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2025 Maryland Young Farmers Survey Supplemental Analysis

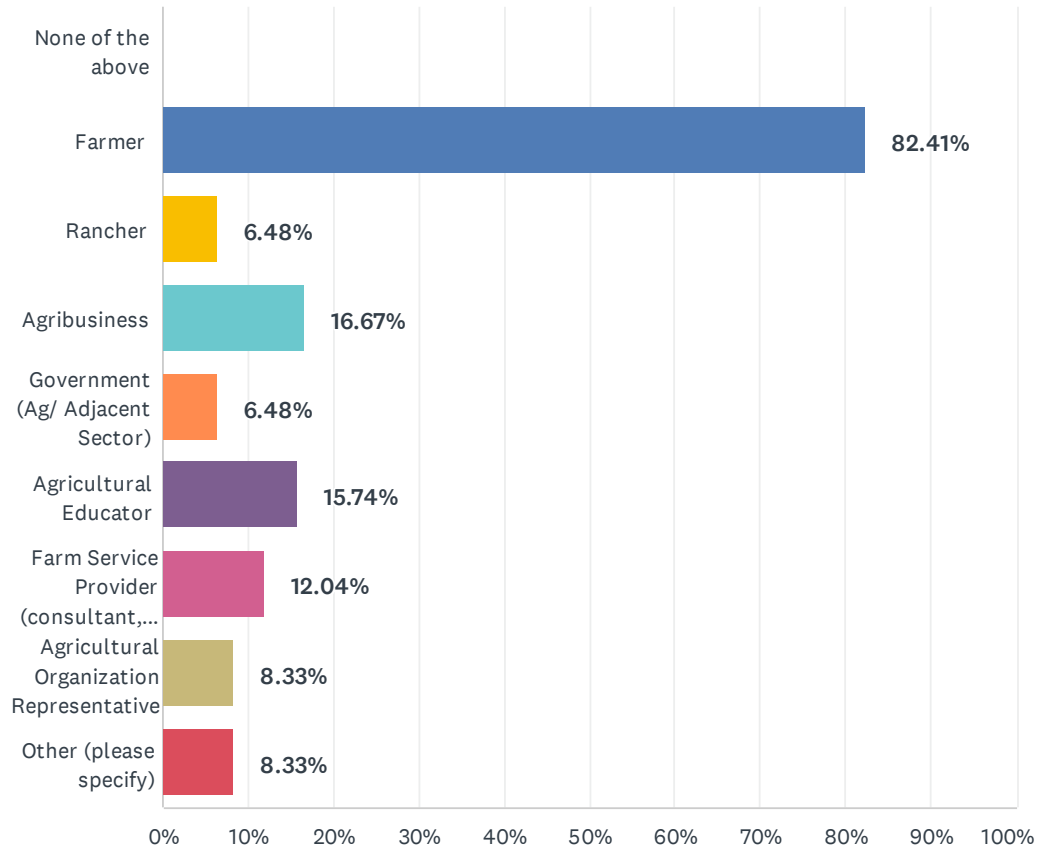
Southern Maryland Report

This document includes data points from all respondents who selected that they farm in one or more of the 5 Southern Maryland counties (Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's) 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: 108 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.00%	0
Farmer (1)	82.41%	89
Rancher (2)	6.48%	7
Agribusiness (3)	16.67%	18
Government (Ag/ Adjacent Sector) (4)	6.48%	7
Agricultural Educator (5)	15.74%	17
Farm Service Provider (consultant, ag mechanic, etc.) (6)	12.04%	13
Agricultural Organization Representative (7)	8.33%	9
Other (please specify) (8)	8.33%	9
Total Respondents: 108		

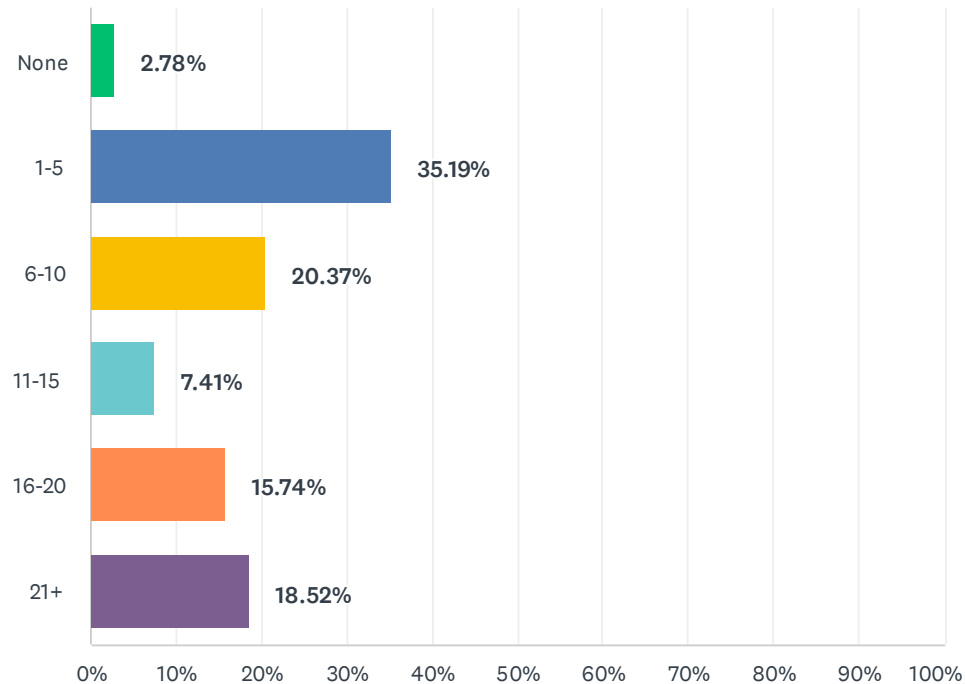
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BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 9.00	Median 1.00	Mean 2.91	Standard Deviation 2.46

