PM
8	Other University Research	6/19/2024 4:04 PM
9	Mid Atlantic vegetable grower recommendations book	6/15/2024 1:37 PM
10	Agronomic Advisor/ Crop Scout	6/11/2024 9:01 AM
11	Academic publications	6/10/2024 6:47 PM
12	CCA	6/10/2024 4:35 PM

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

Answered: 239 Skipped: 12



Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	24.27%	58
Delmarva farmer (1)	48.54%	116
Farmshine (printed) (2)	9.21%	22
Farmshine (online) (3)	0.00%	0
Lancaster Farming (printed) (4)	38.49%	92
Lancaster Farming (online) (5)	10.46%	25
Mid-Atlantic Grower (6)	5.44%	13
Maryland Grain Producers (7)	26.36%	63
Maryland Pork Producers (8)	5.02%	12
Beef Cattlemen's Association (9)	15.06%	36
Delmarva Farmer (10)	0.84%	2
Other (please specify) (11)	9.62%	23
Total Respondents: 239		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 12.00	Median 4.00	Mean 4.67	Standard Deviation 3.24

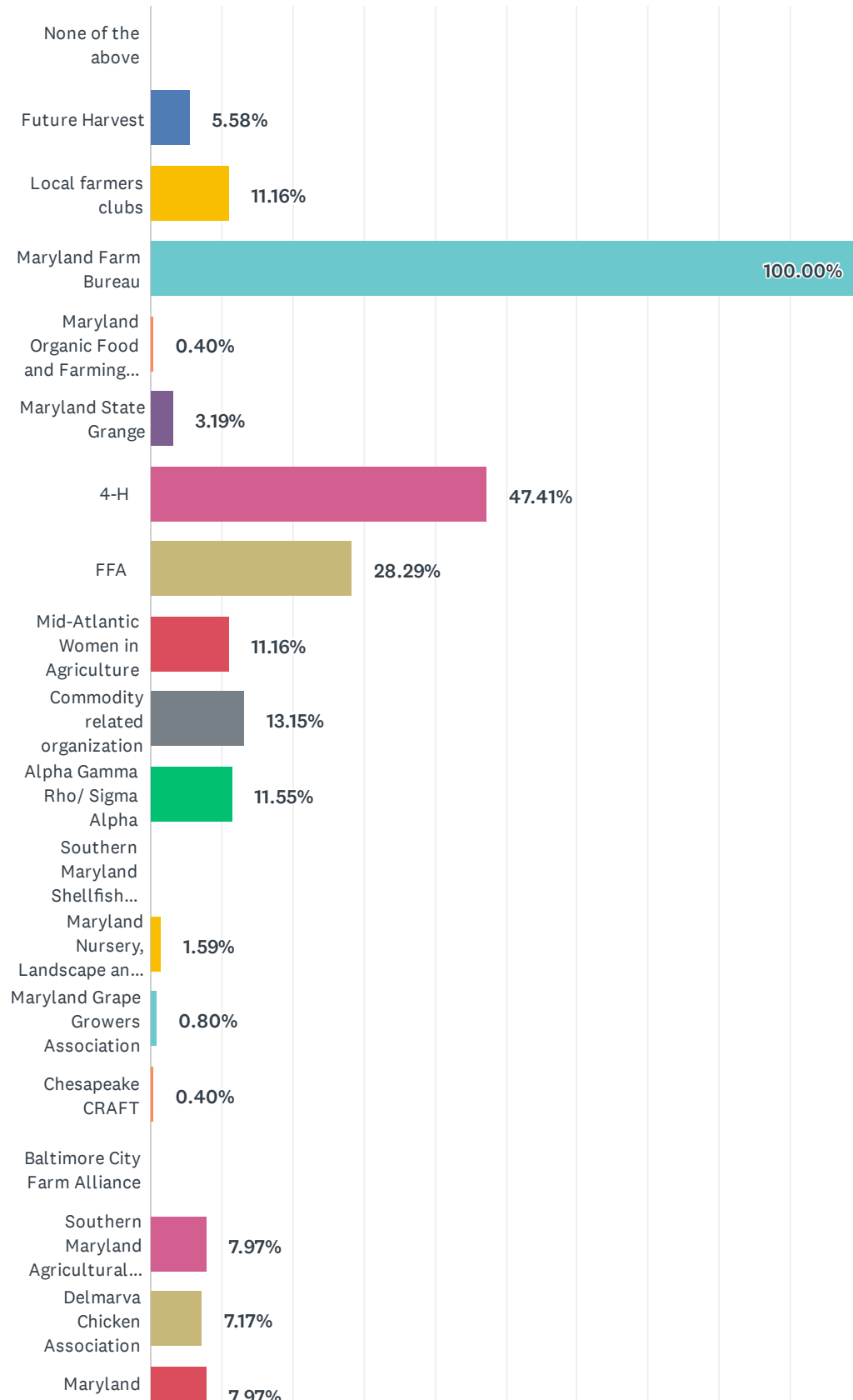
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Hereford Association	2/27/2025 1:45 PM
2	Dairy breed magazines	2/20/2025 9:50 AM
3	Several dairy publications	2/14/2025 10:41 AM
4	Hoards	2/13/2025 9:02 PM
5	Agri-Pulse, Farm Journal	2/2/2025 6:31 PM
6	Successful Farming Magazine	1/31/2025 7:17 PM
7	International poultry producers	1/23/2025 1:35 AM
8	Magnetic Ag	12/25/2024 3:01 PM
9	Iowa Beef	12/16/2024 11:17 PM
10	Holstein International, Dairy Herd Management	12/15/2024 8:03 PM
11	AQHA	12/10/2024 3:27 PM
12	Farm Journal, Van Trump Report	12/9/2024 9:50 AM
13	Vegetable grower magazine	11/30/2024 2:37 PM
14	Extension	7/22/2024 10:57 AM
15	DTN	6/19/2024 4:04 PM
16	Commercial vegetable grower	6/15/2024 1:37 PM
17	Farm Bureau's magazine	6/12/2024 9:32 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

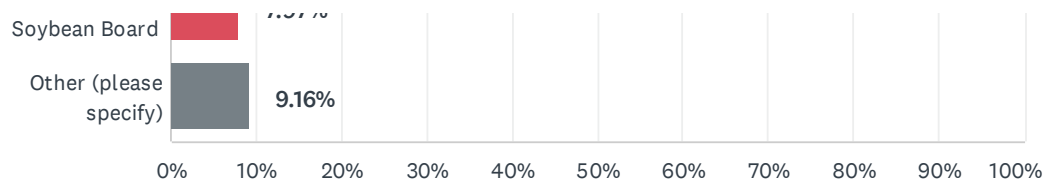
18	Dairy industry magazines (national)	6/10/2024 10:06 PM
19	mdfb newsletters	6/10/2024 9:52 PM
20	Hereford World	6/10/2024 9:50 PM
21	Farm Bureaus Newsletter	6/10/2024 8:03 PM
22	Maryland Farm Bureau	6/10/2024 7:33 PM
23	My Maryland Farmers	6/10/2024 6:47 PM

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

Answered: 251 Skipped: 0



Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.00%	0
Future Harvest (1)	5.58%	14
Local farmers clubs (2)	11.16%	28
Maryland Farm Bureau (3)	100.00%	251
Maryland Organic Food and Farming Association (4)	0.40%	1
Maryland State Grange (5)	3.19%	8
4-H (6)	47.41%	119
FFA (7)	28.29%	71
Mid-Atlantic Women in Agriculture (8)	11.16%	28
Commodity related organization (9)	13.15%	33
Alpha Gamma Rho/ Sigma Alpha (10)	11.55%	29
Southern Maryland Shellfish Growers Association (11)	0.00%	0
Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association (12)	1.59%	4
Maryland Grape Growers Association (13)	0.80%	2
Chesapeake CRAFT (14)	0.40%	1
Baltimore City Farm Alliance (15)	0.00%	0
Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (16)	7.97%	20
Delmarva Chicken Association (17)	7.17%	18
Maryland Soybean Board (18)	7.97%	20
Other (please specify) (19)	9.16%	23
Total Respondents: 251		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	20.00	6.00	6.60	4.83

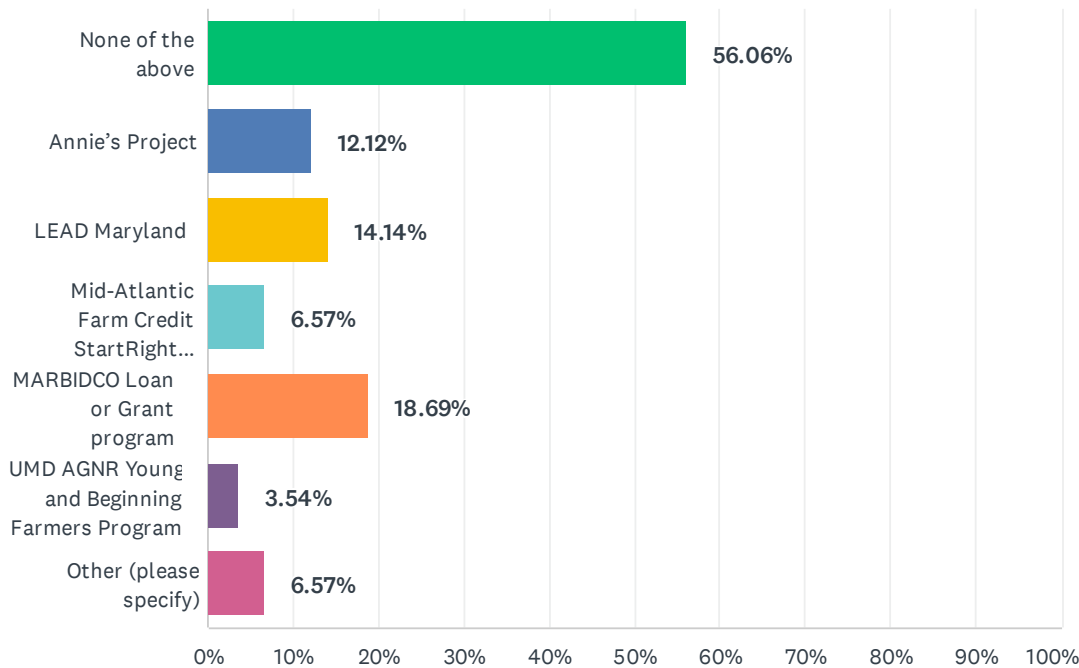
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Montgomery County Agricultural Fair	2/27/2025 5:13 PM
2	Hereford Association	2/27/2025 1:45 PM
3	LEAD	2/14/2025 8:53 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

4	Somerset County Young Farmers	1/31/2025 7:17 PM
5	Montgomery County Food Council	1/30/2025 11:41 AM
6	MD Sheep Producers	1/21/2025 8:54 PM
7	Maryland Junior Angus Association Maryland Junior Shorthorn Association	1/13/2025 9:40 PM
8	Maryland Sheep Breeders Association	1/13/2025 7:52 AM
9	Cecil county young farmer	1/12/2025 12:53 PM
10	GALA	1/7/2025 8:59 AM
11	LEAD Maryland	1/5/2025 9:35 PM
12	Maryland Dairy Shrine	1/4/2025 10:33 AM
13	NACD	12/28/2024 8:14 PM
14	Maryland sheep breeders	12/19/2024 1:07 PM
15	MD sheep breeders	12/17/2024 3:30 PM
16	State Holstein Board	12/15/2024 8:03 PM
17	Maryland Hereford Association	12/6/2024 1:33 PM
18	PVGA	11/30/2024 2:37 PM
19	MD Grain Producers	11/28/2024 5:48 AM
20	Maryland pork producers	6/13/2024 7:48 AM
21	Maryland Dairy Shrine	6/12/2024 9:32 AM
22	Maryland Ag Council	6/10/2024 8:03 PM
23	maryland cut flower growers	6/10/2024 7:14 PM

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

Answered: 198 Skipped: 53



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	56.06%	111
Annie's Project (1)	12.12%	24
LEAD Maryland (2)	14.14%	28
Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit StartRight Program (3)	6.57%	13
MARBIDCO Loan or Grant program (4)	18.69%	37
UMD AGNR Young and Beginning Farmers Program (5)	3.54%	7
Other (please specify) (6)	6.57%	13
Total Respondents: 198		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	7.00	3.00	3.22	1.79

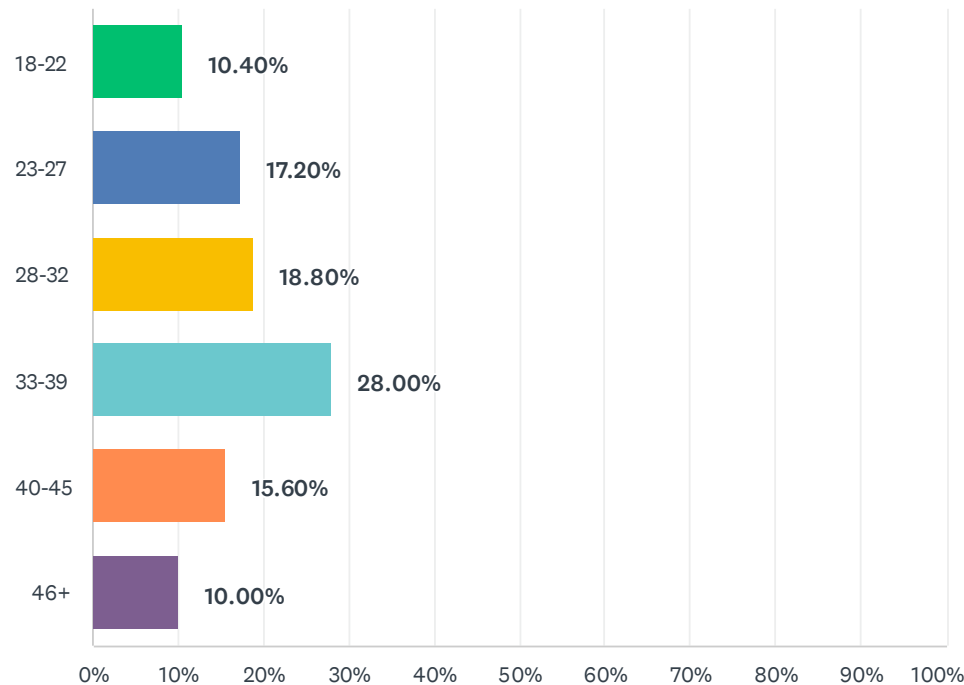
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	CREP	2/13/2025 9:55 PM
2	FFA alumni	2/13/2025 9:02 PM
3	Colonial Farm Credit's financial literacy program	2/2/2025 6:31 PM
4	Farming , Pencil to Plow class	1/17/2025 7:39 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

5	Soil Conservation District	1/10/2025 11:46 AM
6	LEAD program through a private Ag Business	1/4/2025 10:33 AM
7	SMADC mini grant	12/28/2024 12:23 PM
8	ASA Young Leadership program	12/16/2024 6:09 PM
9	Farm Credit University	12/5/2024 11:42 AM
10	LEAD program through former ag-business place of employment	6/12/2024 9:32 AM
11	NRCS	6/11/2024 8:46 AM
12	MAEF education courses	6/10/2024 9:51 PM
13	Ag Biz Masters	6/10/2024 3:10 PM

Q14 What is your age:

Answered: 250 Skipped: 1

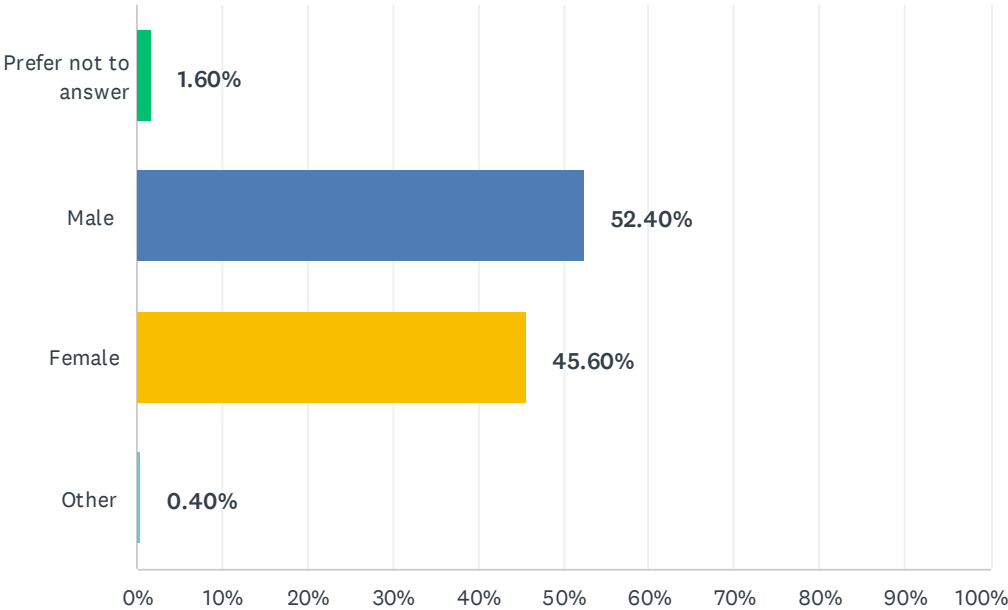


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18-22 (1)	10.40%	26
23-27 (2)	17.20%	43
28-32 (3)	18.80%	47
33-39 (4)	28.00%	70
40-45 (5)	15.60%	39
46+ (6)	10.00%	25
TOTAL		250

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 6.00	Median 4.00	Mean 3.51	Standard Deviation 1.46

Q15 What is your gender:

Answered: 250 Skipped: 1



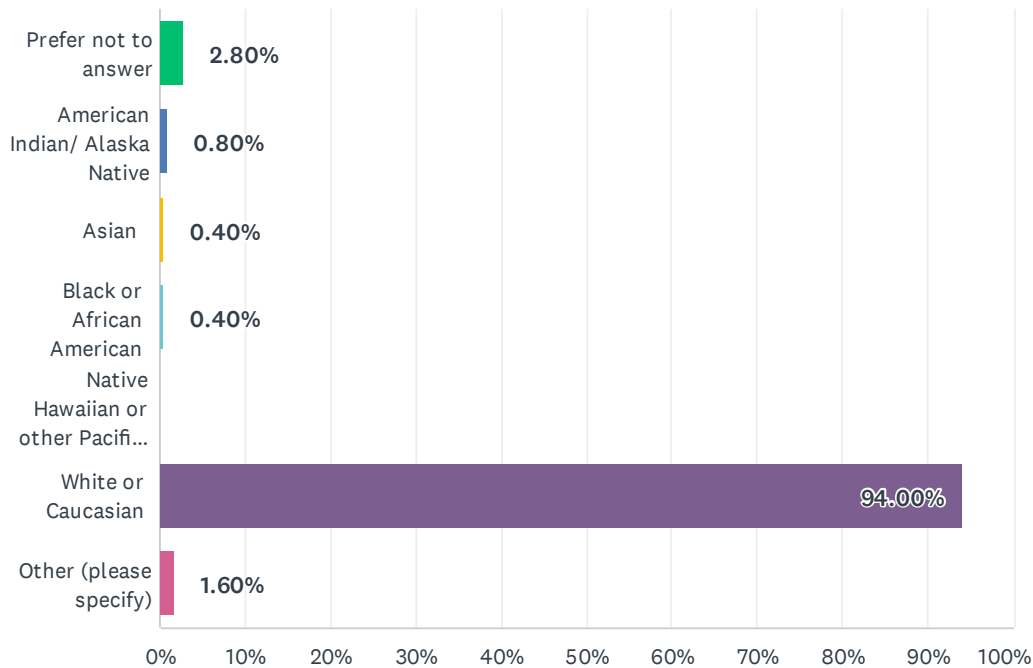
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer		1.60%	4
Male (1)		52.40%	131
Female (2)		45.60%	114
Other (3)		0.40%	1
TOTAL			250

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	1.00	1.48	0.52

#	OTHER	DATE
1	I	12/1/2024 5:04 PM

Q16 Please specify your race

Answered: 250 Skipped: 1



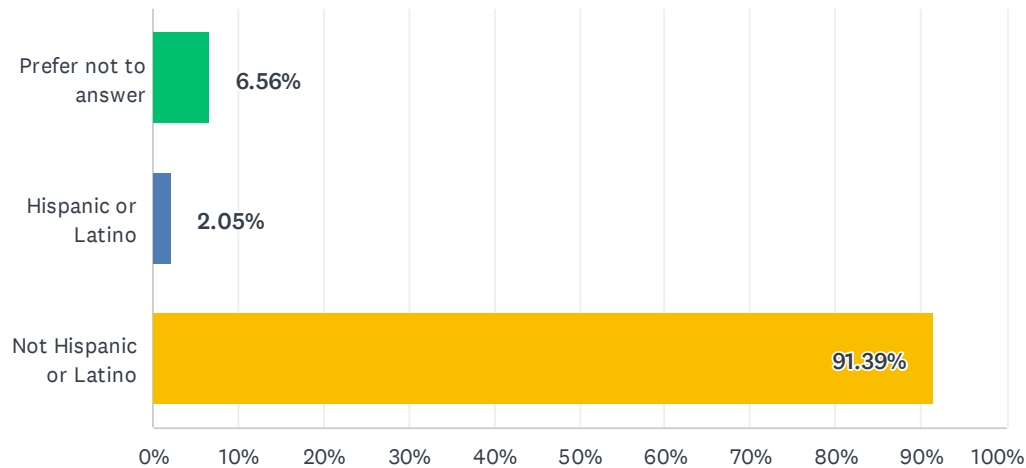
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	2.80%	7
American Indian/ Alaska Native (1)	0.80%	2
Asian (2)	0.40%	1
Black or African American (3)	0.40%	1
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (4)	0.00%	0
White or Caucasian (5)	94.00%	235
Other (please specify) (6)	1.60%	4
TOTAL		250

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	7.00	5.00	4.98	0.50

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Two races	2/14/2025 10:41 AM
2	Two or more races	1/17/2025 10:50 PM
3	Mixed race	12/14/2024 7:50 AM
4	American	6/10/2024 4:35 PM

Q17 Please specify your ethnicity:

Answered: 244 Skipped: 7

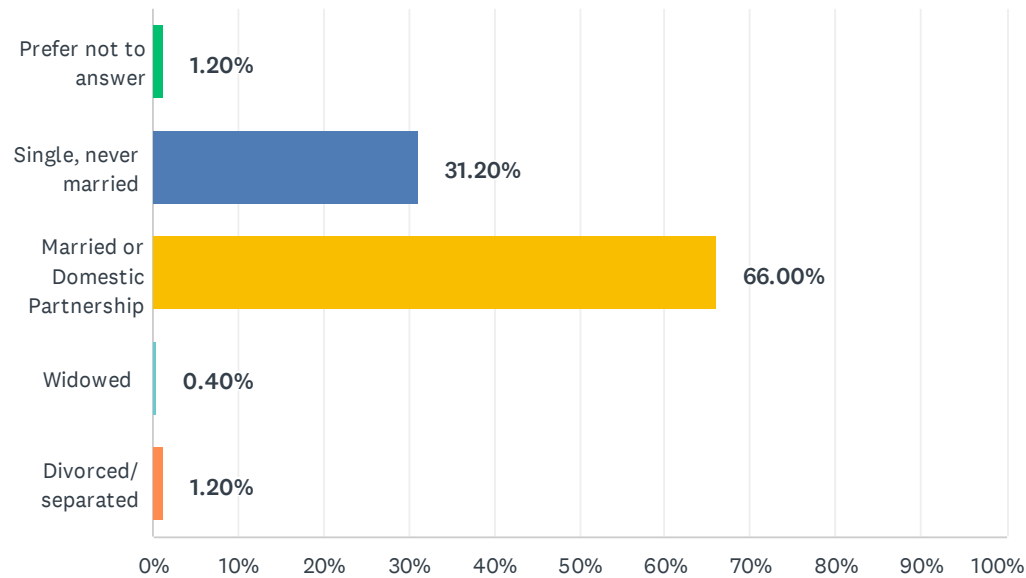


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer		6.56%	16
Hispanic or Latino (1)		2.05%	5
Not Hispanic or Latino (2)		91.39%	223
TOTAL			244

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	2.00	1.98	0.15

Q18 Marital Status?