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	farm apprentice	1/12/2025 9:19 PM
2	Prospective beekeeper and small farmer	1/5/2025 2:23 PM
3	Farmers wife	12/20/2024 11:02 AM
4	FFA	12/14/2024 2:02 PM
5	Farm Owner	6/17/2024 3:23 PM
6	Agricultural Journalist & Author	6/11/2024 12:29 PM
7	mdfb and yfnr member, student pursuing a collegiate ag education and profucer	6/10/2024 9:52 PM
8	Small business owner	6/10/2024 5:38 PM
9	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: 108 Skipped: 0

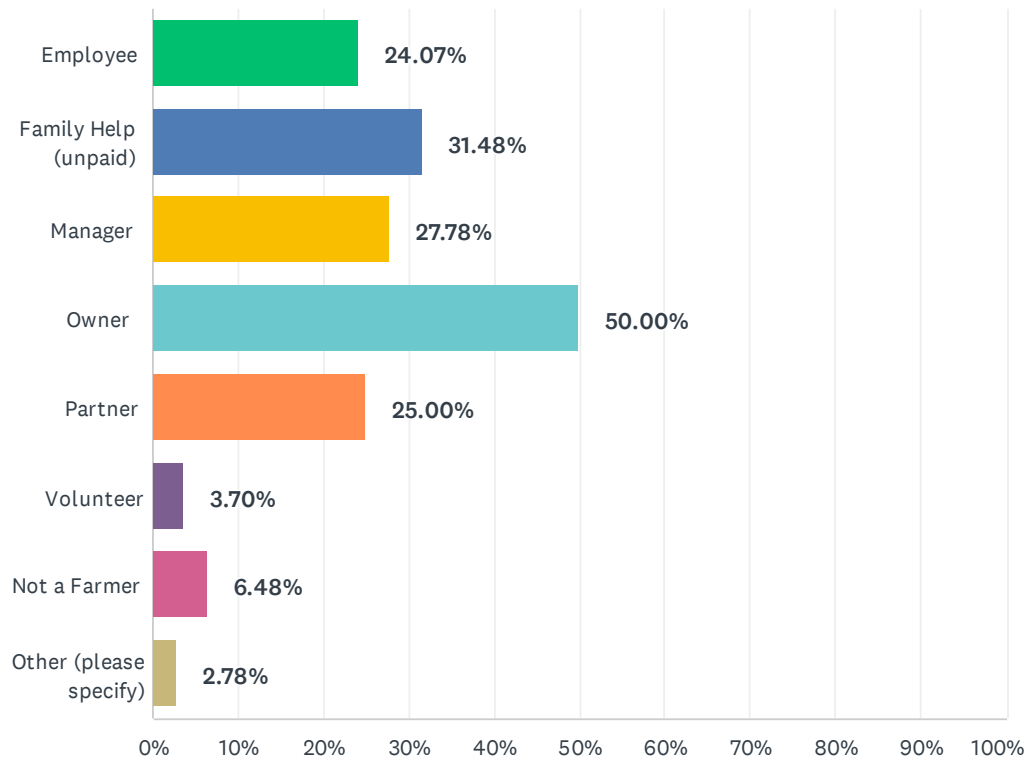


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None (1)	2.78%	3
1-5 (2)	35.19%	38
6-10 (3)	20.37%	22
11-15 (4)	7.41%	8
16-20 (5)	15.74%	17
21+ (6)	18.52%	20
TOTAL		108

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	6.00	3.00	3.54	1.60

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

Answered: 108 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Employee (1)		24.07%26
Family Help (unpaid) (2)		31.48%34
Manager (3)		27.78%30
Owner (4)		50.00%54
Partner (5)		25.00%27
Volunteer (6)		3.70%4
Not a Farmer (7)		6.48%7
Other (please specify) (8)		2.78%3
Total Respondents: 108		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	8.00	4.00	3.42	1.63