Answered: 250 Skipped: 1

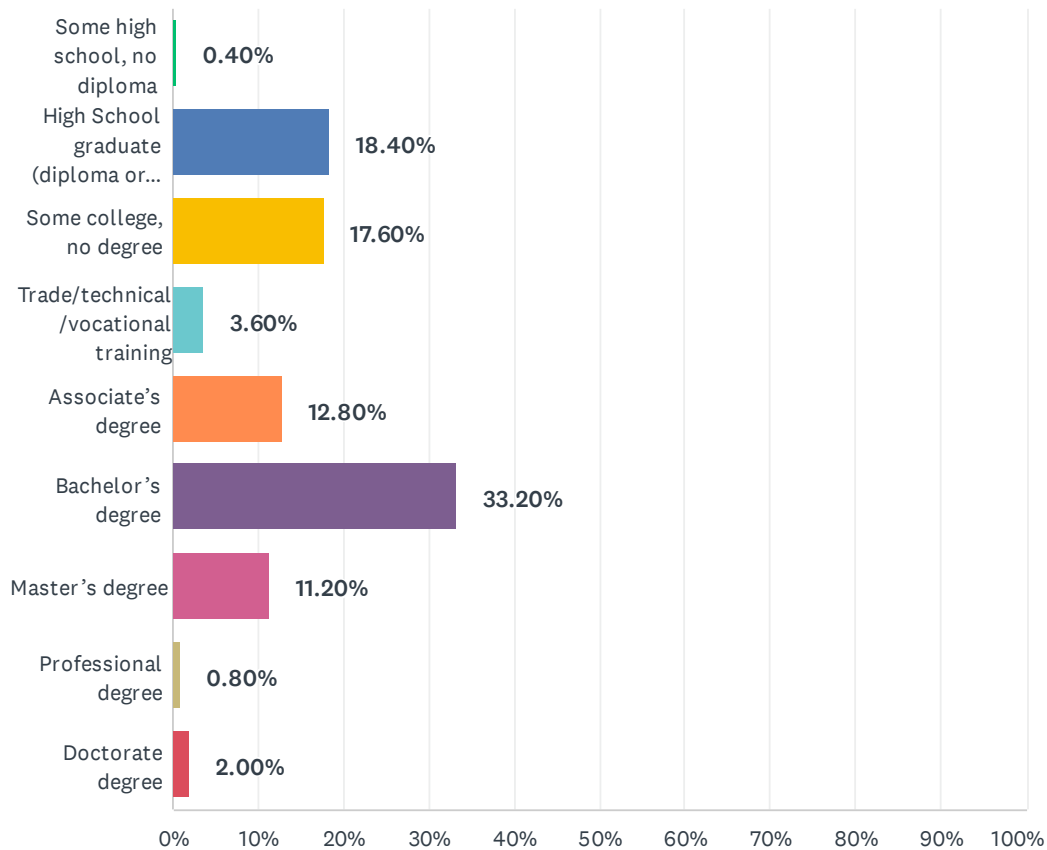


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer		1.20%	3
Single, never married (1)		31.20%	78
Married or Domestic Partnership (2)		66.00%	165
Widowed (3)		0.40%	1
Divorced/ separated (4)		1.20%	3
TOTAL			250

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	1.71	0.53

Q19 What is the highest degree of school you completed:

Answered: 250 Skipped: 1

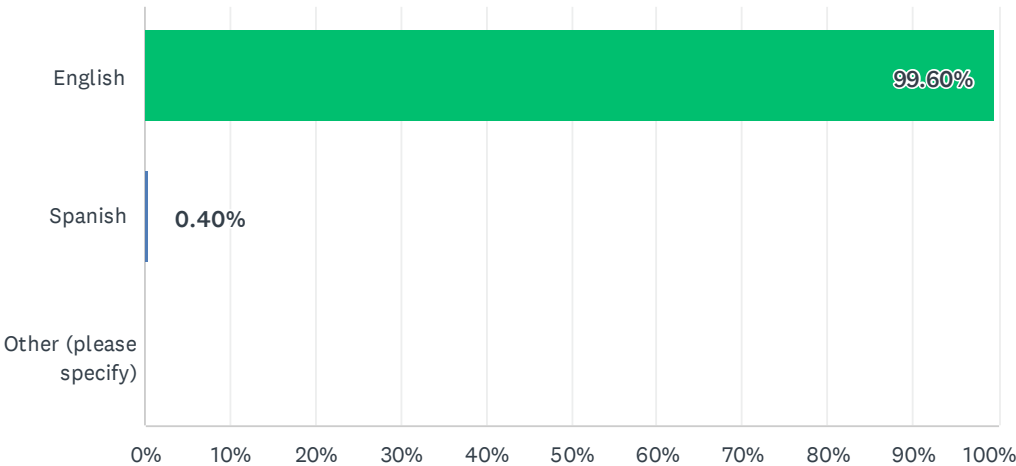


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Some high school, no diploma (1)	0.40%	1
High School graduate (diploma or eq.) (2)	18.40%	46
Some college, no degree (3)	17.60%	44
Trade/technical/vocational training (4)	3.60%	9
Associate's degree (5)	12.80%	32
Bachelor's degree (6)	33.20%	83
Master's degree (7)	11.20%	28
Professional degree (8)	0.80%	2
Doctorate degree (9)	2.00%	5
TOTAL		250

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 9.00	Median 5.00	Mean 4.70	Standard Deviation 1.88

Q20 What language do you prefer to see communication?

Answered: 249 Skipped: 2



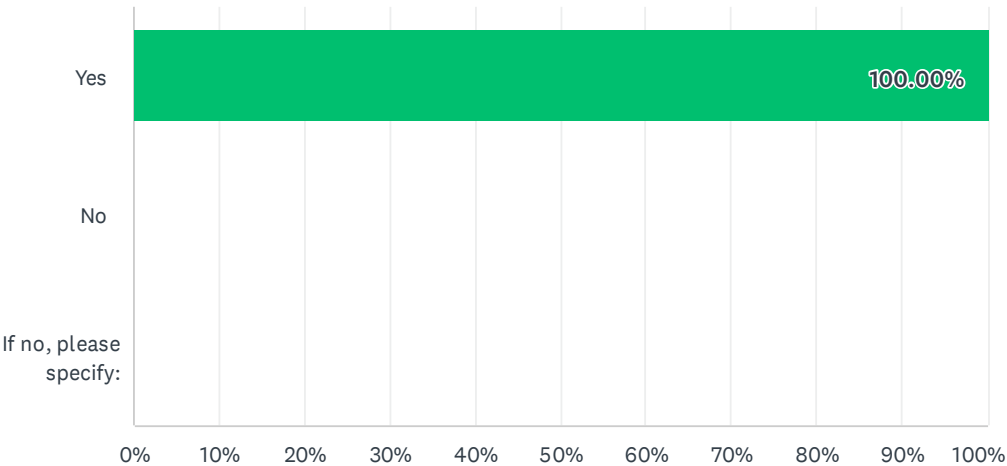
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
English (1)		99.60%	248
Spanish (2)		0.40%	1
Other (please specify) (3)		0.00%	0
TOTAL			249

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	0.06

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

Q21 Is English your first language?

Answered: 250 Skipped: 1



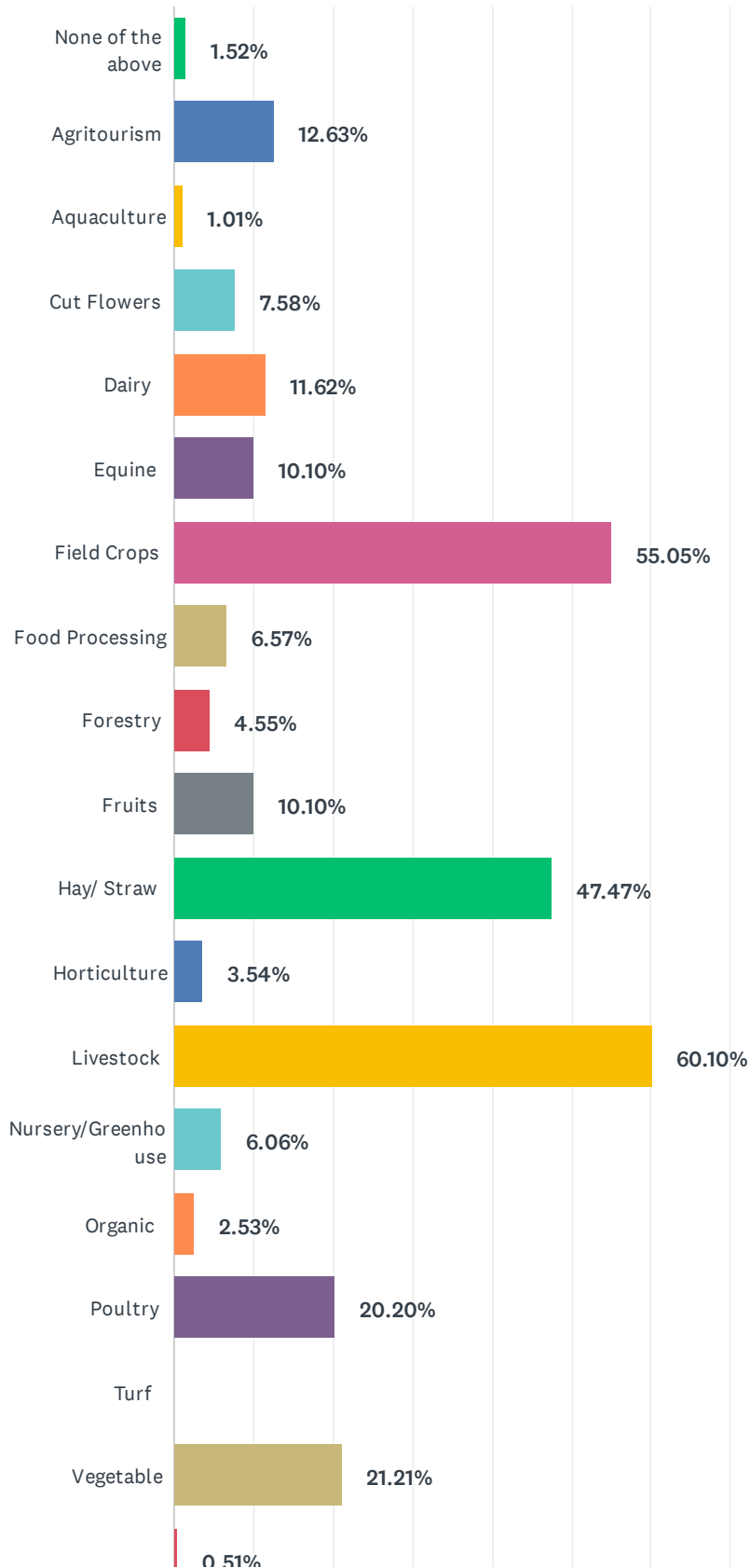
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes (1)		100.00%	250
No (2)		0.00%	0
If no, please specify: (3)		0.00%	0
TOTAL			250

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

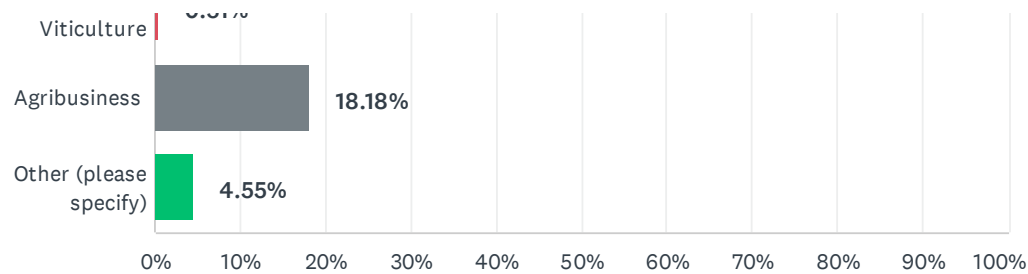
#	IF NO, PLEASE SPECIFY:	DATE
	There are no responses.	

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

Answered: 198 Skipped: 53



Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	1.52%	3
Agritourism (1)	12.63%	25
Aquaculture (2)	1.01%	2
Cut Flowers (3)	7.58%	15
Dairy (4)	11.62%	23
Equine (5)	10.10%	20
Field Crops (6)	55.05%	109
Food Processing (7)	6.57%	13
Forestry (8)	4.55%	9
Fruits (9)	10.10%	20
Hay/ Straw (10)	47.47%	94
Horticulture (11)	3.54%	7
Livestock (12)	60.10%	119
Nursery/Greenhouse (13)	6.06%	12
Organic (14)	2.53%	5
Poultry (15)	20.20%	40
Turf (16)	0.00%	0
Vegetable (17)	21.21%	42
Viticulture (18)	0.51%	1
Agribusiness (19)	18.18%	36
Other (please specify) (20)	4.55%	9
Total Respondents: 198		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	21.00	10.00	10.21	4.81

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
---	------------------------	------

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

1	Dairy products, beef chicken pork	2/20/2025 9:55 AM
2	Pasture	2/2/2025 6:37 PM
3	Indoor Ag microgreens	12/19/2024 5:45 PM
4	Seed sales	12/14/2024 9:03 PM
5	Pasture	12/9/2024 7:58 PM
6	Firewood	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
7	Was dairy and crops now ag sales	11/29/2024 7:27 AM
8	We started out as a tobacco farm with cattle, then went to soybeans, and now raise hay/straw.	11/28/2024 1:41 AM
9	Grain	6/10/2024 3:14 PM

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

Answered: 161 Skipped: 90

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agritourism	10.56% 17
Aquaculture	0.00% 0
Cut Flowers	8.70% 14
Field Crops	67.08% 108
Forestry	4.97% 8
Fruits	8.70% 14
Hay/ Straw	55.90% 90
Horticulture	1.86% 3
Nursery/Greenhouse	6.83% 11
Organic	1.86% 3
Turf	0.00% 0
Vegetable	24.22% 39
Viticulture	0.62% 1

#	AGRITOURISM	DATE
1	5	2/27/2025 11:42 PM
2	5	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
3	1	1/13/2025 8:38 PM
4	10	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
5	6	1/2/2025 12:03 PM
6	Some	12/31/2024 4:28 PM
7	1	12/19/2024 5:45 PM
8	10	12/17/2024 7:20 PM
9	25	12/16/2024 11:22 PM
10	20	12/16/2024 5:58 PM
11	14	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
12	20	11/28/2024 5:52 AM
13	100	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
14	30	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
15	10 acres	6/11/2024 12:33 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

16	2	6/10/2024 7:36 PM
17	1	6/10/2024 6:53 PM
#	AQUACULTURE	DATE
	There are no responses.	
#	CUT FLOWERS	DATE
1	.5	1/29/2025 10:17 AM
2	1	1/12/2025 4:47 PM
3	2	1/9/2025 9:42 PM
4	.25	12/19/2024 5:45 PM
5	.5	12/16/2024 11:22 PM
6	2	12/16/2024 8:39 PM
7	1/2	11/30/2024 9:22 PM
8	.25	11/30/2024 12:37 PM
9	1	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
10	1/2	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
11	1	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
12	1	6/10/2024 9:49 PM
13	1	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
14	.5	6/10/2024 2:35 PM
#	FIELD CROPS	DATE
1	2,800	2/27/2025 6:47 PM
2	700	2/26/2025 6:58 AM
3	120	2/24/2025 5:17 PM
4	1654	2/15/2025 11:05 PM
5	300	2/15/2025 7:11 AM
6	1000	2/14/2025 8:58 PM
7	2000	2/14/2025 4:46 PM
8	1500	2/14/2025 1:16 PM
9	1/2	2/14/2025 9:50 AM
10	510	2/14/2025 9:08 AM
11	1200	2/14/2025 8:46 AM
12	400	2/14/2025 7:53 AM
13	1800	2/14/2025 7:12 AM
14	350	2/13/2025 10:23 PM
15	200 +/-	2/13/2025 10:00 PM
16	Over 1,000	2/13/2025 9:47 PM
17	1,200	2/13/2025 9:40 PM
18	3800	2/13/2025 9:09 PM
19	105	2/13/2025 9:06 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

20	400	2/2/2025 10:57 AM
21	5600 ac rotating Corn, Soybeans, Sorghum, Malt Barley and Wheat	1/31/2025 7:24 PM
22	120	1/30/2025 11:34 AM
23	25	1/29/2025 10:17 AM
24	150	1/23/2025 1:44 AM
25	300	1/19/2025 9:28 PM
26	15	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
27	20	1/14/2025 7:04 AM
28	20-40	1/13/2025 9:48 PM
29	200	1/13/2025 8:23 PM
30	150	1/13/2025 3:56 PM
31	80	1/13/2025 2:48 PM
32	14	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
33	150	1/11/2025 12:30 PM
34	420	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
35	120	1/7/2025 11:51 PM
36	12000	1/7/2025 8:57 PM
37	120	1/7/2025 6:44 PM
38	25	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
39	150	1/6/2025 11:19 AM
40	155	1/4/2025 10:38 AM
41	50	1/2/2025 9:03 PM
42	3000	1/2/2025 12:25 PM
43	300	1/2/2025 12:03 PM
44	2000	12/28/2024 8:21 PM
45	700	12/28/2024 6:16 PM
46	2500	12/25/2024 3:20 PM
47	130	12/23/2024 2:05 PM
48	4000	12/20/2024 11:05 AM
49	25	12/19/2024 5:35 AM
50	10	12/16/2024 8:39 PM
51	700	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
52	60	12/16/2024 5:58 PM
53	80	12/16/2024 2:12 AM
54	470	12/15/2024 9:45 PM
55	800	12/15/2024 8:10 PM
56	1500	12/14/2024 9:03 PM
57	15	12/14/2024 7:54 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

58	1400	12/12/2024 10:42 PM
59	400	12/12/2024 9:59 PM
60	2500	12/11/2024 11:08 PM
61	700	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
62	600	12/10/2024 3:23 PM
63	3000	12/9/2024 1:36 PM
64	400	12/8/2024 9:31 PM
65	1400	12/8/2024 9:09 PM
66	350	12/7/2024 7:34 AM
67	550	12/6/2024 9:24 PM
68	800	12/6/2024 8:56 PM
69	700	12/5/2024 9:42 PM
70	3500	12/5/2024 10:32 AM
71	100	12/4/2024 7:40 PM
72	25	12/4/2024 5:49 PM
73	40	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
74	15	12/4/2024 4:03 AM
75	150	12/3/2024 2:58 PM
76	25	12/3/2024 1:58 AM
77	130	12/2/2024 9:17 PM
78	100	12/1/2024 9:48 PM
79	50	12/1/2024 5:07 PM
80	200	11/30/2024 2:45 PM
81	300	11/29/2024 7:27 AM
82	2000	11/28/2024 5:52 AM
83	340	11/27/2024 3:41 PM
84	110	9/17/2024 2:24 PM
85	700	8/15/2024 6:35 AM
86	200	8/8/2024 2:32 PM
87	3000	7/24/2024 10:01 AM
88	150	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
89	1000	6/24/2024 6:09 AM
90	350	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
91	5000	6/21/2024 7:50 PM
92	4800	6/19/2024 4:10 PM
93	380	6/19/2024 8:29 AM
94	350	6/15/2024 1:43 PM
95	1,000	6/15/2024 9:14 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

96	1,300	6/15/2024 8:11 AM
97	1000	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
98	155	6/12/2024 9:37 AM
99	350	6/11/2024 2:24 PM
100	400	6/11/2024 12:13 PM
101	4500	6/11/2024 8:34 AM
102	250	6/10/2024 10:11 PM
103	145	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
104	120	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
105	500	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
106	500	6/10/2024 6:53 PM
107	718 acres	6/10/2024 3:54 PM
108	340	6/10/2024 3:14 PM
#	FORESTRY	DATE
1	16	2/24/2025 5:17 PM
2	60	1/20/2025 3:29 PM
3	14	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
4	60	12/9/2024 7:19 PM
5	40	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
6	30	12/1/2024 9:33 PM
7	150	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
8	35	6/10/2024 5:30 PM
#	FRUITS	DATE
1	115	2/27/2025 11:42 PM
2	10	2/14/2025 8:58 PM
3	6	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
4	1	1/13/2025 8:38 PM
5	2	1/10/2025 11:53 AM
6	5	1/4/2025 10:38 AM
7	5	1/2/2025 12:03 PM
8	80	12/8/2024 7:48 PM
9	2	7/18/2024 10:50 AM
10	25	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
11	7	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
12	3	6/13/2024 7:50 AM
13	3	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
14	6	6/12/2024 9:37 AM
#	HAY/ STRAW	DATE
1	50-70 ish	3/2/2025 7:29 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

2	150	2/27/2025 6:47 PM
3	100	2/27/2025 2:06 PM
4	100	2/26/2025 6:58 AM
5	40	2/24/2025 5:17 PM
6	100	2/15/2025 8:10 PM
7	80	2/14/2025 1:52 PM
8	800	2/14/2025 1:16 PM
9	500 round bales	2/14/2025 10:44 AM
10	15	2/14/2025 9:08 AM
11	7	2/14/2025 8:37 AM
12	100	2/14/2025 7:53 AM
13	58	2/14/2025 7:51 AM
14	100	2/13/2025 10:23 PM
15	200 ac Hay	1/31/2025 7:24 PM
16	70	1/29/2025 7:38 PM
17	310	1/19/2025 9:28 PM
18	200	1/14/2025 7:04 AM
19	20-40	1/13/2025 9:48 PM
20	100	1/13/2025 8:23 PM
21	75	1/13/2025 3:56 PM
22	100	1/13/2025 2:48 PM
23	250	1/12/2025 12:58 PM
24	20	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
25	250	1/7/2025 11:51 PM
26	60	1/7/2025 6:44 PM
27	150	1/6/2025 11:19 AM
28	40	1/3/2025 4:59 PM
29	140	1/2/2025 9:03 PM
30	30	1/2/2025 12:03 PM
31	20acr	12/31/2024 11:35 PM
32	80	12/31/2024 4:28 PM
33	300	12/28/2024 8:21 PM
34	120	12/28/2024 6:16 PM
35	100	12/23/2024 2:05 PM
36	2000	12/20/2024 11:05 AM
37	50	12/19/2024 5:35 AM
38	150	12/18/2024 11:45 PM
39	35	12/16/2024 11:22 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

40	200	12/16/2024 8:39 PM
41	100	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
42	100	12/16/2024 2:12 AM
43	300	12/15/2024 9:45 PM
44	20	12/14/2024 7:54 AM
45	250/280	12/12/2024 10:42 PM
46	300	12/11/2024 11:08 PM
47	200	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
48	200	12/10/2024 3:23 PM
49	200	12/9/2024 1:36 PM
50	100	12/8/2024 9:31 PM
51	150	12/8/2024 9:09 PM
52	100	12/7/2024 7:34 AM
53	200	12/6/2024 8:56 PM
54	150	12/6/2024 1:38 PM
55	60	12/5/2024 9:42 PM
56	100	12/4/2024 7:40 PM
57	160	12/4/2024 5:49 PM
58	50	12/4/2024 4:03 AM
59	350	12/3/2024 2:58 PM
60	100	12/2/2024 9:17 PM
61	60	12/1/2024 9:48 PM
62	6	12/1/2024 9:33 PM
63	300	12/1/2024 5:07 PM
64	30	11/30/2024 12:37 PM
65	75	11/28/2024 7:00 PM
66	100-120	11/28/2024 1:41 AM
67	43	11/27/2024 3:41 PM
68	150	9/17/2024 2:24 PM
69	100	8/15/2024 6:35 AM
70	150	8/8/2024 2:32 PM
71	180	7/18/2024 10:50 AM
72	20	7/3/2024 11:12 AM
73	100	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
74	40	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
75	500	6/21/2024 7:50 PM
76	10	6/20/2024 9:54 AM
77	200	6/15/2024 9:14 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

78	Hundred acres	6/13/2024 11:24 AM
79	100	6/13/2024 7:53 AM
80	200	6/11/2024 2:24 PM
81	150	6/10/2024 10:22 PM
82	250	6/10/2024 10:11 PM
83	150	6/10/2024 9:56 PM
84	100	6/10/2024 8:10 PM
85	500	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
86	100	6/10/2024 6:53 PM
87	235 acres	6/10/2024 3:54 PM
88	20	6/10/2024 3:20 PM
89	150	6/10/2024 3:14 PM
90	16	6/10/2024 2:35 PM
#	HORTICULTURE	DATE
1	2 acres	1/1/2025 2:33 PM
2	25	12/16/2024 11:22 PM
3	10	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
#	NURSERY/GREENHOUSE	DATE
1	1/10 acre	1/20/2025 8:18 PM
2	1	1/13/2025 8:38 PM
3	1	1/12/2025 4:47 PM
4	2 greenhouses	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
5	9 greenhouses	1/9/2025 9:42 PM
6	1/4	12/17/2024 7:20 PM
7	25	12/16/2024 11:22 PM
8	1	7/3/2024 11:12 AM
9	1	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
10	1	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
11	2	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
#	ORGANIC	DATE
1	4	1/10/2025 11:53 AM
2	80	12/31/2024 4:28 PM
3	30	12/15/2024 9:45 PM
#	TURF	DATE
There are no responses.		
#	VEGETABLE	DATE
1	150	2/14/2025 8:58 PM
2	1/2	2/14/2025 9:50 AM
3	220	2/14/2025 8:46 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

4	1/10 acre	1/20/2025 8:18 PM
5	5	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
6	10	1/13/2025 8:38 PM
7	1	1/12/2025 9:18 PM
8	5	1/12/2025 4:47 PM
9	2	1/10/2025 11:53 AM
10	25	1/9/2025 9:42 PM
11	25	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
12	1	1/4/2025 10:38 AM
13	400	1/2/2025 12:25 PM
14	30	1/2/2025 12:03 PM
15	8	12/20/2024 2:42 PM
16	6	12/20/2024 11:05 AM
17	1	12/19/2024 6:37 PM
18	1	12/17/2024 7:20 PM
19	2	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
20	10	12/2/2024 5:49 PM
21	1	12/1/2024 9:33 PM
22	10	11/30/2024 9:22 PM
23	90	11/30/2024 2:45 PM
24	2	11/30/2024 12:37 PM
25	15	11/28/2024 5:52 AM
26	400	7/24/2024 10:01 AM
27	10-15	7/18/2024 10:50 AM
28	150	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
29	10	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
30	10	6/21/2024 7:50 PM
31	120	6/15/2024 1:43 PM
32	3	6/13/2024 7:50 AM
33	5	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
34	1	6/12/2024 9:37 AM
35	1	6/11/2024 12:13 PM
36	1/2	6/11/2024 10:12 AM
37	15	6/10/2024 9:49 PM
38	5	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
39	1	6/10/2024 6:53 PM
#	VITICULTURE	DATE
1	5 acres	6/11/2024 12:33 PM

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

Answered: 147 Skipped: 104

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Beef Cattle	68.03% 100
Dairy Cattle	18.37% 27
Pigs	25.85% 38
Goats	18.37% 27
Sheep	17.01% 25
Laying Hens	29.25% 43
Meat Chickens	24.49% 36
Horses	17.01% 25
Turkeys	12.24% 18
Rabbits	7.48% 11
Alpaca/ Llama	2.04% 3

#	BEEF CATTLE	DATE
1	5+	3/6/2025 1:25 PM
2	10	2/27/2025 6:47 PM
3	20	2/27/2025 2:06 PM
4	65	2/26/2025 6:58 AM
5	6	2/25/2025 9:49 PM
6	50	2/24/2025 5:17 PM
7	15	2/20/2025 9:55 AM
8	90+	2/14/2025 1:52 PM
9	120	2/14/2025 1:16 PM
10	50 head	2/14/2025 10:44 AM
11	15	2/14/2025 9:08 AM
12	100	2/14/2025 7:53 AM
13	90	2/13/2025 10:23 PM
14	50	2/13/2025 9:17 PM
15	4	2/13/2025 9:06 PM
16	6-12 feeder calves	2/2/2025 6:37 PM
17	15	1/29/2025 7:38 PM
18	5	1/23/2025 2:30 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

19	110	1/23/2025 1:44 AM
20	60	1/20/2025 3:29 PM
21	300	1/19/2025 9:28 PM
22	150	1/14/2025 7:04 AM
23	15	1/13/2025 9:48 PM
24	85	1/13/2025 8:23 PM
25	25	1/13/2025 7:58 AM
26	6	1/12/2025 12:58 PM
27	14	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
28	12	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
29	3	1/10/2025 11:53 AM
30	45	1/9/2025 9:42 PM
31	50	1/7/2025 11:51 PM
32	175	1/7/2025 6:44 PM
33	20	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
34	100	1/6/2025 11:19 AM
35	40	1/3/2025 4:59 PM
36	120	1/2/2025 9:03 PM
37	20	12/31/2024 4:28 PM
38	80	12/28/2024 8:21 PM
39	50	12/23/2024 2:05 PM
40	30	12/20/2024 2:42 PM
41	2	12/19/2024 6:37 PM
42	60 to 120 (mom cows, calves and replacements)	12/19/2024 5:35 AM
43	15	12/17/2024 7:20 PM
44	1	12/17/2024 3:33 PM
45	50	12/16/2024 11:22 PM
46	24	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
47	20	12/16/2024 2:12 AM
48	125	12/15/2024 9:45 PM
49	10	12/15/2024 8:10 PM
50	15	12/14/2024 7:54 AM
51	120	12/12/2024 10:42 PM
52	15 feedlot	12/12/2024 9:59 PM
53	100	12/11/2024 11:08 PM
54	25	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
55	200	12/10/2024 3:23 PM
56	50	12/9/2024 7:58 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

57	60	12/9/2024 1:36 PM
58	15	12/9/2024 9:54 AM
59	100	12/8/2024 9:31 PM
60	200	12/8/2024 9:09 PM
61	30	12/7/2024 6:18 PM
62	48	12/7/2024 7:34 AM
63	12	12/6/2024 9:24 PM
64	100	12/6/2024 1:38 PM
65	75	12/5/2024 9:42 PM
66	35	12/4/2024 7:40 PM
67	45	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
68	20	12/4/2024 4:03 AM
69	160	12/3/2024 2:58 PM
70	11	12/3/2024 1:58 AM
71	50+or -	12/2/2024 9:17 PM
72	125	12/1/2024 9:48 PM
73	50	12/1/2024 5:07 PM
74	4	11/30/2024 9:22 PM
75	15	11/30/2024 2:45 PM
76	4	11/29/2024 1:25 PM
77	20	11/28/2024 7:00 PM
78	50	9/17/2024 2:24 PM
79	80	8/8/2024 2:32 PM
80	50	7/18/2024 10:50 AM
81	10	7/3/2024 11:12 AM
82	35	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
83	50	6/24/2024 6:09 AM
84	37	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
85	100	6/21/2024 7:50 PM
86	200	6/15/2024 9:14 AM
87	3	6/13/2024 7:50 AM
88	6	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
89	100	6/11/2024 2:24 PM
90	60	6/11/2024 12:13 PM
91	40	6/11/2024 8:34 AM
92	130	6/10/2024 10:22 PM
93	50	6/10/2024 10:11 PM
94	100	6/10/2024 9:56 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

95	4	6/10/2024 9:49 PM
96	500	6/10/2024 8:10 PM
97	4	6/10/2024 7:36 PM
98	60	6/10/2024 3:54 PM
99	80	6/10/2024 3:14 PM
100	20	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
#	DAIRY CATTLE	DATE
1	5	3/6/2025 10:59 AM
2	75	2/24/2025 5:17 PM
3	120	2/20/2025 9:55 AM
4	10	2/15/2025 8:10 PM
5	200	2/13/2025 9:47 PM
6	20	1/29/2025 10:17 AM
7	130	1/13/2025 3:56 PM
8	150	1/13/2025 2:48 PM
9	75	1/7/2025 11:51 PM
10	6	1/7/2025 10:24 PM
11	6	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
12	120	1/4/2025 10:38 AM
13	1	12/17/2024 3:33 PM
14	150	12/16/2024 2:12 AM
15	350	12/15/2024 8:10 PM
16	350	12/10/2024 3:23 PM
17	900	12/8/2024 9:09 PM
18	25	12/4/2024 4:03 AM
19	1	12/3/2024 1:58 AM
20	5	11/29/2024 1:25 PM
21	Was 200	11/29/2024 7:27 AM
22	115	11/28/2024 10:18 AM
23	1	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
24	120	6/12/2024 9:37 AM
25	200	6/10/2024 10:11 PM
26	360	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
27	20	6/10/2024 2:35 PM
#	PIGS	DATE
1	25	2/14/2025 1:16 PM
2	75	2/14/2025 7:53 AM
3	1,200	2/13/2025 9:40 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

4	10000	2/13/2025 9:09 PM
5	4	1/23/2025 2:30 PM
6	27	1/23/2025 1:44 AM
7	40	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
8	14	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
9	40	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
10	10	12/31/2024 4:28 PM
11	8	12/28/2024 8:21 PM
12	3	12/23/2024 4:56 PM
13	2	12/19/2024 6:37 PM
14	2	12/19/2024 5:35 AM
15	0	12/17/2024 3:33 PM
16	15	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
17	70	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
18	300	12/10/2024 3:23 PM
19	100	12/9/2024 7:58 PM
20	2	12/9/2024 7:19 PM
21	5	12/7/2024 6:18 PM
22	20	12/4/2024 7:40 PM
23	10	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
24	25	12/1/2024 9:48 PM
25	10	11/30/2024 2:45 PM
26	4	7/18/2024 10:50 AM
27	45	7/3/2024 11:12 AM
28	20	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
29	60	6/24/2024 6:09 AM
30	18	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
31	6	6/15/2024 1:43 PM
32	10	6/15/2024 9:14 AM
33	1,200	6/15/2024 8:11 AM
34	40	6/13/2024 11:24 AM
35	100	6/13/2024 7:53 AM
36	15	6/10/2024 10:11 PM
37	10	6/10/2024 7:36 PM
38	80	6/10/2024 3:54 PM
#	GOATS	DATE
1	30	2/25/2025 9:49 PM
2	10	2/14/2025 1:16 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

3	15 does (breeding stock)	2/2/2025 6:37 PM
4	50	1/13/2025 7:58 AM
5	3	1/10/2025 11:53 AM
6	20	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
7	12	12/28/2024 6:16 PM
8	2	12/23/2024 4:56 PM
9	2	12/19/2024 6:37 PM
10	19	12/17/2024 7:21 PM
11	20	12/17/2024 7:20 PM
12	10	12/17/2024 3:33 PM
13	10	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
14	8	12/7/2024 6:18 PM
15	1	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
16	3	12/1/2024 9:33 PM
17	6	11/28/2024 7:00 PM
18	2	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
19	20	6/15/2024 9:14 AM
20	3	6/11/2024 12:33 PM
21	24	6/11/2024 10:12 AM
22	15	6/10/2024 10:11 PM
23	22	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
24	3	6/10/2024 8:10 PM
25	4	6/10/2024 7:36 PM
26	50	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
27	1	6/10/2024 2:35 PM
#	SHEEP	DATE
1	300	2/25/2025 9:49 PM
2	10	2/14/2025 1:16 PM
3	30	2/14/2025 8:37 AM
4	60 ewes (breeding stock)	2/2/2025 6:37 PM
5	6	1/23/2025 2:30 PM
6	24	1/17/2025 9:18 AM
7	200	1/13/2025 7:58 AM
8	100	12/31/2024 11:35 PM
9	8	12/28/2024 8:21 PM
10	9	12/17/2024 3:33 PM
11	15	12/14/2024 7:54 AM
12	16	12/10/2024 4:37 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

13	100	12/9/2024 7:58 PM
14	35	12/7/2024 6:18 PM
15	2	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
16	8	12/1/2024 9:33 PM
17	110	11/30/2024 12:37 PM
18	9	11/29/2024 1:25 PM
19	20	7/3/2024 11:12 AM
20	25	6/13/2024 11:24 AM
21	50	6/13/2024 7:53 AM
22	1	6/11/2024 12:33 PM
23	30	6/10/2024 7:36 PM
24	24	6/10/2024 3:54 PM
25	20	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
#	LAYING HENS	DATE
1	15	3/6/2025 10:59 AM
2	70	2/20/2025 9:55 AM
3	20	2/14/2025 1:16 PM
4	20	2/13/2025 9:17 PM
5	12	2/2/2025 6:37 PM
6	5	1/29/2025 7:38 PM
7	10	1/23/2025 2:30 PM
8	2000	1/23/2025 1:44 AM
9	14	1/17/2025 9:18 AM
10	8	1/13/2025 9:48 PM
11	10	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
12	15	1/10/2025 11:53 AM
13	12	1/7/2025 10:24 PM
14	10	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
15	55	1/4/2025 10:38 AM
16	500	12/31/2024 4:28 PM
17	20	12/28/2024 8:21 PM
18	15	12/28/2024 6:16 PM
19	6	12/23/2024 4:56 PM
20	14	12/17/2024 3:33 PM
21	27	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
22	45	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
23	20	12/9/2024 7:19 PM
24	36	12/7/2024 6:18 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

25	50	12/4/2024 4:03 AM
26	16	12/3/2024 1:58 AM
27	20	12/1/2024 9:33 PM
28	75	11/30/2024 12:37 PM
29	20	7/18/2024 10:50 AM
30	3000	7/3/2024 11:12 AM
31	250	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
32	15	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
33	100	6/13/2024 11:24 AM
34	100	6/13/2024 7:53 AM
35	20	6/13/2024 7:50 AM
36	45	6/12/2024 9:37 AM
37	12	6/11/2024 12:33 PM
38	24	6/11/2024 10:12 AM
39	50	6/10/2024 7:36 PM
40	100	6/10/2024 6:53 PM
41	4	6/10/2024 5:30 PM
42	50	6/10/2024 3:54 PM
43	50	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
#	MEAT CHICKENS	DATE
1	8	3/6/2025 10:59 AM
2	150	2/27/2025 2:06 PM
3	120	2/20/2025 9:55 AM
4	280000	2/16/2025 7:14 AM
5	180,000 per year	2/14/2025 9:08 AM
6	48,000	2/14/2025 8:46 AM
7	1000	1/13/2025 7:58 AM
8	100	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
9	200	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
10	1 million anually	1/1/2025 2:33 PM
11	80,000	12/31/2024 11:35 PM
12	2000	12/31/2024 4:28 PM
13	8	12/23/2024 4:56 PM
14	300	12/17/2024 7:21 PM
15	50	12/15/2024 8:10 PM
16	126,000	12/14/2024 9:03 PM
17	2 commercial houses	12/12/2024 9:59 PM
18	600	12/10/2024 4:37 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

19	50	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
20	100	12/7/2024 6:18 PM
21	180,000	12/6/2024 9:24 PM
22	100	12/4/2024 4:03 AM
23	100	11/30/2024 12:37 PM
24	102,000 x 5 flocks/year	11/28/2024 7:00 PM
25	5000	7/3/2024 11:12 AM
26	75	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
27	150	6/24/2024 6:09 AM
28	100	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
29	180000	6/19/2024 4:10 PM
30	50	6/13/2024 11:24 AM
31	50	6/13/2024 7:53 AM
32	50,000	6/11/2024 12:21 PM
33	85	6/11/2024 10:12 AM
34	80000	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
35	300	6/10/2024 3:54 PM
36	150	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
#	HORSES	DATE
1	2	3/2/2025 7:29 PM
2	8	2/15/2025 7:11 AM
3	2	2/14/2025 10:44 AM
4	2	2/14/2025 8:37 AM
5	18	2/14/2025 7:51 AM
6	1	1/23/2025 2:30 PM
7	1	1/14/2025 7:04 AM
8	3	1/13/2025 9:48 PM
9	10	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
10	10	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
11	12	12/28/2024 6:16 PM
12	3	12/23/2024 4:56 PM
13	1	12/17/2024 7:21 PM
14	1	12/17/2024 3:33 PM
15	9	12/10/2024 3:29 PM
16	5	12/6/2024 8:56 PM
17	30	12/4/2024 7:40 PM
18	2	9/17/2024 2:24 PM
19	2	6/23/2024 8:18 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

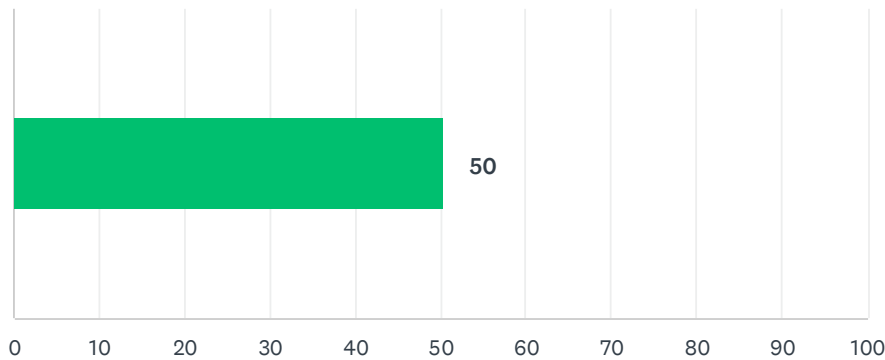
20	4	6/20/2024 9:54 AM
21	1	6/11/2024 12:33 PM
22	1	6/11/2024 10:12 AM
23	1	6/10/2024 10:22 PM
24	5	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
25	8	6/10/2024 3:20 PM
#	TURKEYS	DATE
1	4	3/6/2025 10:59 AM
2	500	1/13/2025 7:58 AM
3	50	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
4	50	12/31/2024 4:28 PM
5	2	12/23/2024 4:56 PM
6	60	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
7	1	12/3/2024 1:58 AM
8	25	12/1/2024 9:48 PM
9	20	11/30/2024 12:37 PM
10	500	7/3/2024 11:12 AM
11	125	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
12	100	6/24/2024 6:09 AM
13	15	6/13/2024 11:24 AM
14	50	6/13/2024 7:53 AM
15	2	6/11/2024 10:12 AM
16	20	6/10/2024 7:36 PM
17	50	6/10/2024 3:54 PM
18	50	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
#	RABBITS	DATE
1	50	2/25/2025 9:49 PM
2	1	1/23/2025 2:30 PM
3	1	12/19/2024 6:37 PM
4	2	12/19/2024 5:35 AM
5	30	12/6/2024 8:56 PM
6	3	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
7	20	6/13/2024 11:24 AM
8	50	6/13/2024 7:53 AM
9	1	6/11/2024 12:33 PM
10	3	6/11/2024 10:12 AM
11	11	6/10/2024 5:30 PM
#	ALPACA/ LLAMA	DATE
1	1	2/14/2025 8:37 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

2	3	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
3	1	12/17/2024 3:33 PM

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

Answered: 150 Skipped: 101



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	50	7,559	150
Total Respondents: 150			

BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
	0.00	100.00	50.00	50.39	35.67

#		DATE
1	80	2/27/2025 6:47 PM
2	25	2/27/2025 2:06 PM
3	50	2/26/2025 6:58 AM
4	50	2/24/2025 5:17 PM
5	65	2/20/2025 9:55 AM
6	70	2/15/2025 11:05 PM
7	36	2/15/2025 8:10 PM
8	100	2/15/2025 7:11 AM
9	50	2/14/2025 8:58 PM
10	80	2/14/2025 1:52 PM
11	0	2/14/2025 1:16 PM
12	1	2/14/2025 9:50 AM
13	100	2/14/2025 9:08 AM
14	81	2/14/2025 8:46 AM
15	0	2/14/2025 8:37 AM
16	25	2/14/2025 7:53 AM
17	0	2/14/2025 7:51 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

18	66	2/14/2025 7:12 AM
19	76	2/13/2025 10:23 PM
20	0	2/13/2025 10:00 PM
21	0	2/13/2025 9:47 PM
22	50	2/13/2025 9:40 PM
23	25	2/13/2025 9:09 PM
24	0	2/13/2025 9:06 PM
25	100	2/2/2025 10:57 AM
26	85	1/31/2025 7:24 PM
27	100	1/30/2025 11:34 AM
28	0	1/29/2025 7:38 PM
29	15	1/29/2025 10:17 AM
30	85	1/23/2025 1:44 AM
31	50	1/19/2025 9:28 PM
32	81	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
33	0	1/17/2025 9:18 AM
34	2	1/14/2025 7:04 AM
35	3	1/13/2025 8:38 PM
36	57	1/13/2025 8:23 PM
37	25	1/13/2025 3:56 PM
38	25	1/13/2025 2:48 PM
39	51	1/12/2025 4:47 PM
40	14	1/12/2025 12:58 PM
41	20	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
42	100	1/11/2025 12:30 PM
43	91	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
44	45	1/10/2025 11:53 AM
45	31	1/9/2025 9:42 PM
46	50	1/7/2025 11:51 PM
47	48	1/7/2025 8:57 PM
48	94	1/7/2025 6:44 PM
49	74	1/6/2025 11:19 AM
50	50	1/4/2025 10:38 AM
51	9	1/3/2025 4:59 PM
52	0	1/2/2025 9:03 PM
53	90	1/2/2025 12:25 PM
54	85	1/2/2025 12:03 PM
55	34	12/31/2024 11:35 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

56	0	12/31/2024 4:28 PM
57	70	12/28/2024 8:21 PM
58	12	12/28/2024 6:16 PM
59	70	12/25/2024 3:20 PM
60	100	12/23/2024 2:05 PM
61	80	12/20/2024 2:42 PM
62	60	12/20/2024 11:05 AM
63	0	12/19/2024 6:37 PM
64	29	12/19/2024 5:45 PM
65	25	12/19/2024 5:35 AM
66	0	12/17/2024 7:21 PM
67	51	12/17/2024 7:20 PM
68	50	12/16/2024 11:22 PM
69	0	12/16/2024 8:39 PM
70	25	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
71	60	12/16/2024 5:58 PM
72	20	12/16/2024 2:12 AM
73	100	12/15/2024 9:45 PM
74	25	12/15/2024 8:10 PM
75	0	12/14/2024 9:03 PM
76	75	12/12/2024 10:42 PM
77	100	12/12/2024 9:59 PM
78	100	12/11/2024 11:08 PM
79	75	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
80	50	12/10/2024 3:23 PM
81	48	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
82	10	12/9/2024 7:58 PM
83	0	12/9/2024 7:19 PM
84	75	12/9/2024 1:36 PM
85	100	12/8/2024 9:31 PM
86	50	12/8/2024 9:09 PM
87	60	12/8/2024 7:48 PM
88	75	12/7/2024 7:34 AM
89	100	12/6/2024 9:24 PM
90	100	12/6/2024 8:56 PM
91	0	12/6/2024 1:38 PM
92	60	12/5/2024 9:42 PM
93	51	12/5/2024 11:45 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

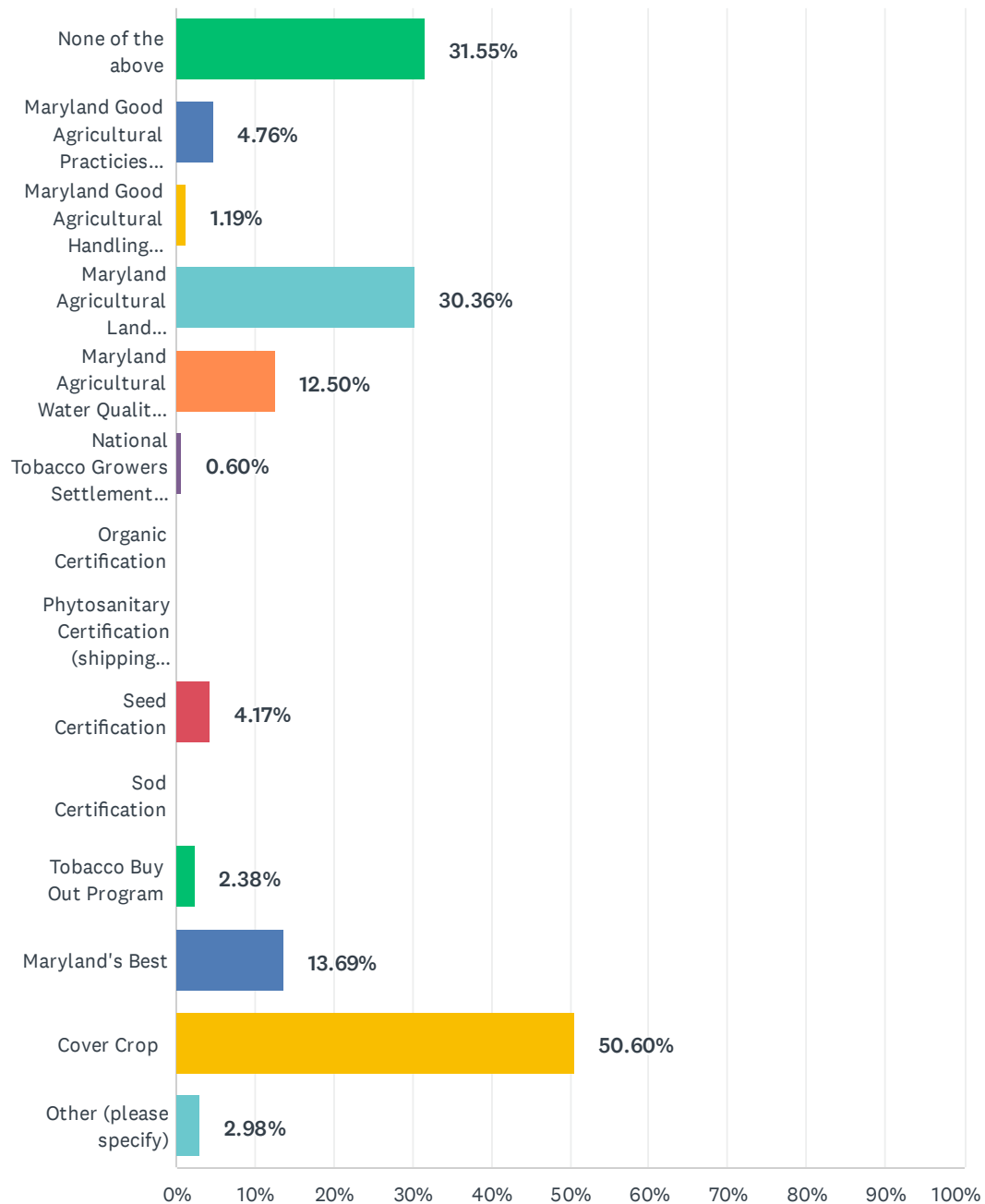
94	50	12/5/2024 10:32 AM
95	100	12/4/2024 7:40 PM
96	0	12/4/2024 5:49 PM
97	50	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
98	100	12/4/2024 4:03 AM
99	20	12/3/2024 2:58 PM
100	100	12/3/2024 1:58 AM
101	50	12/2/2024 9:17 PM
102	100	12/2/2024 5:49 PM
103	100	12/1/2024 9:48 PM
104	0	12/1/2024 9:33 PM
105	44	12/1/2024 5:07 PM
106	50	11/30/2024 2:45 PM
107	2	11/30/2024 12:37 PM
108	35	11/28/2024 7:00 PM
109	75	11/28/2024 5:52 AM
110	20	11/28/2024 1:41 AM
111	100	11/27/2024 3:41 PM
112	0	9/17/2024 2:24 PM
113	100	8/8/2024 2:32 PM
114	90	7/24/2024 10:01 AM
115	40	7/18/2024 10:50 AM
116	50	7/3/2024 11:12 AM
117	50	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
118	85	6/24/2024 6:09 AM
119	95	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
120	100	6/21/2024 7:50 PM
121	100	6/19/2024 4:10 PM
122	100	6/19/2024 8:29 AM
123	80	6/15/2024 1:43 PM
124	80	6/15/2024 9:14 AM
125	50	6/15/2024 8:11 AM
126	0	6/13/2024 11:24 AM
127	48	6/13/2024 7:50 AM
128	40	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
129	50	6/12/2024 9:37 AM
130	10	6/11/2024 12:33 PM
131	70	6/11/2024 12:13 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

132	0	6/11/2024 10:12 AM
133	25	6/11/2024 9:05 AM
134	88	6/11/2024 8:34 AM
135	50	6/10/2024 10:22 PM
136	85	6/10/2024 10:11 PM
137	0	6/10/2024 9:56 PM
138	2	6/10/2024 9:49 PM
139	60	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
140	75	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
141	0	6/10/2024 8:10 PM
142	100	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
143	75	6/10/2024 6:53 PM
144	0	6/10/2024 5:30 PM
145	90	6/10/2024 3:54 PM
146	90	6/10/2024 3:14 PM
147	0	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
148	35	6/10/2024 2:35 PM
149	100	6/5/2024 11:07 AM
150	0	6/4/2024 5:37 PM

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

Answered: 168 Skipped: 83



Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	31.55%	53
Maryland Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Certification (1)	4.76%	8
Maryland Good Agricultural Handling Practices (GHP) (2)	1.19%	2
Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) (3)	30.36%	51
Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost Share Program (MACS) (4)	12.50%	21
National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust (5)	0.60%	1
Organic Certification (6)	0.00%	0
Phytosanitary Certification (shipping nursery and greenhouse products out of state) (7)	0.00%	0
Seed Certification (8)	4.17%	7
Sod Certification (9)	0.00%	0
Tobacco Buy Out Program (10)	2.38%	4
Maryland's Best (11)	13.69%	23
Cover Crop (12)	50.60%	85
Other (please specify) (13)	2.98%	5
Total Respondents: 168		

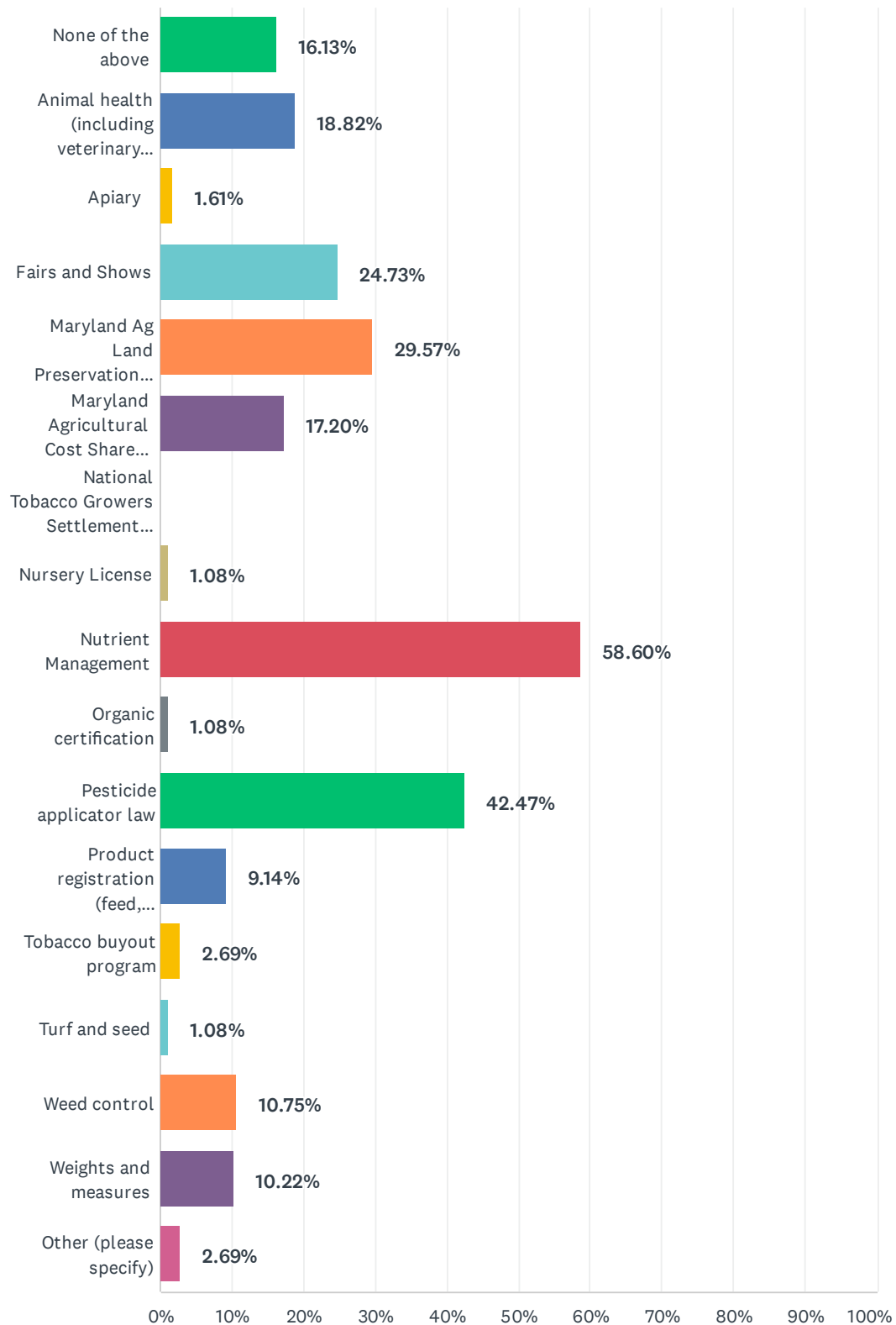
BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	14.00	11.00	8.18	4.31

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	DNR-Rural Legacy	1/6/2025 11:19 AM
2	Dairy Margin Coverage	1/4/2025 10:38 AM
3	DNR-Rural Legacy	8/8/2024 2:32 PM
4	Dairy Margin Coverage	6/12/2024 9:37 AM
5	We did the tobacco buyout but that's over now and wasn't in my name per say	6/10/2024 6:53 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: 186 Skipped: 65

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024



Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

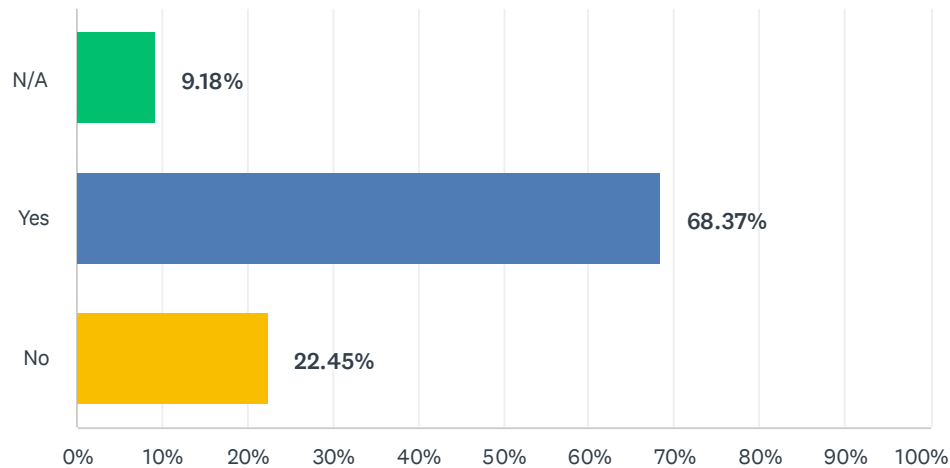
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	16.13%	30
Animal health (including veterinary licensing) (1)	18.82%	35
Apiary (2)	1.61%	3
Fairs and Shows (3)	24.73%	46
Maryland Ag Land Preservation Foundation (4)	29.57%	55
Maryland Agricultural Cost Share Program (5)	17.20%	32
National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust (6)	0.00%	0
Nursery License (7)	1.08%	2
Nutrient Management (8)	58.60%	109
Organic certification (9)	1.08%	2
Pesticide applicator law (10)	42.47%	79
Product registration (feed, fertilizer, pesticides) (11)	9.14%	17
Tobacco buyout program (12)	2.69%	5
Turf and seed (13)	1.08%	2
Weed control (14)	10.75%	20
Weights and measures (15)	10.22%	19
Other (please specify) (16)	2.69%	5
Total Respondents: 186		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 17.00	Median 8.00	Mean 7.37	Standard Deviation 3.92

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	CAFO	2/15/2025 7:11 AM
2	MD Health Department	1/6/2025 11:19 AM
3	cato	1/1/2025 2:33 PM
4	Egg	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
5	FSMA	6/15/2024 1:43 PM

Q28 Has your farm been negatively impacted by deer damage?

Answered: 196 Skipped: 55

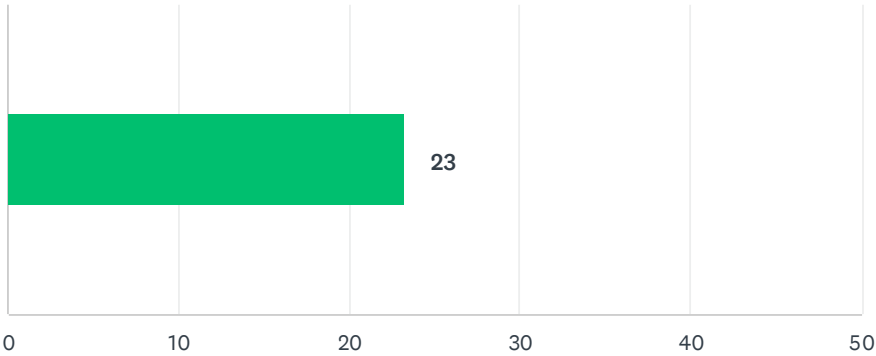


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
N/A		9.18%	18
Yes (1)		68.37%	134
No (2)		22.45%	44
TOTAL			196

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	1.00	1.25	0.43

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

Answered: 135 Skipped: 116



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	23	3,131	135
Total Respondents: 135			

BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
	0.00	70.00	20.00	23.19	13.92

#		DATE
1	25	2/27/2025 6:47 PM
2	0	2/27/2025 2:06 PM
3	44	2/26/2025 6:58 AM
4	28	2/20/2025 9:55 AM
5	50	2/15/2025 11:05 PM
6	20	2/15/2025 7:11 AM
7	10	2/14/2025 8:58 PM
8	25	2/14/2025 4:46 PM
9	35	2/14/2025 1:52 PM
10	31	2/14/2025 1:16 PM
11	5	2/14/2025 9:08 AM
12	18	2/14/2025 8:46 AM
13	20	2/14/2025 7:53 AM
14	30	2/14/2025 7:51 AM
15	10	2/14/2025 7:12 AM
16	36	2/13/2025 10:23 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

17	5	2/13/2025 10:00 PM
18	20	2/13/2025 9:40 PM
19	10	2/13/2025 9:09 PM
20	15	2/13/2025 9:06 PM
21	15	2/2/2025 10:57 AM
22	30	1/31/2025 7:24 PM
23	23	1/30/2025 11:34 AM
24	15	1/29/2025 10:17 AM
25	20	1/23/2025 1:44 AM
26	30	1/20/2025 8:18 PM
27	25	1/20/2025 3:29 PM
28	32	1/19/2025 9:28 PM
29	12	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
30	12	1/14/2025 7:04 AM
31	25	1/13/2025 8:38 PM
32	10	1/13/2025 8:23 PM
33	5	1/13/2025 3:56 PM
34	15	1/13/2025 2:48 PM
35	2	1/12/2025 9:18 PM
36	25	1/12/2025 4:47 PM
37	5	1/12/2025 12:58 PM
38	20	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
39	30	1/11/2025 12:30 PM
40	24	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
41	33	1/10/2025 11:53 AM
42	10	1/7/2025 6:44 PM
43	16	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
44	8	1/6/2025 11:19 AM
45	10	1/4/2025 10:38 AM
46	31	1/2/2025 12:25 PM
47	10	1/2/2025 12:03 PM
48	0	12/31/2024 4:28 PM
49	23	12/28/2024 8:21 PM
50	17	12/28/2024 6:16 PM
51	20	12/25/2024 3:20 PM
52	30	12/23/2024 2:05 PM
53	30	12/20/2024 2:42 PM
54	40	12/20/2024 11:05 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

55	20	12/19/2024 5:45 PM
56	15	12/18/2024 11:45 PM
57	23	12/17/2024 7:20 PM
58	25	12/16/2024 8:39 PM
59	15	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
60	16	12/16/2024 2:12 AM
61	17	12/15/2024 9:45 PM
62	25	12/15/2024 8:10 PM
63	40	12/14/2024 9:03 PM
64	14	12/14/2024 7:54 AM
65	30	12/12/2024 10:42 PM
66	35	12/12/2024 9:59 PM
67	20	12/11/2024 11:08 PM
68	25	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
69	25	12/10/2024 3:23 PM
70	37	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
71	25	12/9/2024 1:36 PM
72	30	12/8/2024 9:31 PM
73	5	12/8/2024 9:09 PM
74	15	12/8/2024 7:48 PM
75	25	12/7/2024 6:18 PM
76	30	12/7/2024 7:34 AM
77	15	12/6/2024 9:24 PM
78	16	12/6/2024 8:56 PM
79	35	12/6/2024 1:38 PM
80	50	12/5/2024 9:42 PM
81	15	12/5/2024 11:45 AM
82	25	12/5/2024 10:32 AM
83	0	12/4/2024 7:40 PM
84	30	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
85	15	12/4/2024 4:03 AM
86	5	12/3/2024 2:58 PM
87	25	12/3/2024 1:58 AM
88	30	12/2/2024 9:17 PM
89	20	12/2/2024 5:49 PM
90	14	12/1/2024 9:48 PM
91	54	12/1/2024 5:07 PM
92	70	11/30/2024 9:22 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

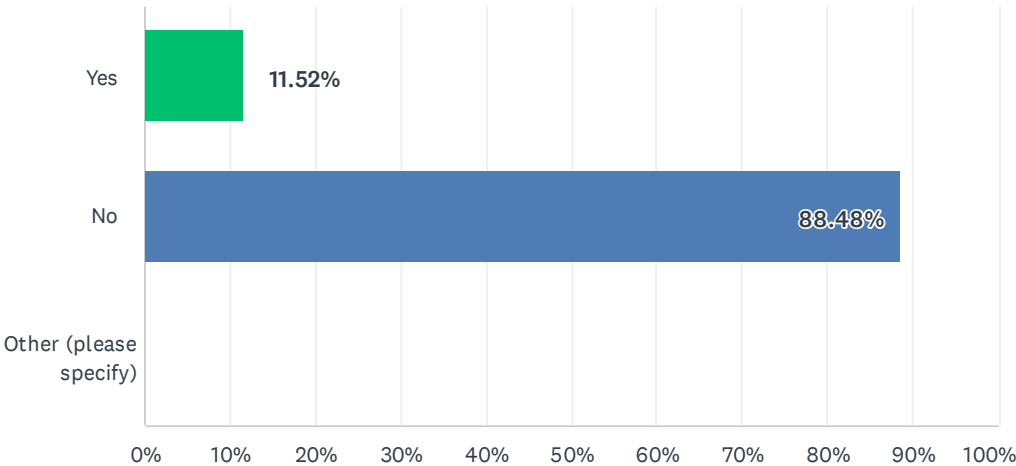
93	60	11/30/2024 2:45 PM
94	25	11/30/2024 12:37 PM
95	7	11/28/2024 5:52 AM
96	50	11/28/2024 1:41 AM
97	11	11/27/2024 3:41 PM
98	20	9/17/2024 2:24 PM
99	15	8/15/2024 6:35 AM
100	15	8/8/2024 2:32 PM
101	30	7/24/2024 10:01 AM
102	53	7/18/2024 10:50 AM
103	35	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
104	45	6/24/2024 6:09 AM
105	25	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
106	20	6/21/2024 7:50 PM
107	0	6/20/2024 9:54 AM
108	5	6/19/2024 4:10 PM
109	18	6/19/2024 8:29 AM
110	70	6/15/2024 1:43 PM
111	50	6/15/2024 9:14 AM
112	25	6/15/2024 8:11 AM
113	21	6/13/2024 7:53 AM
114	30	6/13/2024 7:50 AM
115	35	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
116	10	6/12/2024 9:37 AM
117	30	6/11/2024 12:13 PM
118	50	6/11/2024 10:12 AM
119	10	6/11/2024 9:05 AM
120	25	6/11/2024 8:34 AM
121	20	6/10/2024 10:11 PM
122	19	6/10/2024 9:56 PM
123	20	6/10/2024 9:49 PM
124	15	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
125	33	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
126	3	6/10/2024 8:10 PM
127	17	6/10/2024 7:36 PM
128	10	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
129	20	6/10/2024 6:53 PM
130	15	6/10/2024 3:54 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

131	31	6/10/2024 3:14 PM
132	25	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
133	61	6/10/2024 2:35 PM
134	25	6/5/2024 11:07 AM
135	6	6/4/2024 5:37 PM

Q30 Do you use Artificial Intelligence in your farming operation?

Answered: 191 Skipped: 60



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes (1)		11.52%	22
No (2)		88.48%	169
Other (please specify) (3)		0.00%	0
TOTAL			191

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	2.00	1.88	0.32

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

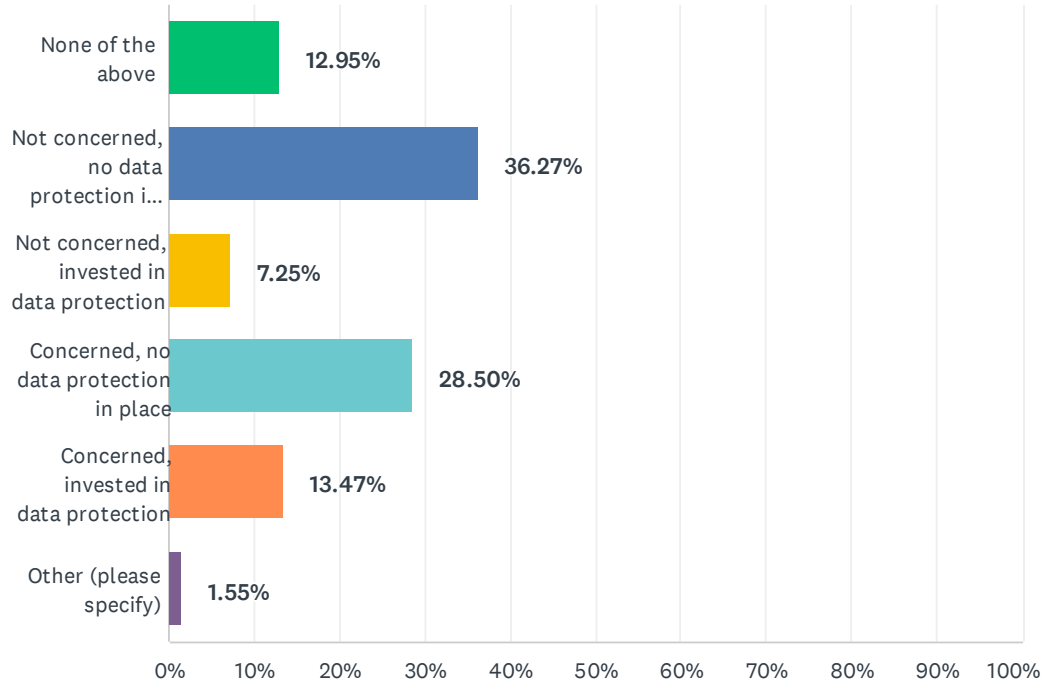
Q31 If you use AI, how do you incorporate to assist your farm?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 233

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Field mapping	2/26/2025 6:58 AM
2	Breeding show heifers	2/15/2025 8:10 PM
3	irrigation watering	2/14/2025 4:46 PM
4	I use it to break down cattle reports and help me pick the best bulls for my heifers	2/14/2025 10:44 AM
5	na	2/14/2025 7:51 AM
6	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
7	Auto guidance, mapping, other technology	2/2/2025 10:57 AM
8	Marketing	1/29/2025 10:17 AM
9	Marketing	1/13/2025 7:58 AM
10	For streamlining in our social media marketing and promotion for our agribusiness operation	12/23/2024 4:56 PM
11	Marketing	12/16/2024 11:22 PM
12	Research	12/16/2024 8:39 PM
13	Data collection, utilization	12/9/2024 1:36 PM
14	I use it for knowledge, marketing, brainstorming, communication	12/9/2024 9:54 AM
15	Drone imagery	6/12/2024 5:49 AM
16	We use it for marketing & promotional posts and material.	6/11/2024 12:33 PM
17	office services	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
18	Marketing	6/10/2024 2:35 PM

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

Answered: 193 Skipped: 58



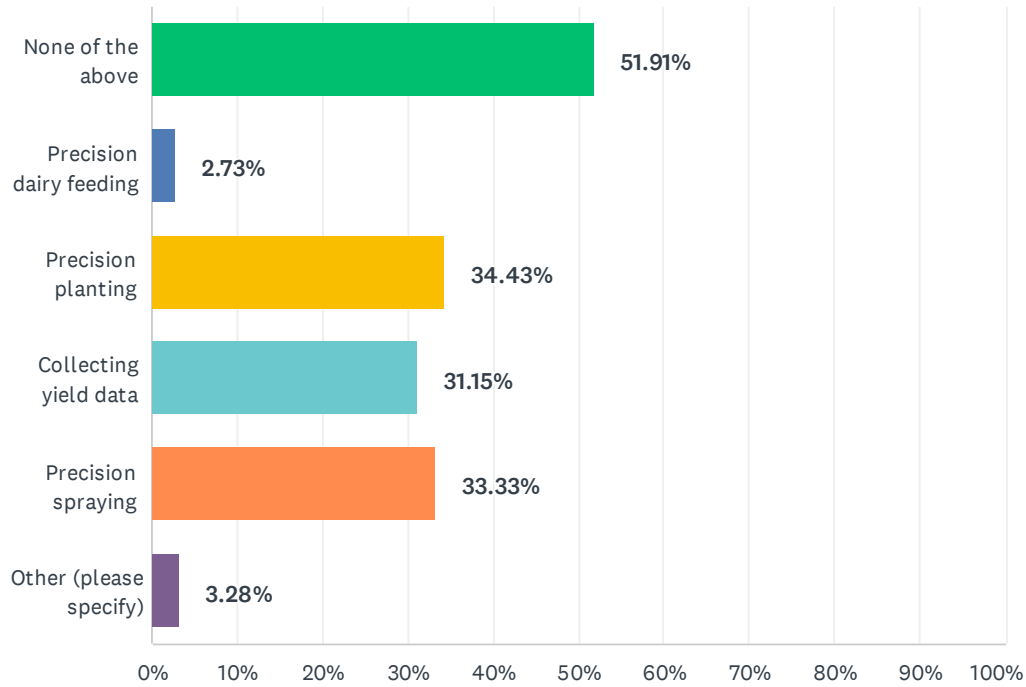
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		12.95%	25
Not concerned, no data protection in place (1)		36.27%	70
Not concerned, invested in data protection (2)		7.25%	14
Concerned, no data protection in place (3)		28.50%	55
Concerned, invested in data protection (4)		13.47%	26
Other (please specify) (5)		1.55%	3
TOTAL			193

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	6.00	2.50	2.29	1.25

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Unsure	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
2	Should be concerned	1/13/2025 8:38 PM
3	We don't have great access to wifi on the farm so not much data is stored online but the concern is there with financial info	6/10/2024 10:11 PM

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

Answered: 183 Skipped: 68



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	51.91%	95
Precision dairy feeding (1)	2.73%	5
Precision planting (2)	34.43%	63
Collecting yield data (3)	31.15%	57
Precision spraying (4)	33.33%	61
Other (please specify) (5)	3.28%	6
Total Respondents: 183		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	6.00	3.00	3.03	1.02

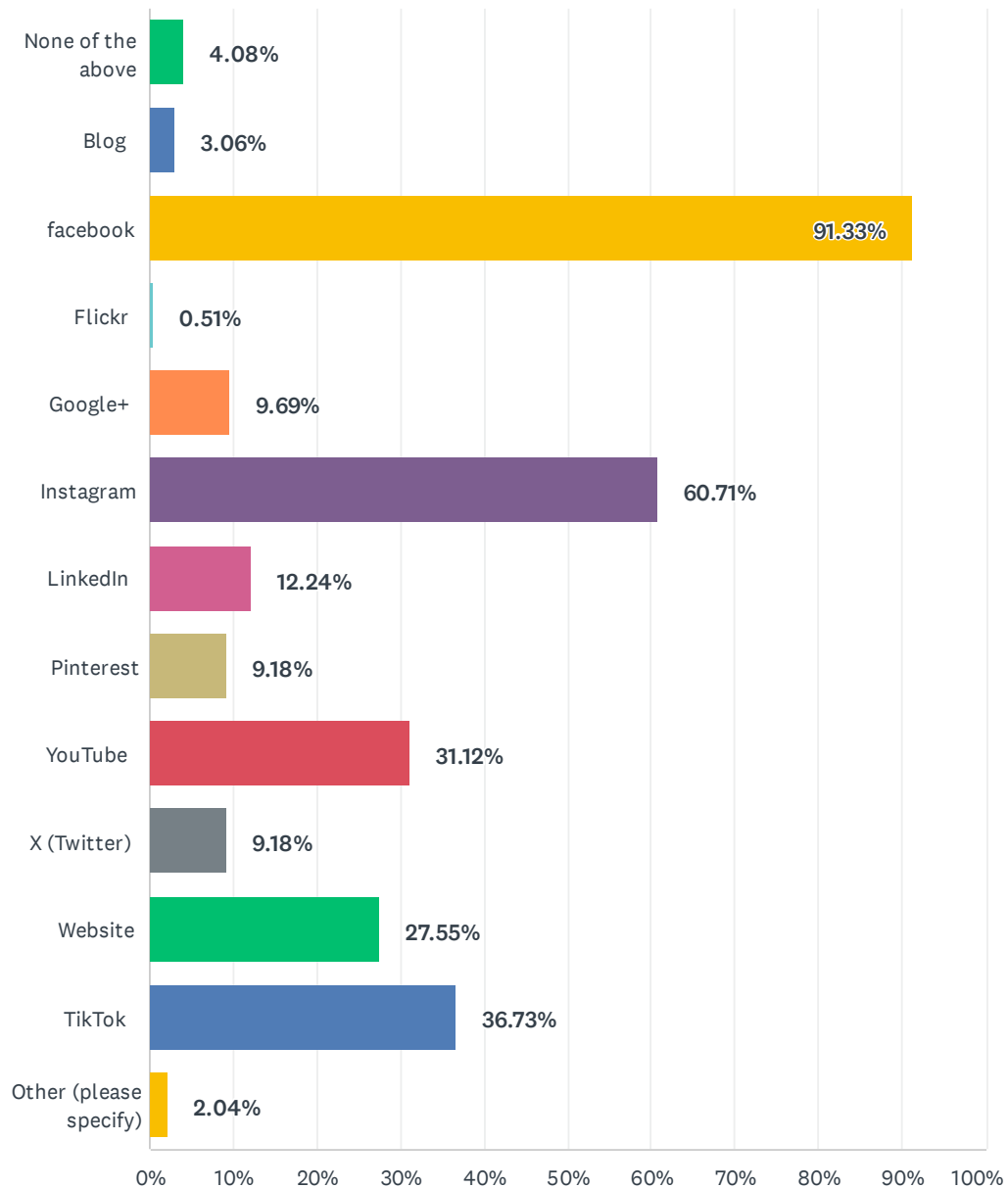
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Variable Rate Technology for Fertilizers and Planting	1/31/2025 7:24 PM
2	Variable rate	12/28/2024 8:21 PM
3	Precision nutrient application	12/25/2024 3:20 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

4	Gps & RFID Tags	11/30/2024 12:37 PM
5	Animal weights	6/10/2024 9:56 PM
6	Auto steer	6/10/2024 9:39 PM

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

Answered: 196 Skipped: 55



Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

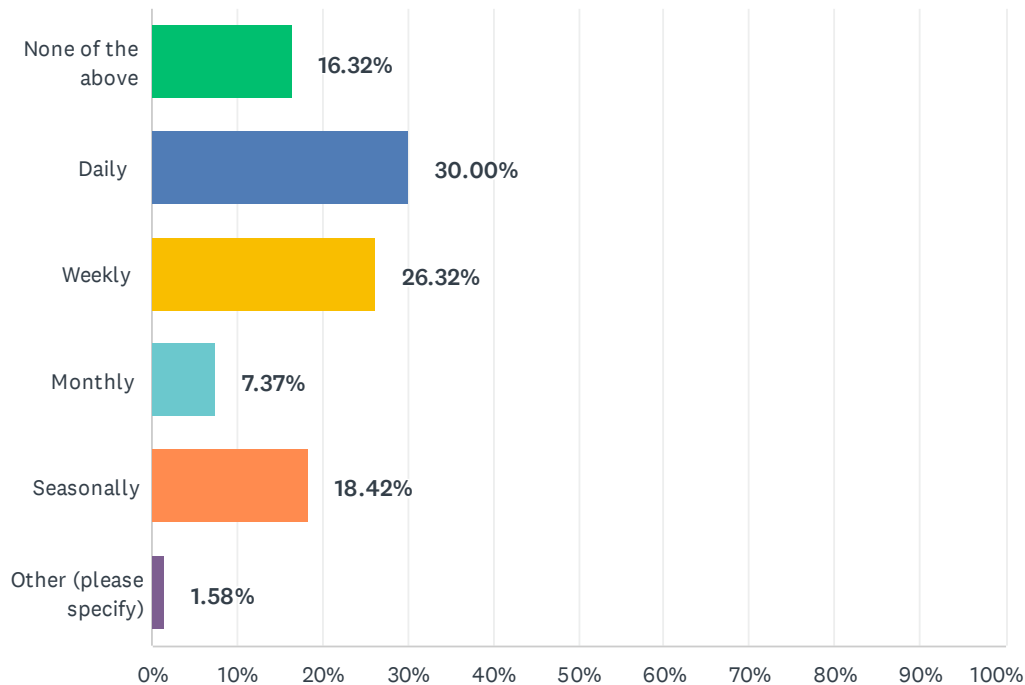
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		4.08%	8
Blog (1)		3.06%	6
facebook (2)		91.33%	179
Flickr (3)		0.51%	1
Google+ (4)		9.69%	19
Instagram (5)		60.71%	119
LinkedIn (6)		12.24%	24
Pinterest (7)		9.18%	18
YouTube (8)		31.12%	61
X (Twitter) (9)		9.18%	18
Website (10)		27.55%	54
TikTok (11)		36.73%	72
Other (please specify) (12)		2.04%	4
Total Respondents: 196			

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	13.00	5.00	5.81	3.36

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Mailerlite	1/4/2025 10:38 AM
2	Snap chat	12/14/2024 9:03 PM
3	Reddit	12/9/2024 9:54 AM
4	Snapchat	12/7/2024 6:18 PM

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

Answered: 190 Skipped: 61



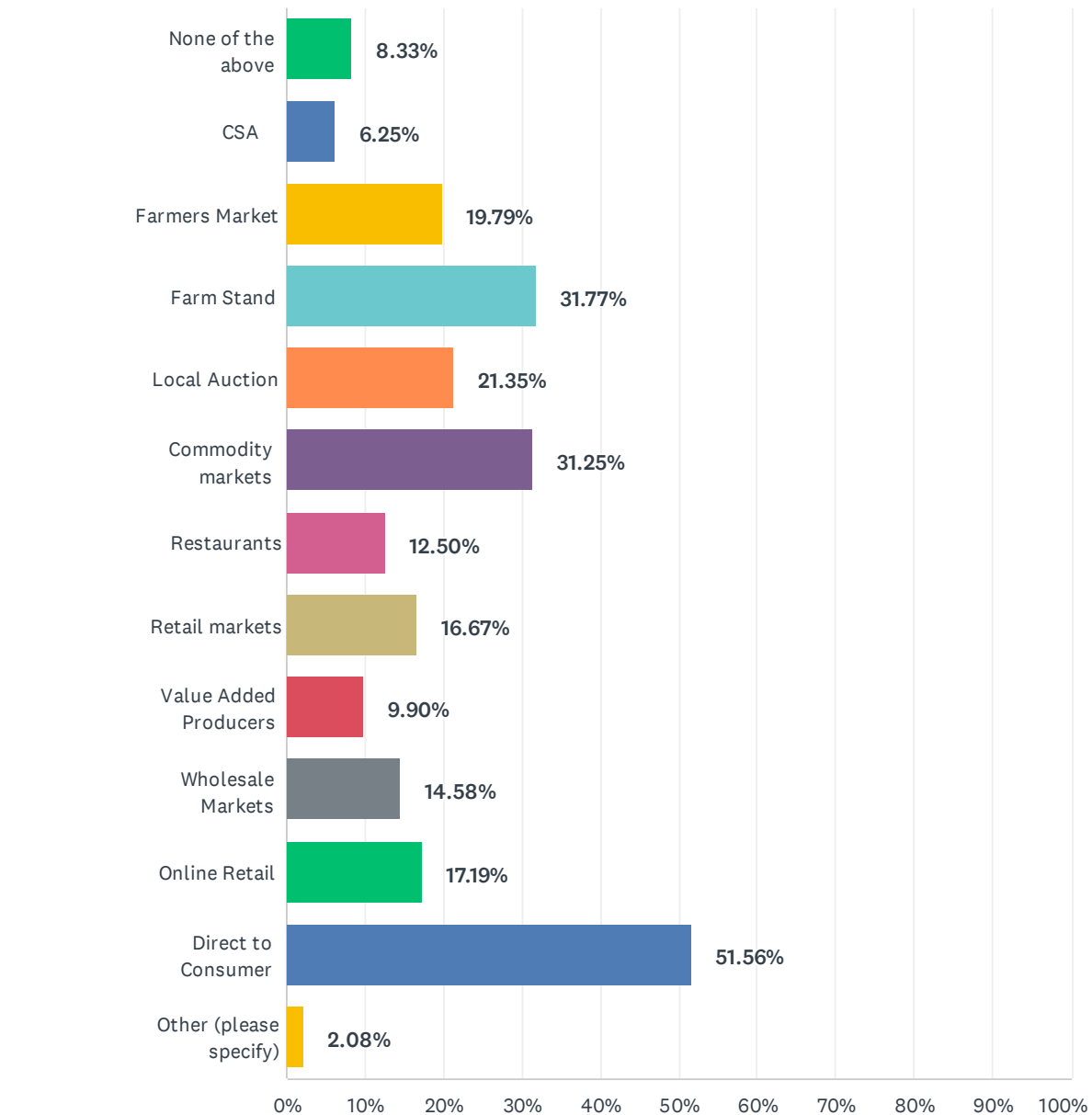
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	16.32%	31
Daily (1)	30.00%	57
Weekly (2)	26.32%	50
Monthly (3)	7.37%	14
Seasonally (4)	18.42%	35
Other (please specify) (5)	1.58%	3
TOTAL		190

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 6.00	Median 2.00	Mean 2.25	Standard Deviation 1.25

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Occasionally	2/24/2025 5:17 PM
2	Biweekly	6/11/2024 10:12 AM
3	Two or three times a week	6/5/2024 11:07 AM

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

Answered: 192 Skipped: 59



Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

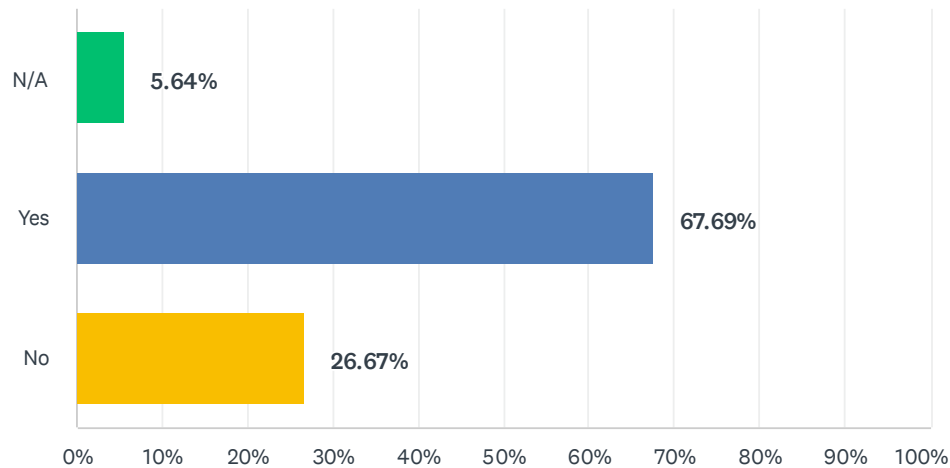
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		8.33%	16
CSA (1)		6.25%	12
Farmers Market (2)		19.79%	38
Farm Stand (3)		31.77%	61
Local Auction (4)		21.35%	41
Commodity markets (5)		31.25%	60
Restaurants (6)		12.50%	24
Retail markets (7)		16.67%	32
Value Added Producers (8)		9.90%	19
Wholesale Markets (9)		14.58%	28
Online Retail (10)		17.19%	33
Direct to Consumer (11)		51.56%	99
Other (please specify) (12)		2.08%	4
Total Respondents: 192			

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	13.00	6.00	6.60	3.35

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Social Media	1/17/2025 9:18 AM
2	Cattle sale barns and auctions	1/2/2025 9:03 PM
3	Social media	11/28/2024 1:41 AM
4	Social Media, Vendor Shows	6/5/2024 11:07 AM

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

Answered: 195 Skipped: 56

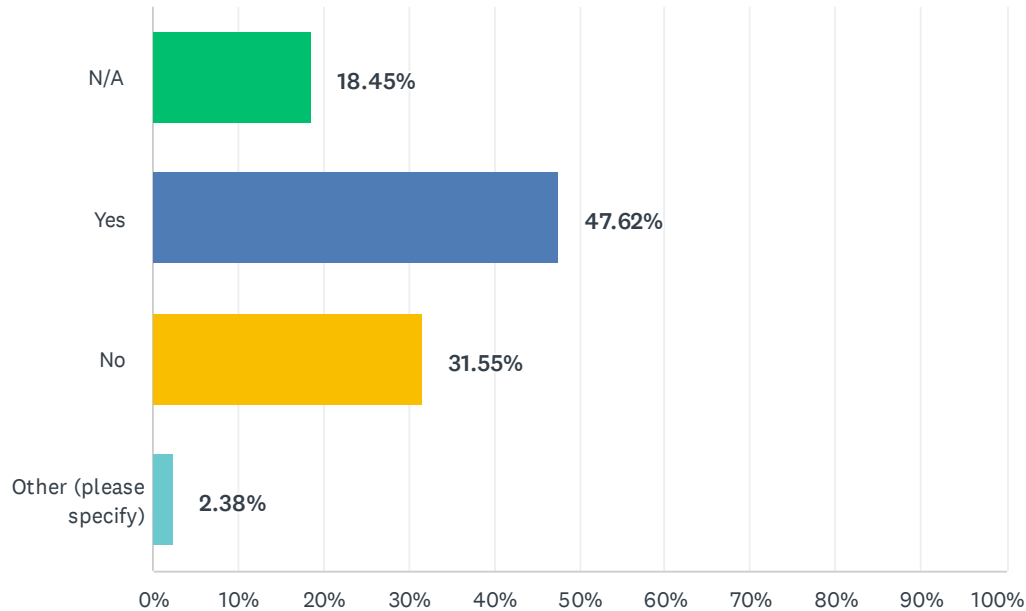


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
N/A		5.64%	11
Yes (1)		67.69%	132
No (2)		26.67%	52
TOTAL			195

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	1.00	1.28	0.45

Q38 If you answered depend on off-farm income, is your off farm job ag-related?

Answered: 168 Skipped: 83



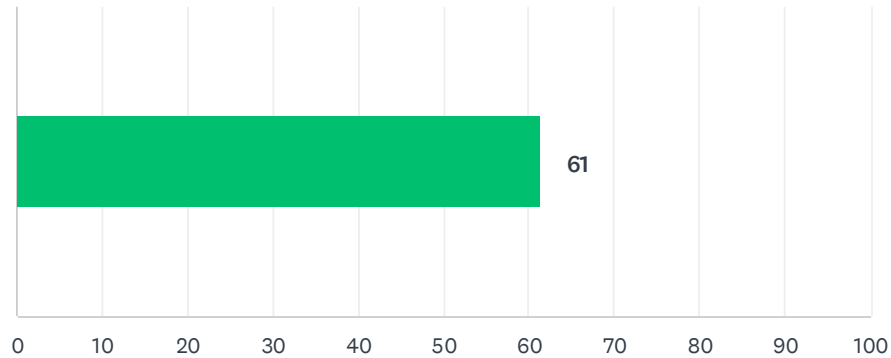
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A	18.45%	31
Yes (1)	47.62%	80
No (2)	31.55%	53
Other (please specify) (3)	2.38%	4
TOTAL		168

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	1.00	1.47	0.65

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I'm full time on the farm, my husband is full time off the farm for health insurance purposes	1/23/2025 1:44 AM
2	Excavation and land clearing	12/18/2024 11:45 PM
3	I work for 4-H but my husband is a mechanic for the county so yes and no	12/7/2024 6:18 PM
4	Working on an Ag related masters	6/10/2024 9:56 PM

Q39 What percentage of your personal income is from agriculture?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 74



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	61	10,860	177
Total Respondents: 177			

BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
	0.00	100.00	75.00	61.36	38.58

#		DATE
1	50	3/6/2025 1:25 PM
2	10	3/2/2025 7:29 PM
3	75	2/27/2025 11:42 PM
4	100	2/27/2025 6:47 PM
5	100	2/27/2025 2:06 PM
6	41	2/26/2025 6:58 AM
7	30	2/25/2025 9:49 PM
8	94	2/24/2025 5:17 PM
9	100	2/20/2025 9:55 AM
10	100	2/16/2025 7:14 AM
11	10	2/15/2025 11:05 PM
12	60	2/15/2025 8:10 PM
13	51	2/15/2025 7:11 AM
14	100	2/14/2025 8:58 PM
15	100	2/14/2025 4:46 PM
16	100	2/14/2025 1:16 PM
17	100	2/14/2025 10:44 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

18	100	2/14/2025 9:08 AM
19	50	2/14/2025 8:46 AM
20	21	2/14/2025 8:37 AM
21	15	2/14/2025 7:53 AM
22	100	2/14/2025 7:51 AM
23	40	2/14/2025 7:12 AM
24	100	2/13/2025 10:23 PM
25	75	2/13/2025 9:40 PM
26	75	2/13/2025 9:17 PM
27	100	2/13/2025 9:09 PM
28	10	2/13/2025 9:06 PM
29	20	2/2/2025 6:37 PM
30	100	2/2/2025 10:57 AM
31	88	1/31/2025 7:24 PM
32	100	1/30/2025 11:34 AM
33	40	1/29/2025 7:38 PM
34	100	1/29/2025 10:17 AM
35	10	1/23/2025 2:30 PM
36	100	1/23/2025 1:44 AM
37	10	1/21/2025 1:29 PM
38	100	1/20/2025 8:18 PM
39	5	1/20/2025 3:29 PM
40	50	1/19/2025 9:28 PM
41	0	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
42	100	1/17/2025 9:18 AM
43	0	1/14/2025 7:04 AM
44	40	1/13/2025 8:38 PM
45	100	1/13/2025 8:23 PM
46	100	1/13/2025 3:56 PM
47	25	1/13/2025 2:48 PM
48	100	1/13/2025 7:58 AM
49	35	1/12/2025 9:18 PM
50	9	1/12/2025 4:47 PM
51	0	1/12/2025 12:58 PM
52	5	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
53	60	1/11/2025 12:30 PM
54	100	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
55	91	1/10/2025 11:53 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

56	95	1/9/2025 9:42 PM
57	95	1/7/2025 11:51 PM
58	0	1/7/2025 6:44 PM
59	100	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
60	100	1/6/2025 11:19 AM
61	100	1/4/2025 10:38 AM
62	44	1/3/2025 4:59 PM
63	20	1/2/2025 9:03 PM
64	100	1/2/2025 12:25 PM
65	90	1/2/2025 12:03 PM
66	29	1/1/2025 2:33 PM
67	44	12/31/2024 11:35 PM
68	0	12/31/2024 4:28 PM
69	40	12/28/2024 8:21 PM
70	10	12/28/2024 6:16 PM
71	100	12/25/2024 3:20 PM
72	39	12/23/2024 4:56 PM
73	0	12/23/2024 2:05 PM
74	10	12/20/2024 2:42 PM
75	100	12/20/2024 11:05 AM
76	0	12/19/2024 6:37 PM
77	73	12/19/2024 5:45 PM
78	0	12/19/2024 5:35 AM
79	47	12/18/2024 11:45 PM
80	50	12/17/2024 7:21 PM
81	0	12/17/2024 7:20 PM
82	2	12/17/2024 3:33 PM
83	40	12/16/2024 11:22 PM
84	100	12/16/2024 8:39 PM
85	90	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
86	100	12/16/2024 5:58 PM
87	30	12/16/2024 2:12 AM
88	100	12/15/2024 9:45 PM
89	75	12/15/2024 8:10 PM
90	100	12/14/2024 9:03 PM
91	97	12/14/2024 7:54 AM
92	100	12/12/2024 10:42 PM
93	0	12/12/2024 9:59 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

94	95	12/11/2024 11:08 PM
95	100	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
96	25	12/10/2024 3:29 PM
97	100	12/10/2024 3:23 PM
98	56	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
99	100	12/9/2024 7:58 PM
100	5	12/9/2024 7:19 PM
101	100	12/9/2024 1:36 PM
102	100	12/9/2024 9:54 AM
103	75	12/8/2024 9:31 PM
104	90	12/8/2024 9:09 PM
105	100	12/8/2024 7:48 PM
106	24	12/7/2024 6:18 PM
107	50	12/7/2024 7:34 AM
108	100	12/6/2024 9:24 PM
109	100	12/6/2024 8:56 PM
110	100	12/6/2024 1:38 PM
111	100	12/5/2024 9:42 PM
112	100	12/5/2024 11:45 AM
113	100	12/5/2024 10:32 AM
114	0	12/4/2024 7:40 PM
115	75	12/4/2024 5:49 PM
116	3	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
117	30	12/4/2024 4:03 AM
118	50	12/3/2024 1:58 AM
119	10	12/2/2024 9:17 PM
120	100	12/2/2024 3:42 PM
121	0	12/1/2024 9:48 PM
122	50	12/1/2024 9:33 PM
123	51	12/1/2024 5:07 PM
124	60	11/30/2024 2:45 PM
125	10	11/30/2024 12:37 PM
126	78	11/29/2024 7:27 AM
127	20	11/28/2024 7:00 PM
128	100	11/28/2024 10:18 AM
129	100	11/28/2024 5:52 AM
130	26	11/28/2024 1:41 AM
131	80	11/27/2024 3:41 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

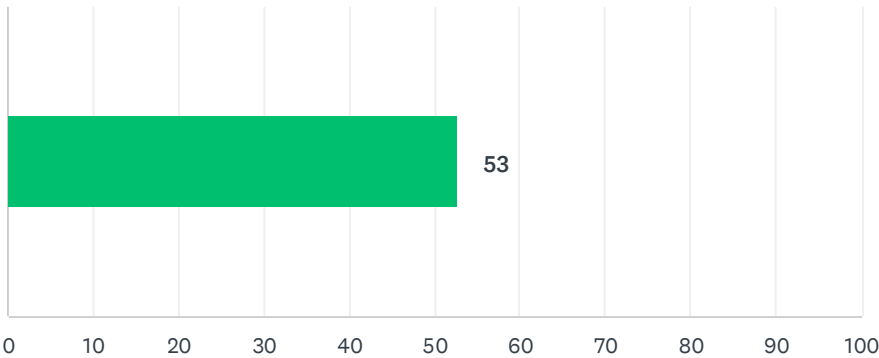
132	10	9/17/2024 2:24 PM
133	40	8/15/2024 6:35 AM
134	60	8/8/2024 2:32 PM
135	99	7/24/2024 10:01 AM
136	20	7/18/2024 10:50 AM
137	100	7/3/2024 11:12 AM
138	100	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
139	25	6/24/2024 6:09 AM
140	50	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
141	100	6/21/2024 7:50 PM
142	100	6/19/2024 4:10 PM
143	100	6/19/2024 8:29 AM
144	80	6/15/2024 1:43 PM
145	60	6/15/2024 9:14 AM
146	100	6/15/2024 8:11 AM
147	50	6/13/2024 11:24 AM
148	10	6/13/2024 7:53 AM
149	25	6/13/2024 7:50 AM
150	45	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
151	100	6/12/2024 9:37 AM
152	100	6/12/2024 8:36 AM
153	100	6/12/2024 5:49 AM
154	20	6/11/2024 12:33 PM
155	100	6/11/2024 12:21 PM
156	0	6/11/2024 12:13 PM
157	60	6/11/2024 10:12 AM
158	100	6/11/2024 9:05 AM
159	100	6/11/2024 8:34 AM
160	0	6/10/2024 10:22 PM
161	80	6/10/2024 10:11 PM
162	15	6/10/2024 9:56 PM
163	90	6/10/2024 9:49 PM
164	100	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
165	80	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
166	100	6/10/2024 8:10 PM
167	12	6/10/2024 7:36 PM
168	100	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
169	5	6/10/2024 6:53 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

170	5	6/10/2024 5:30 PM
171	100	6/10/2024 3:54 PM
172	5	6/10/2024 3:20 PM
173	21	6/10/2024 3:14 PM
174	25	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
175	100	6/10/2024 2:35 PM
176	90	6/5/2024 11:07 AM
177	100	6/4/2024 5:37 PM

Q40 What percentage of your household income is from agriculture?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 82



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	53	8,911	169
Total Respondents: 169			

BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
	0.00	100.00	50.00	52.73	36.54

#		DATE
1	25	3/6/2025 1:25 PM
2	10	3/2/2025 7:29 PM
3	75	2/27/2025 11:42 PM
4	100	2/27/2025 6:47 PM
5	100	2/27/2025 2:06 PM
6	13	2/26/2025 6:58 AM
7	34	2/24/2025 5:17 PM
8	100	2/20/2025 9:55 AM
9	100	2/16/2025 7:14 AM
10	15	2/15/2025 11:05 PM
11	60	2/15/2025 8:10 PM
12	50	2/15/2025 7:11 AM
13	50	2/14/2025 8:58 PM
14	100	2/14/2025 4:46 PM
15	100	2/14/2025 1:16 PM
16	51	2/14/2025 10:44 AM
17	90	2/14/2025 9:08 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

18	50	2/14/2025 8:46 AM
19	11	2/14/2025 8:37 AM
20	10	2/14/2025 7:53 AM
21	100	2/14/2025 7:51 AM
22	25	2/14/2025 7:12 AM
23	50	2/13/2025 10:23 PM
24	75	2/13/2025 9:40 PM
25	50	2/13/2025 9:17 PM
26	100	2/13/2025 9:09 PM
27	0	2/13/2025 9:06 PM
28	20	2/2/2025 6:37 PM
29	100	2/2/2025 10:57 AM
30	88	1/31/2025 7:24 PM
31	100	1/30/2025 11:34 AM
32	30	1/29/2025 7:38 PM
33	68	1/29/2025 10:17 AM
34	10	1/23/2025 2:30 PM
35	20	1/23/2025 1:44 AM
36	10	1/21/2025 1:29 PM
37	50	1/20/2025 8:18 PM
38	0	1/20/2025 3:29 PM
39	25	1/19/2025 9:28 PM
40	0	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
41	0	1/17/2025 9:18 AM
42	30	1/13/2025 8:38 PM
43	100	1/13/2025 8:23 PM
44	100	1/13/2025 3:56 PM
45	100	1/13/2025 7:58 AM
46	100	1/12/2025 9:18 PM
47	0	1/12/2025 12:58 PM
48	5	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
49	50	1/11/2025 12:30 PM
50	41	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
51	49	1/10/2025 11:53 AM
52	100	1/9/2025 9:42 PM
53	31	1/7/2025 11:51 PM
54	62	1/7/2025 6:44 PM
55	50	1/7/2025 9:03 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

56	100	1/6/2025 11:19 AM
57	100	1/4/2025 10:38 AM
58	23	1/3/2025 4:59 PM
59	15	1/2/2025 9:03 PM
60	100	1/2/2025 12:25 PM
61	5	1/2/2025 12:03 PM
62	27	1/1/2025 2:33 PM
63	49	12/31/2024 11:35 PM
64	0	12/31/2024 4:28 PM
65	40	12/28/2024 8:21 PM
66	10	12/28/2024 6:16 PM
67	100	12/25/2024 3:20 PM
68	50	12/23/2024 4:56 PM
69	10	12/23/2024 2:05 PM
70	10	12/20/2024 2:42 PM
71	100	12/20/2024 11:05 AM
72	0	12/19/2024 6:37 PM
73	71	12/19/2024 5:45 PM
74	0	12/19/2024 5:35 AM
75	36	12/18/2024 11:45 PM
76	100	12/17/2024 7:21 PM
77	0	12/17/2024 7:20 PM
78	2	12/17/2024 3:33 PM
79	40	12/16/2024 11:22 PM
80	75	12/16/2024 8:39 PM
81	40	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
82	20	12/16/2024 5:58 PM
83	15	12/16/2024 2:12 AM
84	90	12/15/2024 9:45 PM
85	90	12/15/2024 8:10 PM
86	100	12/14/2024 9:03 PM
87	60	12/14/2024 7:54 AM
88	50	12/12/2024 10:42 PM
89	40	12/12/2024 9:59 PM
90	95	12/11/2024 11:08 PM
91	100	12/10/2024 4:37 PM
92	40	12/10/2024 3:29 PM
93	100	12/10/2024 3:23 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

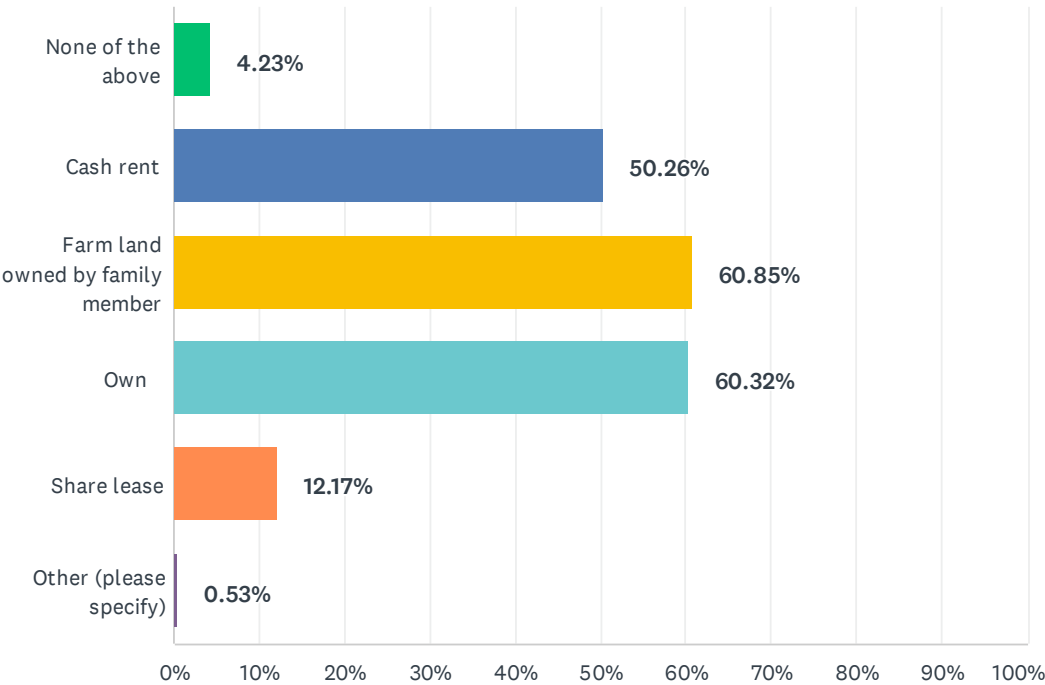
94	63	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
95	100	12/9/2024 7:58 PM
96	0	12/9/2024 7:19 PM
97	100	12/9/2024 1:36 PM
98	50	12/9/2024 9:54 AM
99	100	12/8/2024 9:31 PM
100	90	12/8/2024 9:09 PM
101	100	12/8/2024 7:48 PM
102	100	12/7/2024 7:34 AM
103	85	12/6/2024 9:24 PM
104	100	12/6/2024 8:56 PM
105	20	12/6/2024 1:38 PM
106	40	12/5/2024 9:42 PM
107	80	12/5/2024 11:45 AM
108	29	12/5/2024 10:32 AM
109	0	12/4/2024 7:40 PM
110	75	12/4/2024 5:49 PM
111	4	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
112	25	12/4/2024 4:03 AM
113	50	12/3/2024 1:58 AM
114	5	12/2/2024 9:17 PM
115	50	12/1/2024 9:33 PM
116	56	12/1/2024 5:07 PM
117	35	11/30/2024 2:45 PM
118	10	11/30/2024 12:37 PM
119	50	11/29/2024 7:27 AM
120	10	11/28/2024 7:00 PM
121	100	11/28/2024 10:18 AM
122	15	11/28/2024 5:52 AM
123	50	11/28/2024 1:41 AM
124	50	11/27/2024 3:41 PM
125	10	9/17/2024 2:24 PM
126	18	8/15/2024 6:35 AM
127	60	8/8/2024 2:32 PM
128	65	7/24/2024 10:01 AM
129	20	7/18/2024 10:50 AM
130	100	7/3/2024 11:12 AM
131	100	6/24/2024 2:36 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

132	25	6/24/2024 6:09 AM
133	35	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
134	100	6/21/2024 7:50 PM
135	10	6/20/2024 9:54 AM
136	80	6/19/2024 4:10 PM
137	70	6/19/2024 8:29 AM
138	45	6/15/2024 1:43 PM
139	40	6/15/2024 9:14 AM
140	100	6/15/2024 8:11 AM
141	50	6/13/2024 11:24 AM
142	20	6/13/2024 7:53 AM
143	10	6/13/2024 7:50 AM
144	15	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
145	100	6/12/2024 9:37 AM
146	100	6/12/2024 8:36 AM
147	100	6/12/2024 5:49 AM
148	100	6/11/2024 12:33 PM
149	60	6/11/2024 12:21 PM
150	0	6/11/2024 12:13 PM
151	45	6/11/2024 9:05 AM
152	100	6/11/2024 8:34 AM
153	80	6/10/2024 10:11 PM
154	10	6/10/2024 9:56 PM
155	10	6/10/2024 9:49 PM
156	100	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
157	90	6/10/2024 8:39 PM
158	100	6/10/2024 8:10 PM
159	52	6/10/2024 7:36 PM
160	100	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
161	1	6/10/2024 6:53 PM
162	0	6/10/2024 5:30 PM
163	100	6/10/2024 3:54 PM
164	5	6/10/2024 3:20 PM
165	15	6/10/2024 3:14 PM
166	25	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
167	67	6/10/2024 2:35 PM
168	90	6/5/2024 11:07 AM
169	60	6/4/2024 5:37 PM

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

Answered: 189 Skipped: 62



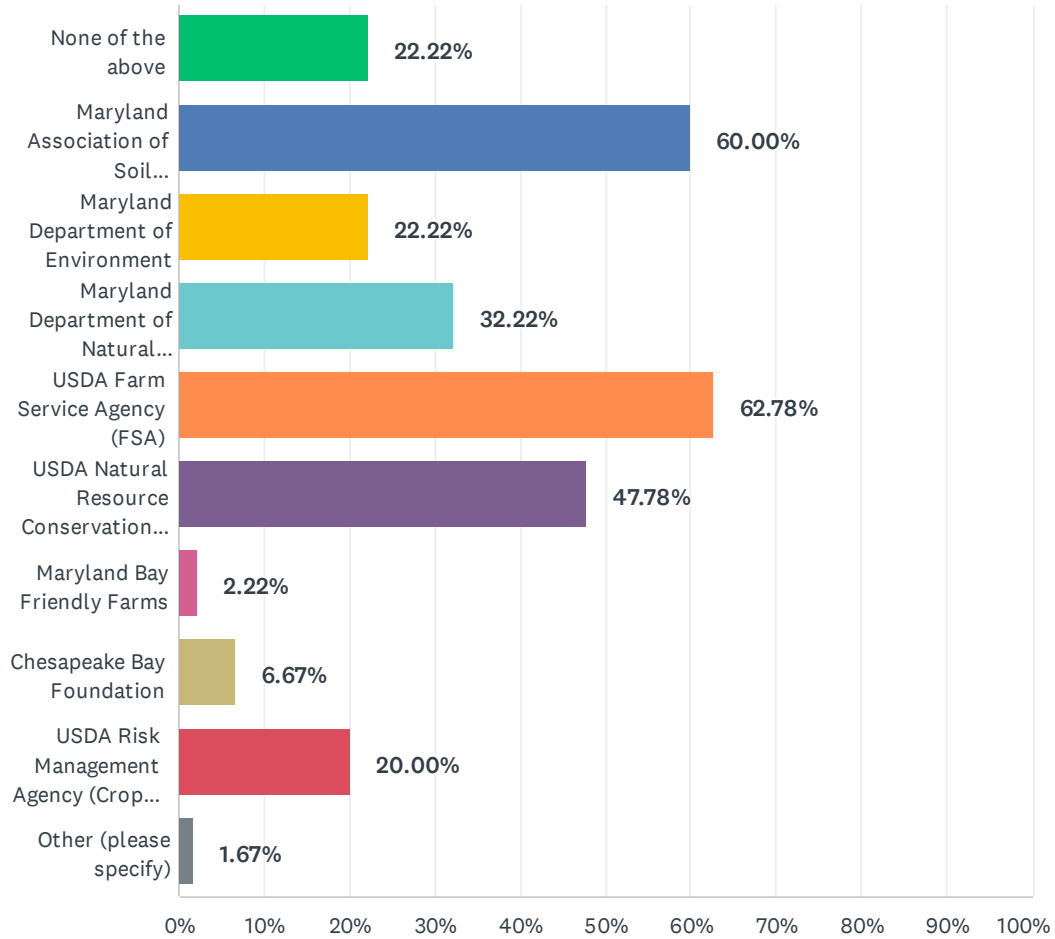
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		4.23%	8
Cash rent (1)		50.26%	95
Farm land owned by family member (2)		60.85%	115
Own (3)		60.32%	114
Share lease (4)		12.17%	23
Other (please specify) (5)		0.53%	1
Total Respondents: 189			

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 6.00	Median 2.00	Mean 2.20	Standard Deviation 0.93

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Solar grazing	1/13/2025 7:58 AM

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

Answered: 180 Skipped: 71



Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	22.22%	40
Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts (1)	60.00%	108
Maryland Department of Environment (2)	22.22%	40
Maryland Department of Natural Resources (3)	32.22%	58
USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) (4)	62.78%	113
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) (5)	47.78%	86
Maryland Bay Friendly Farms (6)	2.22%	4
Chesapeake Bay Foundation (7)	6.67%	12
USDA Risk Management Agency (Crop Insurance) (8)	20.00%	36
Other (please specify) (9)	1.67%	3
Total Respondents: 180		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	10.00	4.00	3.63	2.10

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Sustainable Chesapeake	12/15/2024 8:39 PM
2	Umd extension	12/9/2024 7:19 PM
3	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: 66 Skipped: 185

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	NRCS cost share	2/27/2025 2:06 PM
2	What i can	2/24/2025 5:17 PM
3	N/a	2/16/2025 7:14 AM
4	Cover crop, reporting planting etc.	2/14/2025 4:46 PM
5	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
6	nracs cost share	2/14/2025 7:51 AM
7	Cost share, crop insurance, regulatory, cover crop	2/14/2025 7:12 AM
8	Average reporting, NRCS cost share	2/13/2025 9:40 PM
9	Soil conservation practices	2/2/2025 6:37 PM
10	Cover crops, insurance, E-Quip, FSA loan	2/2/2025 10:57 AM
11	The boss man takes care of that	1/31/2025 7:24 PM
12	Na	1/30/2025 11:34 AM
13	NRCS-Cost share for High Tunnel and HUA FSA-Crop reporting and MACS program	1/29/2025 10:17 AM
14	Cost share programs, resources	1/23/2025 1:44 AM
15	NRCS Cost Share	1/20/2025 3:29 PM
16	Cost share crop Insurance FSA lending	1/17/2025 7:46 PM
17	Cost share	1/14/2025 7:04 AM
18	NRCS Programs, DNR (Deer), FSA (Assistance)	1/13/2025 8:38 PM
19	Water and fencing cost share, best practices payments, grazing planning, wool subsidies	1/13/2025 7:58 AM
20	NRCs cost share	1/12/2025 4:47 PM
21	Nutrient management program, cover crop program, reporting acres planted, land rented from	1/11/2025 12:30 PM
22	Wildlife management	1/10/2025 9:09 PM
23	MASCD through employment, FSA some programs, NRCS cost share	1/10/2025 11:53 AM
24	Cover crop	1/7/2025 11:51 PM
25	Cover crop	1/2/2025 9:03 PM
26	Cost share, conservation plans, funding, grants	1/2/2025 12:25 PM
27	program information and cost share programs	1/1/2025 2:33 PM
28	Nracs	12/28/2024 6:16 PM
29	Soil conservation for drainage tile, MDE for irrigation wells, DNR for crop damage permits, FSA for reporting acres	12/25/2024 3:20 PM
30	Regulations, insurance, nutrient management	12/23/2024 2:05 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

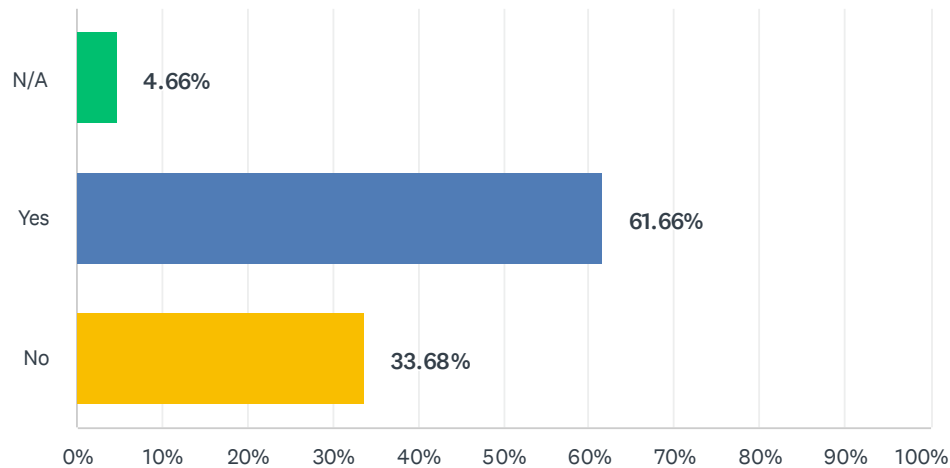
31	Cost share	12/18/2024 11:45 PM
32	Crop reports and cattle houseing and manure storage	12/15/2024 9:45 PM
33	Soil Conservation- cover crop programs DNR- Deer Crop Damage permitting FSA- husband on advisory board NRCS- run off programming (not sure the actual name of this)	12/15/2024 8:10 PM
34	Cost share , crop insurance , cafo permit, nutrient management	12/14/2024 9:03 PM
35	FSA. Report acres for programs NRCS. Cost share	12/12/2024 10:42 PM
36	Soil conservation- cost share MDE- CAFO Permits RMA- crop insurance FSA- multiple programs	12/12/2024 9:59 PM
37	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
38	Trying to find conservation programs	12/10/2024 3:29 PM
39	EQIP, CRP, disaster programs/insurance, cost share for conservation, nutrient management, education	12/9/2024 7:58 PM
40	Info	12/9/2024 7:19 PM
41	Cost share	12/6/2024 9:24 PM
42	Cover crop.	12/6/2024 8:56 PM
43	Reporting for crop insurance	12/4/2024 5:49 PM
44	Continue to wait for a SCD Plan to be eligible for NRCS Cost Share	12/4/2024 12:49 PM
45	Cost share and nutrient management	12/4/2024 4:03 AM
46	nutrient management, soil conservation, crop damage hunting permits, building loans through FSA	12/3/2024 2:58 PM
47	Using there services	12/2/2024 9:17 PM
48	CAFO oversight and grant programs to help with nutrient management	11/28/2024 7:00 PM
49	Rental equipment/ cost share	11/28/2024 1:41 AM
50	Loans, Cost share programs, EQIP	11/27/2024 3:41 PM
51	Media	6/28/2024 8:21 AM
52	NRCS cost share (will never do again) RMA crop ins. FSA farm program Soil Cons District.(will never do again) Dept Natural Resources (crop damage permit)	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
53	Soil conservation for best management practices, Maryland department of environmental for permits, FSA for crop reporting, NRCS with assistance to implement best management practices and environmental friendly practices.	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
54	Soil conservation for cover crop program, MDNR for crop damage permits, USDA fir acreage reports	6/15/2024 1:43 PM
55	NRCS Cost Share Soil Conservation cover crops RMA crop insurance FSA loan programs/ risk management	6/15/2024 9:14 AM
56	No answer	6/13/2024 11:24 AM
57	MDA Information, NRCS Cost Share, FSA Information, Dept of Natural Resources Career Camp	6/13/2024 7:50 AM
58	We have a farm soil conservation plan and have installed several BMPs.	6/11/2024 12:33 PM
59	Equip, crop insurance, crop reporting/ARC	6/10/2024 9:39 PM
60	I work with most as a member of Farm Bureau and working for AFBF	6/10/2024 8:10 PM
61	cost share, crop insurance, loans, regulations, deer management	6/10/2024 7:22 PM
62	Cover crops	6/10/2024 3:14 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

63	Borrow equipment	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
64	Cost share, EQUIP	6/10/2024 2:35 PM
65	Cover Crop, Wetland Management, Cattle Cost-Share Opportunities, Hunting, Planting Report, Harvest Reports.	6/5/2024 11:07 AM
66	Soil conservation districts	6/4/2024 5:37 PM

Q44 Do you use social media to promote your farm?

Answered: 193 Skipped: 58

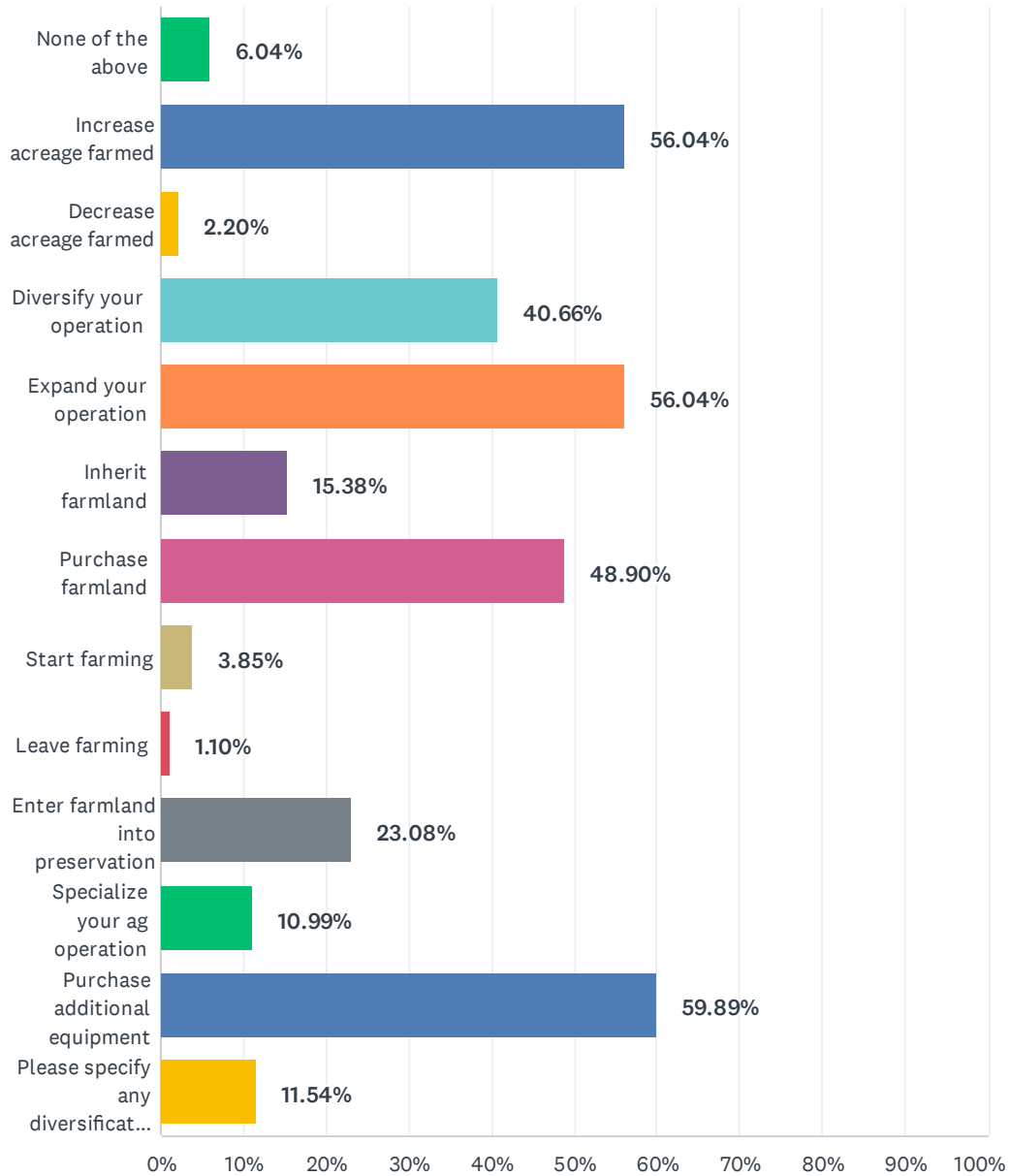


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
N/A		4.66%	9
Yes (1)		61.66%	119
No (2)		33.68%	65
TOTAL			193

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	1.00	1.35	0.48

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

Answered: 182 Skipped: 69



Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	6.04%	11
Increase acreage farmed (1)	56.04%	102
Decrease acreage farmed (2)	2.20%	4
Diversify your operation (3)	40.66%	74
Expand your operation (4)	56.04%	102
Inherit farmland (5)	15.38%	28
Purchase farmland (6)	48.90%	89
Start farming (7)	3.85%	7
Leave farming (8)	1.10%	2
Enter farmland into preservation (9)	23.08%	42
Specialize your ag operation (10)	10.99%	20
Purchase additional equipment (11)	59.89%	109
Please specify any diversification, specialization, or expansion: (12)	11.54%	21
Total Respondents: 182		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 13.00	Median 5.00	Mean 5.88	Standard Deviation 3.69

#	PLEASE SPECIFY ANY DIVERSIFICATION, SPECIALIZATION, OR EXPANSION:	DATE
1	Rent more land	3/2/2025 7:37 PM
2	Milk more cows	2/24/2025 5:25 PM
3	Increase livestock count, expand into other species	2/13/2025 9:20 PM
4	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
5	Continue to grow our current operation and add our chicken feed business too	1/23/2025 1:50 AM
6	More hay ground and expand into livestock more	1/12/2025 1:03 PM
7	Add more dairy cattle. Farm more ground	1/7/2025 11:56 PM
8	New improved facilities, diversify and expand current operations	1/4/2025 10:40 AM
9	utilizing high and low tunnels	1/1/2025 2:41 PM
10	Increase acreage to support more family members	12/25/2024 3:50 PM
11	Would like to double cattle Herd and pick up more land	12/15/2024 9:51 PM
12	Not sure yet but I like to keep my husband on his toes	12/10/2024 4:42 PM
13	Direct sales	12/8/2024 9:34 PM
14	Would like to add more cropland and increase amount of custom work	12/4/2024 5:55 PM
15	Additional livestock offerings,	12/4/2024 1:43 PM
16	new land being bought, new market location	12/3/2024 3:01 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

17	More value added, need more land, putting up a tunnel, need equipment, stronger online sales	6/13/2024 8:16 AM
18	Grow and expand in anyway we see possible	6/13/2024 7:56 AM
19	Expand agritourism	6/13/2024 7:04 AM
20	Get more land, and start running cattle to sell direct consumer. Add honey bees and start growing more vegetables.	6/11/2024 10:19 AM
21	If I can buy we want to start a farm bed and breakfast and education program	6/10/2024 7:09 PM

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

Answered: 65 Skipped: 186

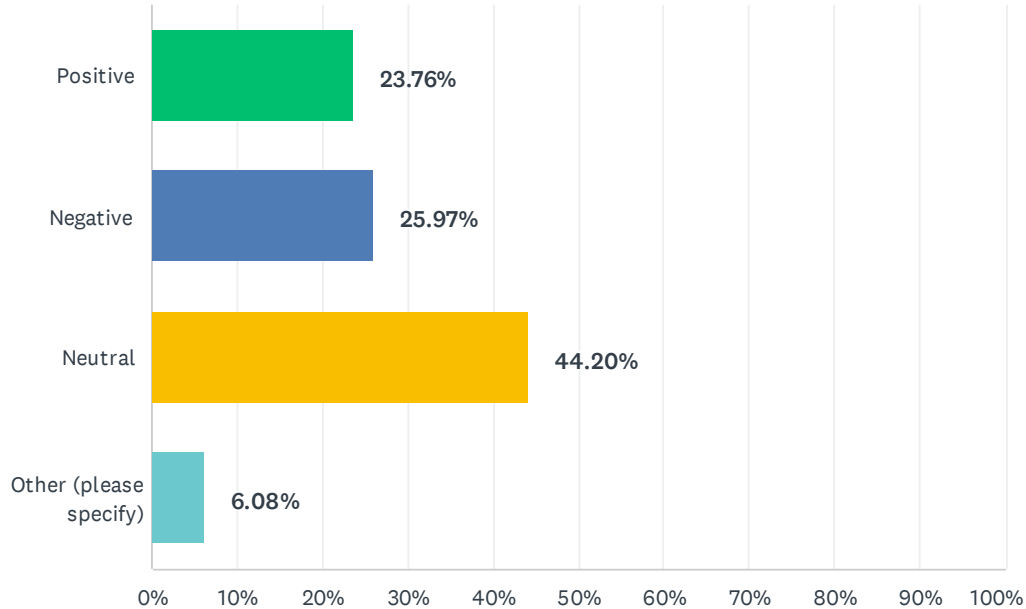
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	MALPF	2/27/2025 6:51 PM
2	Cost share NRCS	2/27/2025 2:11 PM
3	N/A	2/21/2025 11:05 AM
4	Horizon farm credit Jump start program	2/16/2025 7:17 AM
5	Marbidco	2/15/2025 7:13 AM
6	Start right, fsa loans	2/14/2025 9:04 PM
7	marbidco	2/14/2025 4:49 PM
8	Na	2/14/2025 1:20 PM
9	MARBIDCO	2/14/2025 8:51 AM
10	None	2/14/2025 7:56 AM
11	na	2/14/2025 7:55 AM
12	MARBIDCO	2/14/2025 7:15 AM
13	Na	2/13/2025 9:49 PM
14	N/A	1/31/2025 7:31 PM
15	Na	1/30/2025 11:35 AM
16	Farm Credit, Farmers on the Rise	1/29/2025 10:21 AM
17	Marbidco value added grant Frederick county's innovation grant Farm credit's farmers on the rise program Hoping to enroll in frederick county's critical farms program this year	1/23/2025 1:50 AM
18	MARBIDCO	1/17/2025 7:51 PM
19	Next-Gen	1/17/2025 9:27 AM
20	Marbidco Value Added, NRCS High Tunnels & Water irrigation, DNR Deer Permits, USDA & MDA Programs	1/13/2025 8:46 PM
21	None	1/12/2025 4:50 PM
22	Haven't utilized any programs yet but looking into them	1/12/2025 1:03 PM
23	Marbidco	1/12/2025 8:40 AM
24	N/A	1/10/2025 9:11 PM
25	Next gen	1/7/2025 9:00 PM
26	Marbidco	1/7/2025 6:47 PM
27	Na	1/3/2025 5:01 PM
28	None yet	1/2/2025 12:36 PM
29	Farm Credit operating loans	1/2/2025 12:05 PM
30	marbidco assisted in the purchase of our first farm	1/1/2025 2:41 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

31	Marbidco	12/31/2024 11:37 PM
32	Young farmers	12/25/2024 3:50 PM
33	None	12/23/2024 2:11 PM
34	MAERDAF	12/19/2024 5:46 PM
35	None	12/17/2024 7:23 PM
36	Upper shore ag grant	12/16/2024 11:26 PM
37	None	12/16/2024 8:41 PM
38	Morco cold storage. Upper shore regional council grant	12/15/2024 9:51 PM
39	N/A	12/15/2024 8:17 PM
40	Marbidco	12/14/2024 9:08 PM
41	Farm Bureau	12/11/2024 11:15 PM
42	MARBIDCO cold storage grant Horizon farm credit jumpstart farmer grant	12/10/2024 4:42 PM
43	Next gen	12/8/2024 9:34 PM
44	Marbidco cold storage grants	12/5/2024 11:47 AM
45	Marbidco	12/4/2024 7:42 PM
46	Annie's Project,	12/4/2024 1:43 PM
47	Maryland Farm Bureau	12/3/2024 3:01 PM
48	Yf&r	11/30/2024 12:42 PM
49	Farm Credit AG Bizmasters	11/28/2024 7:07 PM
50	None	11/27/2024 3:47 PM
51	zero	6/24/2024 2:45 PM
52	Marbidco down payment assistance program	6/23/2024 8:26 PM
53	Marbidco, Farm Bureau	6/20/2024 9:56 AM
54	Beginning Farmer and Rancher Benefits for Crop Insurance	6/19/2024 4:21 PM
55	USDA beginning farmer loan	6/15/2024 9:46 AM
56	No answer	6/13/2024 11:29 AM
57	LEAD MD, Farm Credit Program-Farm Credit University	6/11/2024 12:20 PM
58	FSA Loans Farm Credit interest for 3 years program	6/11/2024 9:09 AM
59	Upper shore regional council grant	6/10/2024 9:43 PM
60	Farm credit Fsa backed young beginning farmer loan	6/10/2024 8:46 PM
61	Next-gen	6/10/2024 7:39 PM
62	SMADC mini-grants	6/10/2024 7:09 PM
63	Marbidco Farm credit	6/10/2024 3:56 PM
64	Ag biz masters	6/10/2024 3:17 PM
65	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: 181 Skipped: 70



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Positive (1)	23.76%	43
Negative (2)	25.97%	47
Neutral (3)	44.20%	80
Other (please specify) (4)	6.08%	11
TOTAL		181

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 4.00	Median 3.00	Mean 2.33	Standard Deviation 0.90

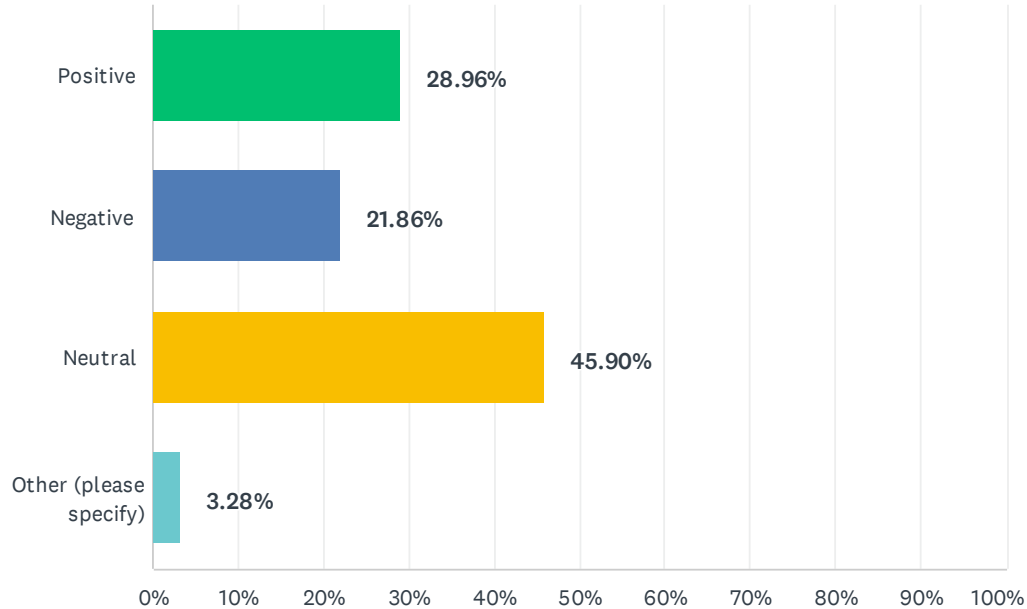
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Uneducated	2/20/2025 9:58 AM
2	Little to no knowledge	2/14/2025 1:55 PM
3	Clueless	1/13/2025 8:46 PM
4	I think they like to eat and most of them don't think about farming except when they want to feel warm fuzzy feelings about cute animals.	1/10/2025 12:10 PM
5	limited knowledge with a mix of misinformation	1/1/2025 2:41 PM
6	Uneducated	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
7	Very dependent on the area of Maryland- I believe surrounding Baltimore is much more	12/15/2024 8:17 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

	negative, while the farmland areas is much more appreciative of the farming community	
8	Uneducated. They don't know what to think unless it is read on social media	12/7/2024 6:22 PM
9	Disconnected	6/28/2024 8:30 AM
10	varies widely by topic - i.e. GMO's bad, local farm produce stand good	6/19/2024 4:21 PM
11	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: 183 Skipped: 68



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Positive (1)	28.96%	53
Negative (2)	21.86%	40
Neutral (3)	45.90%	84
Other (please specify) (4)	3.28%	6
TOTAL		183

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	2.23	0.91

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Uneducated	2/20/2025 9:58 AM
2	Uneducated	2/15/2025 11:07 PM
3	Little to no knowledge	2/14/2025 1:55 PM
4	They don't think of farming as being a big part of Maryland anywhere but the western part of the state	1/10/2025 12:10 PM
5	Same as above	12/7/2024 6:22 PM
6	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: 100 Skipped: 151

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Educating and spreading facts to counter fake news	3/6/2025 1:28 PM
2	Promote agriculture in school curriculum	2/27/2025 6:51 PM
3	N/A	2/27/2025 2:11 PM
4	Associate more with even the little guys	2/24/2025 5:25 PM
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	More education especially about shopping local	2/20/2025 9:58 AM
7	Show family farming operations	2/16/2025 7:17 AM
8	Educate	2/15/2025 11:07 PM
9	Encouraging unity in agriculture.	2/14/2025 9:04 PM
10	More youth programs in school.	2/14/2025 1:55 PM
11	Keep spreading awareness of positive messages about agriculture	2/14/2025 1:20 PM
12	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
13	More educational outreach to the general public	2/14/2025 8:41 AM
14	Teach the public more about the about farming	2/14/2025 7:56 AM
15	more outreach to the general public.	2/14/2025 7:55 AM
16	Education of consumers about MD agricultures leadership in conservation.	2/14/2025 7:15 AM
17	Continue to educate the public	2/13/2025 9:12 PM
18	Continue to make efforts in showing farmers are protecting the bay and our resources	2/2/2025 11:00 AM
19	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
20	Show the diversity of all parts of agriculture	1/30/2025 11:35 AM
21	Educate residents on practices taking place on farms in the state	1/29/2025 10:21 AM
22	Continue to reinforce its role in food security and job security	1/23/2025 1:50 AM
23	More education, not only to elementary schools. More promotion of what agricultural is and it's economic impact in the state.	1/21/2025 1:33 PM
24	Continue to promote	1/20/2025 8:20 PM
25	Better consumer education	1/17/2025 7:51 PM
26	Inviting Ag Professionals to school to speak about agriculture to kids.	1/17/2025 9:27 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

27	Keep encouraging local institutions and restaurants to buy local. Keep encouraging locals to buy local, eat local, entertain local.	1/13/2025 8:46 PM
28	Keep supporting farmers in legislation and protect the right to farm	1/12/2025 1:03 PM
29	Less development so less city people move out to the country and complain with their HOA's to about ag	1/11/2025 12:36 PM
30	N/A	1/10/2025 9:11 PM
31	Most people don't pay much attention to MDA unless they are farmers. MDA needs to work to get its messages out to non-farmers in a language they understand using focuses that mean something to them.	1/10/2025 12:10 PM
32	Paying more	1/7/2025 11:56 PM
33	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
34	Better more diverse outreach.	1/7/2025 9:06 AM
35	Continue with grants to make farming profitable in md with high land costs	1/2/2025 9:09 PM
36	Share more farmer stories, share on farm practices that are used across the state	1/2/2025 12:36 PM
37	continue to educate the public in ag practices	1/1/2025 2:41 PM
38	Get rid of usda inspected facility processing for small producers	12/31/2024 4:32 PM
39	fight regulation	12/28/2024 8:24 PM
40	Educate public support farmers	12/28/2024 6:18 PM
41	Explain that farmers are necessary and they feed everyone with everyone's best interest in mind	12/25/2024 3:50 PM
42	Increasing youth engagement	12/23/2024 5:03 PM
43	By promoting more young farmer programs and actual facts to public about the necessary processes that do need to happen. By protecting farm land from massive power lines by Malpf board.	12/23/2024 2:11 PM
44	Promote all the things farmers do to better the environment and benefit the Chesapeake bay	12/20/2024 2:46 PM
45	Make people realize we are trying to make the world a better place every day	12/18/2024 11:48 PM
46	Educate the general public on their programs	12/17/2024 3:35 PM
47	I don't know	12/16/2024 8:41 PM
48	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
49	Further promotion of Ag in the classroom, utilizing farm bureau and MD farmers to promote conservation practices farmers use to protect the bay.	12/15/2024 8:43 PM
50	Allowing further farm-to-table operations. Lessening regulation to allow us to do more direct to consumer relationship building.	12/15/2024 8:17 PM
51	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
52	Internal ignorance will always exist	12/11/2024 11:15 PM
53	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
54	Support ag education in the schools	12/10/2024 3:30 PM
55	Ads	12/10/2024 12:16 PM
56	Education on farming techniques that are normal and where food comes from	12/9/2024 7:22 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

57	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
58	Advocacy. People are afraid of what they don't know or understand so have to make sure they know and understand. Control the narrative before the uneducated consumer creates a narrative.	12/9/2024 9:58 AM
59	More education of the average Joe in MD.	12/7/2024 6:22 PM
60	The general public needs education on ag, they have very little understanding on how farms work and why they are important to everyone. They also need to know that they can get a lot better quality meat, produce, egg, cheeses if they buy directly from a farmer.	12/7/2024 7:43 AM
61	More positive public outreach and advertising of the good that farmers do for the community and environment.	12/6/2024 9:27 PM
62	MDA needs to be better about getting to know the farmers they serve, promote their stories and work on regulations to help us rather than put us out of business. Ex: ag land being taken for the piedmont project, inheritance tax, land management, property tax, protection from the public...	12/6/2024 1:44 PM
63	Convince the public that commercial industry pollutes the bay and watersheds, it is not all the farmer's fault. Remind the public that they depend on us to provide their food.	12/4/2024 5:55 PM
64	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
65	Prioritize land preservation	12/4/2024 4:05 AM
66	ag education, buy local programs	12/3/2024 3:01 PM
67	Not sure	12/2/2024 9:25 PM
68	Public outreach from actual producers	12/2/2024 5:54 PM
69	Encourage agriculture education in schools	12/1/2024 9:39 PM
70	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
71	Stop pushing the nutrient runoff agenda off as farmers being the culprit and show the other industries and sources of contamination of the waterways.	11/28/2024 7:07 PM
72	We need farmers no matter if it's Maryland or other states to live. People have to understand our food doesn't just come from the "store"	11/28/2024 1:47 AM
73	Be more openminded to the outside public. Educate not degrade others' thoughts/opinions.	7/18/2024 11:48 AM
74	Create alliances with the state tourism offices to develop marketing campaigns to promote agritourism. Most small farms depend on agritourism as a viable revenue stream. A search using keyword "Agritourism" as an example turns up zero search results. Farms not much better and site visitors must click open 75 listings to even find a farm location. There is no state consumer campaign to connect residents or visitors to farms and no agritourism brand identity.	6/28/2024 8:30 AM
75	Stop giving into Environmental interests, continue to fight and not give an inch. No room for compromise.	6/24/2024 2:45 PM
76	Share the positives farmers do to protect the land	6/23/2024 8:26 PM
77	more education and engagement of the general public and ag	6/19/2024 4:21 PM
78	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
79	Their hands are tied with our current governor. He has paralyzed the MDA on important issues. It's very evident he's only ag friendly to parts of ag he thinks are acceptable. Otherwise, MDA officials should work to shed a positive light on agriculture to the general public. MDA should also be more accessible to farmers. I have to really dig to find the person I need to access for	6/15/2024 9:46 AM

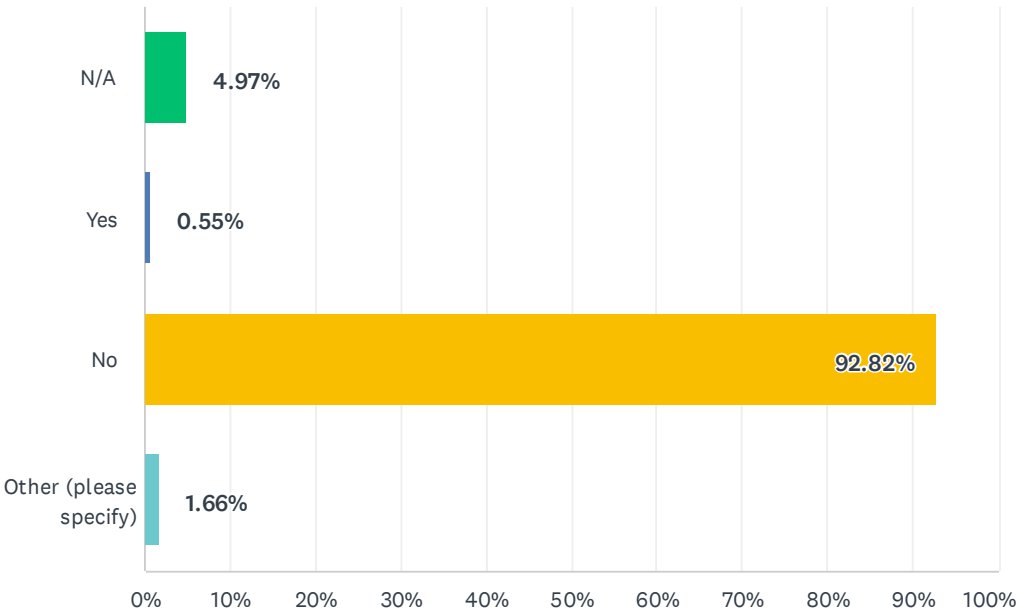
Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

certain things. There's no organized database with phone numbers/ email addresses. You call one person and you get sent down a winding path to get to the appropriate person. One of the biggest things MDA could help with is working with police authorities to train them on how farmers move equipment on roadways and then educate the public. Someone is going to die just trying to do their farming because the public has no clue how to drive near or safely pass farm equipment. Also, local authorities on our area seem to inappropriately ticket/ blame farmers instead of other drivers when accidents do happen.

80	Stop building house and taking good farm land.	6/13/2024 11:29 AM
81	Get stories out about family farms and young farmers who are growing the farm business in new ways. People connect to families better than large faceless farms.	6/13/2024 8:16 AM
82	Education	6/13/2024 7:56 AM
83	Continue to encourage and promote family farms. It's a lifestyle and passion but there's always more bills than money at the end of the day.	6/13/2024 7:04 AM
84	Encourage more consumers to shop directly from farmers, and explore new ways to better educated consumers where food comes from, how much farmers invest their lives into agriculture for little pay, to support the importance better.	6/12/2024 9:41 AM
85	Regulate people spreading food waste and actually following threw with watching the people spread instead of letting them spread 4-5 trips across the same ground year after year spring and fall	6/11/2024 2:26 PM
86	Keep beefing up the Maryland's Best program and others like it.	6/11/2024 1:03 PM
87	Continue to tell more stories of farmers where people will see them. Billboard going to the beach, in grocery stores, at gas stations, etc.	6/11/2024 12:29 PM
88	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
89	Do more positive education in schools. Bringing in local farmers to talk about their operation, in St Mary's county the Farm bureau does Farm to school days. I think that that helps to get the children in schools excited and learning about where their food comes from. To get them wanting to join programs like 4-H and FFA to positively affect agriculture in the future. And by doing so their parents will get more thinking about agriculture in a positive way.	6/11/2024 10:19 AM
90	Stop allowing blame to be placed on Maryland agriculture for the Bay health.	6/11/2024 9:09 AM
91	Ads with all the positive things farmers are doing for the bay.	6/11/2024 8:45 AM
92	Farmer personal stories and food safety transparency	6/10/2024 10:00 PM
93	Work with the newly formed Promotion and Education Committee of Maryland Farm Bureau to engage with adult consumers.	6/10/2024 8:17 PM
94	Social media!!	6/10/2024 7:39 PM
95	Everyone is concerned about spraying and fertilizers	6/10/2024 3:56 PM
96	More hands on with school aged kids.	6/10/2024 3:24 PM
97	Provide young farmers with tools to promote their operation to the community	6/10/2024 3:17 PM
98	push right to farm laws and defend farmers in frivolous lawsuits	6/10/2024 2:40 PM
99	Promote value of local, not just farms selling direct to consumer but share the story of agriculture	6/10/2024 2:38 PM
100	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: 181 Skipped: 70



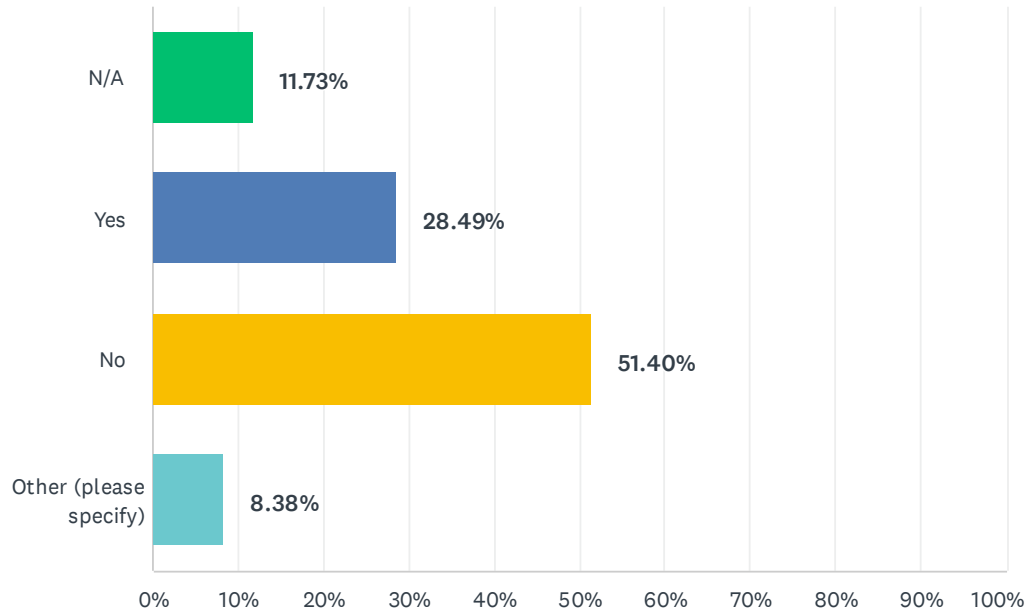
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
N/A		4.97%	9
Yes (1)		0.55%	1
No (2)		92.82%	168
Other (please specify) (3)		1.66%	3
TOTAL			181

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	2.03	0.27

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Participate in Perdue regen ag program	2/14/2025 7:15 AM
2	Trying to	12/16/2024 8:41 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: 179 Skipped: 72



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A	11.73%	21
Yes (1)	28.49%	51
No (2)	51.40%	92
Other (please specify) (3)	8.38%	15
TOTAL		179

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 4.00	Median 2.00	Mean 1.87	Standard Deviation 0.83

#	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	need more information on this	1/1/2025 2:41 PM
7	I'd have to see the details	12/25/2024 3:50 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

8	Maybe	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
9	Possibly	12/7/2024 7:43 AM
10	Possibly	12/4/2024 7:42 PM
11	Maybe	12/2/2024 9:25 PM
12	Do not understand this	6/24/2024 2:45 PM
13	Maybe	6/15/2024 9:46 AM
14	Maybe?	6/11/2024 9:09 AM
15	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: 80 Skipped: 171

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	MALPF	2/27/2025 6:51 PM
2	Would love to see low interest loans targeting young farmers. A lot of young farmers don't have the cash on hand or the years in positive cash flow to take their business to the next level. For instance, we would like to build an additional building for hay storage but it's doesn't qualify for any low interest loans, likely only a microloan.	2/27/2025 2:11 PM
3	Buying farm land to make it more affordable for young farmers	2/26/2025 7:01 AM
4	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
5	Informative sessions on what programs and assistance is available	2/16/2025 7:17 AM
6	Na	2/14/2025 1:20 PM
7	na	2/14/2025 7:55 AM
8	Land purchase help	2/14/2025 7:15 AM
9	Assistance for farmers starting out	2/13/2025 9:12 PM
10	Cash flow is hard, low interest operation loans would be nice	2/2/2025 11:00 AM
11	N/A	1/31/2025 7:31 PM
12	MARBIDCO programs	1/30/2025 11:35 AM
13	Able to buy land	1/23/2025 2:32 PM
14	Invest in shares kitchen facilities for value added options to farmers	1/23/2025 1:50 AM
15	Down payment assistance program for young farmers wanting to buy farm land.	1/21/2025 1:33 PM
16	Purchasing of land for those of us that can't afford more land	1/20/2025 8:20 PM
17	Giving more opportunities to young farmers who rent property to be able to more easily buy their own property to continue farming on.	1/17/2025 9:27 AM
18	Deer Fencing programs to assist with future long term farming operations	1/13/2025 8:46 PM
19	Standardized access to options available for cost share. Too much variation between counties and states regarding options available to farmers and lots of time wasted fighting over access. Cost share options for grazing land access on CRP. More options for transitioning CRP land into grazing acres. Encourage land owners to rent to grazing animals	1/13/2025 8:07 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	Higher grant money for buying land m/equipment	1/11/2025 12:36 PM
23	More opportunity's for funding for young farmers.	1/10/2025 9:11 PM
24	It is almost impossible for young farmers to break into farming. My daughter has a huge love for farming but she's been utterly discouraged because trainings are often too advanced and extension agents and other farmers don't take her seriously. It's like trying to run a vertical marathon. With the costs to start farming so high, little support, and such negativity, it is no wonder young people don't want to start farming.	1/10/2025 12:10 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

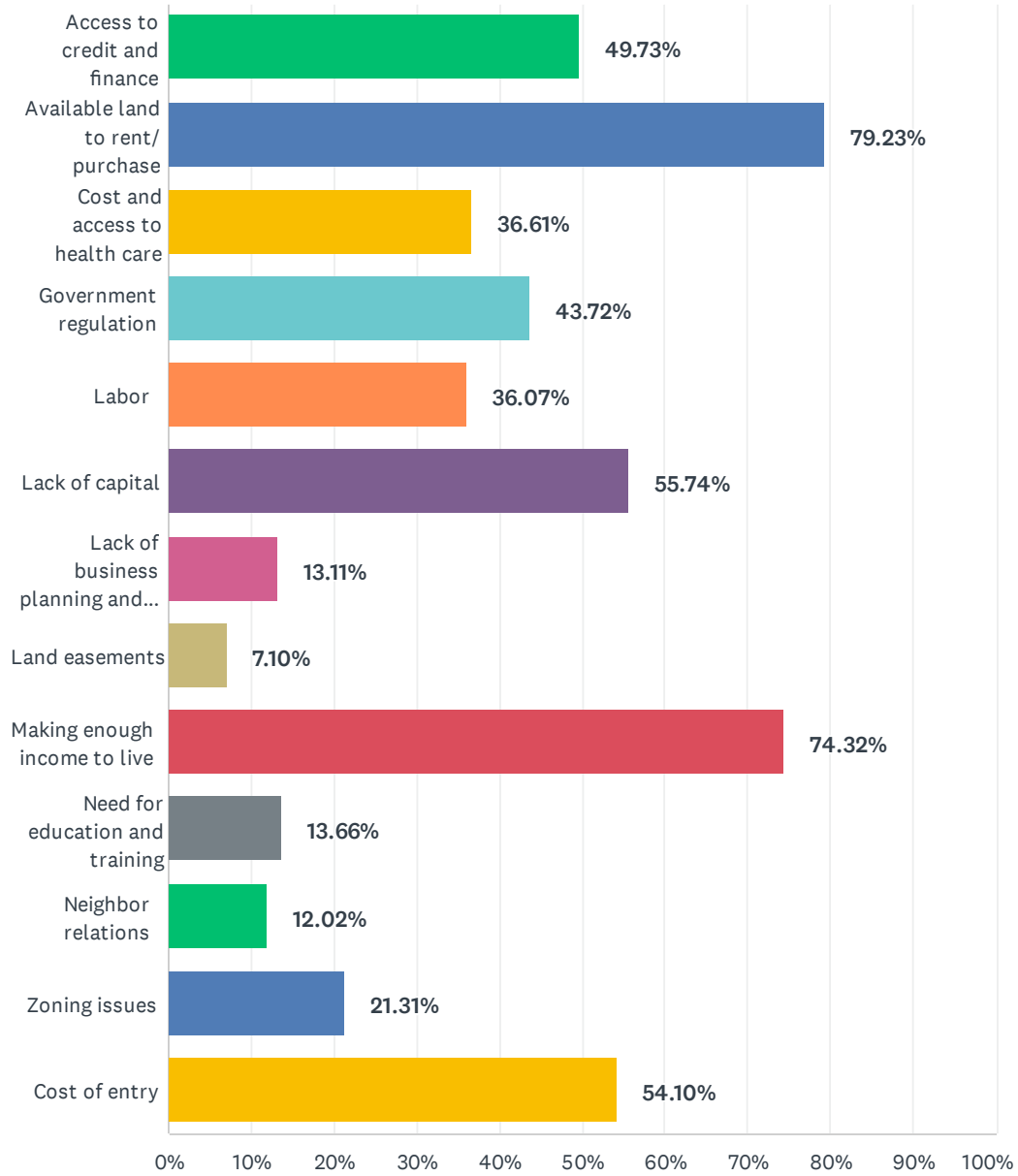
25	Someone who actually wants to help even the small guys	1/7/2025 11:56 PM
26	The ability to to perches land	1/7/2025 9:00 PM
27	Easier access to capital and grant programs.	1/7/2025 9:06 AM
28	Programs for succession planning for farmers/farms that are already preserved in land preservation.	1/6/2025 11:23 AM
29	More education opportunities for those coming back to the farm	1/2/2025 12:36 PM
30	more assistance with acquiring land. (and protecting the loss of land thru development, solar projects, etc.	1/1/2025 2:41 PM
31	Processor to small farmer pathways	12/31/2024 4:32 PM
32	Program to stop solar farms from ruining potential land for us to farm	12/25/2024 3:50 PM
33	Assisting young farmers buying already preserved farms in maryland. Maryland preserved land is being sold at non preserved land rates per acre.	12/23/2024 2:11 PM
34	Loans for getting started	12/19/2024 5:46 PM
35	Land access programs	12/16/2024 8:41 PM
36	Tuition assistance for continuing education, graduate degrees, etc	12/16/2024 6:02 PM
37	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
38	Grant funding for start up costs for on farm processing	12/15/2024 8:17 PM
39	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
40	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
41	Interacting with appointed officials to gain knowledge	12/11/2024 11:15 PM
42	Not sure- we utilized young farmer loans & farm credit accounting which wor	12/10/2024 4:42 PM
43	Help buying farm land	12/10/2024 3:25 PM
44	Land access, child care, down payment programs, healthcare, more cost share and grant programs, tax incentives for land owners to rent or sell to beginning farmers. There is ZERO opportunity in Anne Arundel county with respect to land access for young/new farmers.	12/9/2024 8:09 PM
45	Equipment rentals, funding opportunities in smaller \$ amounts with less restrictions	12/9/2024 7:22 PM
46	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
47	Ground access , and regulations for selling your products and year round farmers. Markets for everyone not just one product	12/7/2024 7:43 AM
48	The next-generation and preservation programs are great, unfortunately the price of land has increased to a point where it is still unattainable even with the help of these programs	12/4/2024 5:55 PM
49	Low interest loans	12/4/2024 4:05 AM
50	grant money for land purchases and insurance	12/3/2024 3:01 PM
51	More for youth	12/3/2024 2:00 AM
52	A new loan program to buy already preserved farms for young farmers.	12/2/2024 9:25 PM
53	Funding not tied to traditional credit/equity requirements	12/2/2024 5:54 PM
54	Access to loans for farmland without large down payments.	11/30/2024 2:51 PM
55	More access to affordable land purchase funding without the need for preservation agreements	11/28/2024 7:07 PM
56	Need to make getting loans easier on us to be able to preserve the farm land	11/28/2024 1:47 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

57	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
58	Assist "young" farmers not "beginning" farmers that are retired	8/15/2024 6:37 AM
59	To assist meat processing facilities to be credited through MDA as opposed to the federal government	8/8/2024 2:35 PM
60	grants to continue	7/18/2024 11:48 AM
61	Agritourism marketing training	6/28/2024 8:30 AM
62	I honestly would not recomend to any youing farmer to farm in MD. Get out and go to an AG friendly state. If senior farm members/owners don't have a transition plan in place , will, trust ,or something telling what they want done with farm to protect young peoples interest. GET OUT NOW.....	6/24/2024 2:45 PM
63	5 year start up programs structured so at the end of 5 years they have a sustainable farm and plan.	6/23/2024 8:26 PM
64	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
65	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
66	Actual programs for producing	6/15/2024 9:46 AM
67	Help them get credit and financing to buy equipment, they have to start somewhere.	6/13/2024 11:29 AM
68	Most MDA assistance is for farms with 8 animal units. They need to make more funding available for vegetable and fruit farmers, particularly on the family farm scale. Young farmers on family farms often find it impossible to make a living without working at other jobs, especially if they have to pay for a degree. MDA needs to fight for student loan forgiveness for young farmers and make more full scholarships available. Otherwise young farmers have to choose between running the family farm and being formally educated, which would allow them to improve the family farm. Also grants for land and value added buildings.	6/13/2024 8:16 AM
69	Grants and education	6/13/2024 7:56 AM
70	Focused educational courses (both agriculture and business/finance), start up funding grants, access to digital creators to assist with branding - social media, and getting their presence known to grow a business.	6/13/2024 7:04 AM
71	Assistance in grant writing and applying for grants.	6/11/2024 1:03 PM
72	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
73	Tax incentives for retiring farmers to sell to young farmers	6/10/2024 9:43 PM
74	Agri tourism educational grants. The grants would focus on adding educational elements to agri tourism venues.	6/10/2024 8:17 PM
75	Young farmer consultant to direct to the proper organization or program	6/10/2024 7:39 PM
76	Help purchasing land	6/10/2024 7:09 PM
77	More grant opportunities and a value added kitchen.	6/10/2024 2:40 PM
78	More marketing support, programs to help acreage under 50 acres, ensure land preservation keeps up with the times	6/10/2024 2:38 PM
79	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
80	Grant writing assistance	6/4/2024 5:38 PM

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

Answered: 183 Skipped: 68



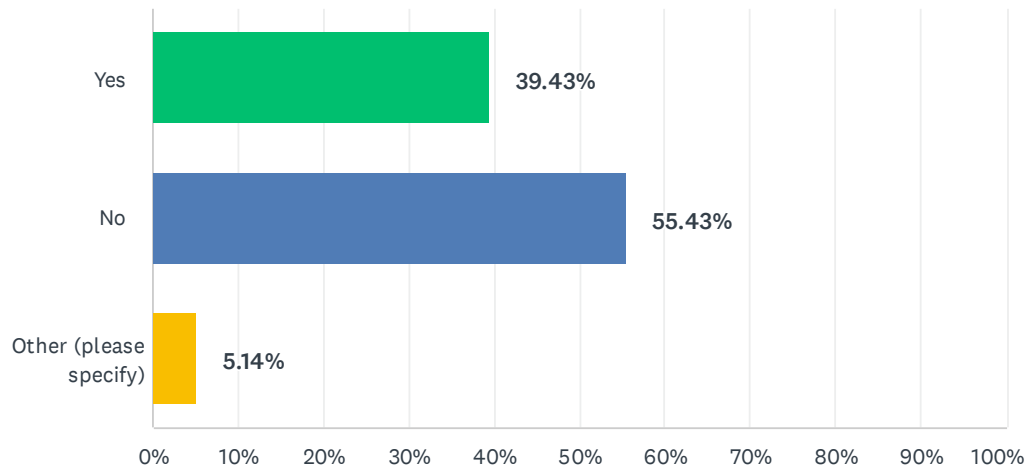
Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Access to credit and finance (1)		49.73%	91
Available land to rent/ purchase (2)		79.23%	145
Cost and access to health care (3)		36.61%	67
Government regulation (4)		43.72%	80
Labor (5)		36.07%	66
Lack of capital (6)		55.74%	102
Lack of business planning and marketing trainings (7)		13.11%	24
Land easements (8)		7.10%	13
Making enough income to live (9)		74.32%	136
Need for education and training (10)		13.66%	25
Neighbor relations (11)		12.02%	22
Zoning issues (12)		21.31%	39
Cost of entry (13)		54.10%	99
Total Respondents: 183			

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 13.00	Median 6.00	Mean 6.15	Standard Deviation 3.93

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

Answered: 175 Skipped: 76



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (1)	39.43%	69
No (2)	55.43%	97
Other (please specify) (3)	5.14%	9
TOTAL		175

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 3.00	Median 2.00	Mean 1.66	Standard Deviation 0.57

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Boss man does for the farm. I personally do not for my smaller operation	1/31/2025 7:31 PM
2	No but I look to in future	1/2/2025 9:09 PM
3	We are not yet owners, so this is highly dependent on the owners (family members) choose to do	12/15/2024 8:17 PM
4	Not at this time but planning on in the near future	12/7/2024 7:43 AM
5	I havent yet	11/28/2024 1:47 AM
6	Farm credit beginning farmer grant	8/8/2024 2:35 PM
7	Applied but not received	6/15/2024 9:46 AM
8	I do not know how to apply for grants	6/13/2024 8:16 AM
9	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: 61 Skipped: 190

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	N/A	2/27/2025 2:11 PM
2	Micro ag grant.	2/21/2025 11:05 AM
3	Frederick county ag grants	2/20/2025 9:58 AM
4	Horizon farm credit Jump start program	2/16/2025 7:17 AM
5	AMA, EQUIP	2/14/2025 8:51 AM
6	na	2/14/2025 7:55 AM
7	Marissa storage	2/13/2025 10:26 PM
8	Na	2/13/2025 9:49 PM
9	Na	1/30/2025 11:35 AM
10	Marbidco's value added producer grant Frederick county's innovation grant	1/23/2025 1:50 AM
11	SMADC mini grant	1/20/2025 8:20 PM
12	Cover crop High tunnels	1/17/2025 7:51 PM
13	The Young Farmers of Frederixk Counry grant is one we have applied to. We are looking for more to apply to in the future.	1/17/2025 9:27 AM
14	NRCS, MDA, MARBIDCO, USDA Value added grants, & covid grants	1/13/2025 8:46 PM
15	Haven't gotten any	1/13/2025 8:07 AM
16	NRCs cost share for greenhouse and water well for irrigation	1/12/2025 4:50 PM
17	Upper shore grant we used it to build hay storage	1/12/2025 1:03 PM
18	Marbidco	1/12/2025 8:40 AM
19	I've applied and have not received any	1/11/2025 12:36 PM
20	EQIP	1/10/2025 12:10 PM
21	Cover crop, crp	1/7/2025 11:56 PM
22	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
23	We have never received a grant	1/7/2025 9:06 AM
24	Frederick county agriculture innovation grant	1/6/2025 11:23 AM
25	Have applied to several but field is to desperate and competitive, have not earned a grant yet	1/4/2025 10:40 AM
26	cost share thru EQUIP	1/1/2025 2:41 PM
27	Crop to pasture conversion, fencing share (MAC) ag well and pipeline for pasture water (equip)	12/31/2024 4:32 PM
28	Equivalent	12/28/2024 6:18 PM
29	Cover crop	12/23/2024 2:11 PM
30	Upper shore	12/16/2024 11:26 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

31	I received a grant from the Maryland grain Producers to help pay for my CDL training	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
32	MARBIDCO	12/16/2024 6:02 PM
33	C last answer	12/15/2024 9:51 PM
34	Marbidco and jumpstart farmer	12/10/2024 4:42 PM
35	Grants over 10k that do not operate on a reimbursable basis	12/9/2024 8:09 PM
36	Energy efficiency grants	12/9/2024 1:48 PM
37	So we are an agribusiness. The state has awarded us with several grants to really push our business forward.	12/9/2024 9:58 AM
38	MEP	12/8/2024 7:55 PM
39	MARBIDCO	12/4/2024 1:43 PM
40	MDAs conservation grants	12/3/2024 3:01 PM
41	SEAR	11/30/2024 12:42 PM
42	NRCS	11/28/2024 7:07 PM
43	Equip, NRCS manure storage	11/28/2024 5:57 AM
44	Grants need to be more visual to learn about	8/15/2024 6:37 AM
45	Harford county farmer Grant but they stopped offering it	7/18/2024 11:48 AM
46	Grants are not available in the state of Maryland for start ups in the agritourism operator sector	6/28/2024 8:30 AM
47	MACS funding and EQIP funding	6/23/2024 8:26 PM
48	Mathias Agriculture Energy Efficiency Program	6/19/2024 4:21 PM
49	No	6/13/2024 11:29 AM
50	It's a competitive market, unfortunately we have not been awarded any grants.	6/12/2024 9:41 AM
51	USDA & RMPIFF for the ag day job, MARBIDCO for the home farm.	6/11/2024 1:03 PM
52	Farm Credit JumpStart Grant	6/11/2024 12:29 PM
53	I have not gotten any.	6/11/2024 10:19 AM
54	MARBIDCO value added for my wife's business	6/11/2024 9:09 AM
55	Marbidco	6/10/2024 10:13 PM
56	Upper shore regional council	6/10/2024 9:43 PM
57	We were able to get a cost share on watering equipment for management intensive grazing of our cattle.	6/10/2024 8:17 PM
58	All, I have had a few mini-grants but got a large grant from BGE which was the most generous and helpful but it still doesn't touch the amount of money I need to buy land or transition to a new type of operation which is the goal.	6/10/2024 7:09 PM
59	Marbidco cold storage, Covid relief, horizon jumpstart grant	6/10/2024 3:56 PM
60	mini grants from SMADC	6/10/2024 2:40 PM
61	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: 109 Skipped: 142

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Don't let the state take away funding for MAPLF	2/27/2025 6:51 PM
2	Support the younger generation - especially with the rapid retirement of a lot of farmers and the rapid pace that farm land is being sold off to non-farming applications.	2/27/2025 2:11 PM
3	Better promote agriculture in the public eye	2/26/2025 7:01 AM
4	Give money back more	2/24/2025 5:25 PM
5	Protect our existing farm land	2/21/2025 11:05 AM
6	Make the regulations make sense and actually apply to MD farm vs corporate stores	2/20/2025 9:58 AM
7	Limit the effects of non agricultural people influencing agricultural practices	2/16/2025 7:17 AM
8	Right now? Gotta kill this eminent domain solar bill.	2/14/2025 9:04 PM
9	stop solar farms	2/14/2025 4:49 PM
10	Make more money available to smaller farms	2/14/2025 1:20 PM
11	Fight for protection of farmland against development and especially now solar panels	2/14/2025 8:51 AM
12	Regulate predatory solar companies	2/14/2025 8:41 AM
13	Less regulation	2/14/2025 7:55 AM
14	Continue the cover crop program and invest in MALPF and not DNR open space	2/14/2025 7:15 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	Ease regulations, understand the need for flexibility, prioritize and invest in Maryland farms and farm products.	2/2/2025 6:40 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	Reduce the regulatory burden that farmers are facing	1/29/2025 10:21 AM
22	Consider a state run, year round farmers market like they have in north carolina	1/23/2025 1:50 AM
23	Help with purchasing of land so I can farm it and it not be developed	1/20/2025 8:20 PM
24	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
25	increase consumer education	1/13/2025 8:46 PM
26	Mandatory grazing under solar, change CRP program to aid beginning farmers with livestock to have access to land,	1/13/2025 8:07 AM
27	Already have spoke with some	1/12/2025 9:20 PM
28	Support us. Give more grants for new younger farmers	1/12/2025 4:50 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

29	Protect farmers	1/12/2025 1:03 PM
30	Promote more end resorts for grain farmers in Maryland. Have business come and set up grain facilities to make it so farmers have more market opportunities to move their grain them selves and have more selling power. Over 60% of our grain ends up going out of the state to other mills	1/11/2025 12:36 PM
31	To control the crop rates, offer affordable health care	1/10/2025 9:11 PM
32	Make it easier for youth to run a farm business. Farmland is very difficult to buy for less than a million. My teenage daughter wanted to buy a couple acres to start a maple business so it would be functional later in her life. Teens can't get farm loans for land. And people selling two acres want \$25 or more per acre. Start grants to allow youth to buy land, purchase solar or windmills, and start a farm business. Kids can't start out a million dollars in debt in an industry that doesn't pay as well and expect to make it.	1/10/2025 12:10 PM
33	To make us completely tax exempt	1/7/2025 11:56 PM
34	Encourage more families to apply for land preservation- once it's gone its gone	1/7/2025 6:47 PM
35	Stop solar, empower the farmer and next gen through more Equitable Access to capital and grant programs	1/7/2025 9:06 AM
36	Provide additional funding to agriculture programs (any of the programs)	1/6/2025 11:23 AM
37	Do not let Mprp go through farm lands for ai data centers	1/2/2025 9:09 PM
38	Focus on educational grant opportunities for new/beginning farmers toward CCA, Pesticide applicator, nutrient management	1/2/2025 12:36 PM
39	listen to farmers, not special interest groups outside of ag that claim to know what the farm community wants	1/1/2025 2:41 PM
40	Address USDA inspected facility requirement for small producers.	12/31/2024 4:32 PM
41	Stop with the regulations	12/28/2024 8:24 PM
42	Stronger support for new farmers.	12/28/2024 6:18 PM
43	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
44	Increase agriculture education accessibility in the K-12 public school systems. Encourage watershed protection efforts and advocacy among farmers and youth.	12/23/2024 5:03 PM
45	Develop a marbidco program for buying already preserved farms.	12/23/2024 2:11 PM
46	Promote it!	12/20/2024 11:07 AM
47	Help young farmers promote their buisness	12/18/2024 11:48 PM
48	To assist with government zoning/planing issues	12/17/2024 7:23 PM
49	Tax credits and incentives to farm	12/16/2024 11:26 PM
50	Help create opportunities for land purchase and lease	12/16/2024 8:41 PM
51	My biggest problem right now other than interest rates is the deer population. It is killing us	12/16/2024 6:27 PM
52	Address the recent massive property tax increases on "value added ag" farms	12/16/2024 6:02 PM
53	Fund cost, share for the farmers due to the drought	12/15/2024 9:51 PM
54	DEREGULATE! Allow greater access to on farm processing abilities	12/15/2024 8:17 PM
55	Back off poultry farms .	12/14/2024 9:08 PM
56	Just support what we do, and try to understand why we do it. Before just pounding more regulations.	12/12/2024 10:04 PM
57	Be willing to adapt	12/11/2024 11:15 PM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

58	Help protect Maryland farmland. We are currently battling PSEG for the piedmont reliability project	12/10/2024 4:42 PM
59	Less regulations	12/10/2024 3:30 PM
60	Inheritance taxes	12/10/2024 12:16 PM
61	Create programs that facilitate land access for young and new farmers. Adopt models that other states have to invest in the next generation such as land transfer tax breaks, subsidized healthcare, child care credits etc. Protect farmland by preventing solar from occupying prime farmland.	12/9/2024 8:09 PM
62	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
63	To continue to fight and advocate for the agriculture and the importance of securing a healthy food supply while at the same time promoting all agriculture: livestock, agronomy, equine, vegetable, forestry, etc	12/9/2024 9:58 AM
64	I would ask them to look into expanding the grant program for specifically young farmers	12/8/2024 7:55 PM
65	Just to listen to the farming community. It may be small but an industry that feeds you is certainly one worth fighting for.	12/7/2024 6:22 PM
66	Bring in and assist with new markets on different crops , and public farmers markets that's open year round	12/7/2024 7:43 AM
67	Less overburdensome and unnecessary environmental regulation	12/6/2024 9:27 PM
68	Protect us, because without farmers you don't eat	12/6/2024 1:44 PM
69	- 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
70	Minimize regulations	12/4/2024 4:05 AM
71	Stop bills that take away farmland for renewable energy	12/3/2024 3:01 PM
72	Stop unnecessary regulations and laws	12/2/2024 9:25 PM
73	Educate themselves from actual operations/producers instead of special interest groups having nothing to do with agriculture	12/2/2024 5:54 PM
74	To encourage more agriculture education in schools and to expand agriculture education to middle schools in public schools. Also encourage learning about trades while in school.	12/1/2024 9:39 PM
75	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
76	Slow solar growth and lighten up on unnecessary paperwork and regulations for nutrient management and CAFOs	11/28/2024 7:07 PM
77	Protect productive land from solar development	11/28/2024 5:57 AM
78	Make getting grants easier for everyone not just a specific group of people.	11/28/2024 1:47 AM
79	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
80	To allow meat processing facilities the ability to be licensed through MDA as opposed to the federal government	8/8/2024 2:35 PM
81	Work with the small farmers more.	7/18/2024 11:48 AM
82	Provide grant funding through the Commerce Department: Tourism, MDA to women owned agritourism companies. And establish an agritourism commission. At present the state limits funding to nonprofits and government sub agencies.	6/28/2024 8:30 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

83	Pay attention to our needs. Food security should be forefront of every Marylander. The environmental interests don't understand farming, they have a 1 sided view they can not see the forest for the trees.	6/24/2024 2:45 PM
84	To make a stand to slow the development of farm land and for the state to reallocate property's that are not in use versus developing farm land.	6/23/2024 8:26 PM
85	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
86	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
87	Find a few farmers to have as a resource when ag related topics come up in legislature. Keep an open mind when animal activists and environmental interest groups are trying to impact ag with legislation. Realize at the end of the day that, the laws that they enact are affecting a lifestyle and a family, not just a business.	6/15/2024 9:46 AM
88	Preserve farmland by voting against use of solar and planting trees on prime and productive farmland.	6/15/2024 8:14 AM
89	Help Young farmers to get started, get some more training in the school systems, get afterschool activities for them.	6/13/2024 11:29 AM
90	Make it possible for young farmers to get a Bachelor's Degree without debt. Make it possible for young farmers to buy land and start a farm. Young small farmers cannot make enough off of a farm to pay loans with high interest and still make enough to live. FSA loans have a lower interest, but it is still too high. I love farming, but I had to take a job in fast food because my farm is barely profitable. It will take years before it is, but in the meantime, I have to make money to put into the farm. Most of my time is spent working off the farm, so I can't spend the time on the farm I need to to make it work. But if I stay on the farm all the time, I can't pay the bills. Loan debt makes it impossible. Add student loans to it, and young farmers need to find a new career.	6/13/2024 8:16 AM
91	Lower taxes!	6/13/2024 7:04 AM
92	Politicians themselves should get the opportunity to meet farmers, learn first hand about their operations and struggles, and advocate for us however they can.	6/12/2024 9:41 AM
93	Overview permitting and regulatory issues	6/11/2024 1:03 PM
94	I would ask them to take the opportunity to visit farms in their district so that they can have a firsthand understanding of how hardworking their constituents are and how legislation affects the agriculture in their area.	6/11/2024 12:29 PM
95	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
96	To make sure as they pass laws and regulations that they keep in mind the cost of production for Maryland farmers. And make sure that we can keep farming for generations to come.	6/11/2024 10:19 AM
97	Cost of entry, cost of living, especially in Montgomery County	6/10/2024 10:13 PM
98	How can farmers make enough to make a living with the rise in inflation and how can we make more rather than the meat packing plants and grocery stores	6/10/2024 10:00 PM
99	Keep the government out of farming	6/10/2024 9:43 PM
100	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 from 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

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

101	Double programming staff. For years employees have been cut and jobs either folded into others or never filled.	6/10/2024 8:17 PM
102	How to make agriculture economically viable in Montgomery county?	6/10/2024 7:39 PM
103	We need money for healthcare but also for childcare. The healthcare thing is ok for my family right now, but I need an off-farm job because of childcare costs. Otherwise I could farm full time. After my dad's generation there's no one capable of farming full time unless I retire, that's not good for food and business security.	6/10/2024 7:09 PM
104	Ag ed	6/10/2024 3:56 PM
105	Save more ag land instead of turning it into solar farms	6/10/2024 3:24 PM
106	Provide tools and resources for young farmers to purchase family land or land in general	6/10/2024 3:17 PM
107	Right to farm laws	6/10/2024 2:40 PM
108	Provide more funding for farms, lessen regulatory burden	6/10/2024 2:38 PM
109	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:

Answered: 20 Skipped: 231

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	N/a	2/21/2025 11:05 AM
2	na	2/14/2025 7:55 AM
3	Na	2/13/2025 9:49 PM
4	I think the biggest obstacles to young farmers missing from the list is time, ability to balance family + farm (childcare, health care, etc) coupled with income, access to capital and lack of business planning.	2/2/2025 6:40 PM
5	Na	1/30/2025 11:35 AM
6	My daughter started in agriculture at age 12 because she loved it. She planned to become a farmer. She got little support from the ag community. She couldn't get loans to buy land. She was taken advantage of by other greedy farmers that tried to take her business when they saw it was profitable. This year, she found out she could make more at McDonald's with less headaches. And you are wondering why more young folk don't want to farm.	1/10/2025 12:10 PM
7	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
8	I custom harvest 2000-2500 acre in neighboring counties	12/15/2024 9:51 PM
9	I grew up in the state of Ohio and was heavily involved in agriculture during my high school years. The difference in the support, in general, from the state and surrounding communities, is stark. We have face so many hurdles with government regulation that farms in Ohio are not dealing with. We have a large amount of stress with the daily care of our dairy farm and also the fluctuating markets to need to worry about our own state breathing down our backs. Allowing us to create relationship with those who live around us through personal contact would alleviate some of this stress.	12/15/2024 8:17 PM
10	Maryland, and Anne Arundel County in particular is going to lose all its farmland and the future of the industry due to solar. You cannot compete with solar lease prices as a young farmer. The state and counties should be leasing available state and county land to farmers at below market rates and prioritizing young and beginning farmers.	12/9/2024 8:09 PM
11	Between the influx of the Amish, the solar farms, and development, it has become nearly impossible for young and beginning farmers to have access to land, making it hard to imagine much of a future for our operations.	12/4/2024 5:55 PM
12	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
13	Maryland is not an ag friendly state. If you want ag to continue you need to make it more ag friendly	11/29/2024 7:32 AM
14	Why is it that our family farms been in our family since the 40s but now you're seeing programs that help the underprivileged and no real help for the young farms that are coming up behind our past generations.	11/28/2024 1:47 AM
15	MD is not a farm friendly state	6/24/2024 2:45 PM
16	Production agriculture on MD feels like it's gotten black listed. I really wish I had moved to another region to start farming because I worry for what my children will have to endure in the state of Maryland.	6/15/2024 9:46 AM
17	Not every kids or young farmers parents are still farming. If these kids wanna farm it's what makes the United States grow in farming.	6/13/2024 11:29 AM

Maryland Young Farmers Survey 2024

18	It is very difficult for young farmers to understand or apply for grant funding. Most grants require someone who knows how to write them, or they are dependent on livestock. Why not offer grants to teen farmers that are easy to understand and apply for, which don't have to be paid back, but hinge on success in an area. Something to help young farmers work toward farming as a career. Most grants don't pay for land or structures. I need the infrastructure.	6/13/2024 8:16 AM
19	Maryland farmers cannot afford to buy farmland, land is for the super wealthy. How can a farmer buy a 60 acre farm with average land for \$3.5 million and ever pay it off? And then on a whim that landlord can take the land and plant it in trees or solar panels and I lose a lot of my rented land and can no longer continue to make pennies each year.	6/10/2024 7:09 PM
20	This is a great survey!!	6/4/2024 5:38 PM