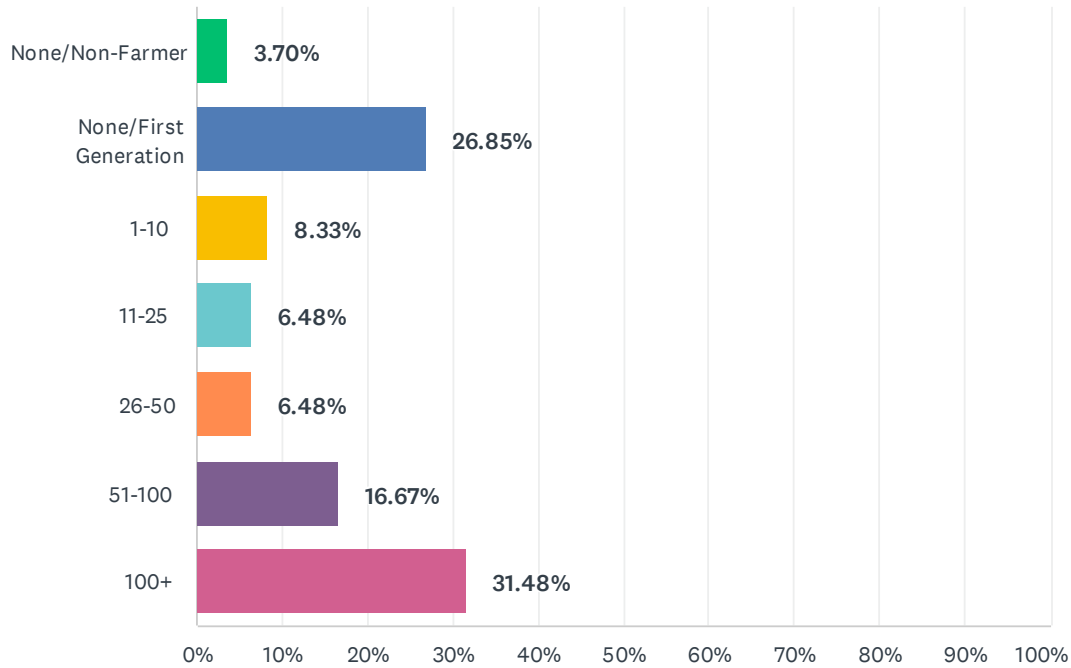
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1	Inherited family member	12/24/2024 10:59 PM

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2	landowner	6/17/2024 3:23 PM
3	Consultant/fertilizer rep	6/10/2024 4:22 PM

Q4 How many years has your family been farming?

Answered: 108 Skipped: 0

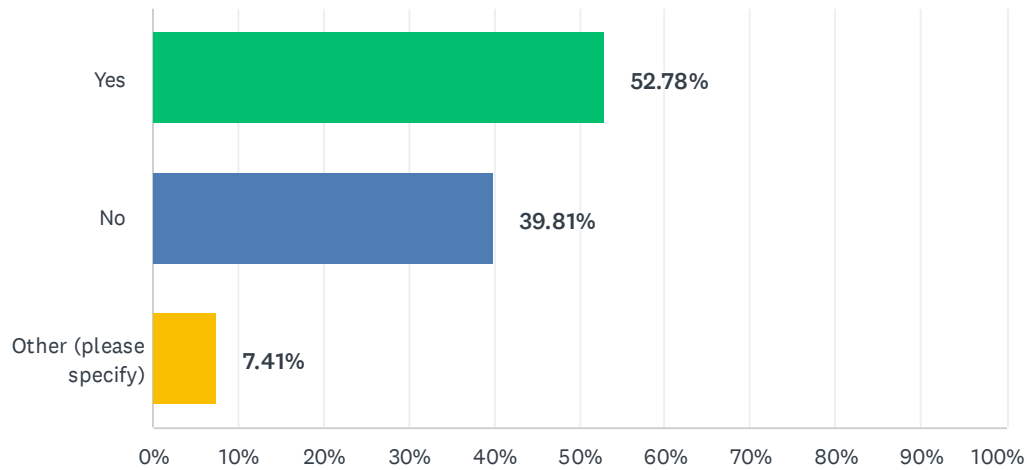


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None/Non-Farmer (1)	3.70%	4
None/First Generation (2)	26.85%	29
1-10 (3)	8.33%	9
11-25 (4)	6.48%	7
26-50 (5)	6.48%	7
51-100 (6)	16.67%	18
100+ (7)	31.48%	34
TOTAL		108

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	7.00	5.00	4.61	2.16

Q5 Did you grow up on a farm?

Answered: 108 Skipped: 0



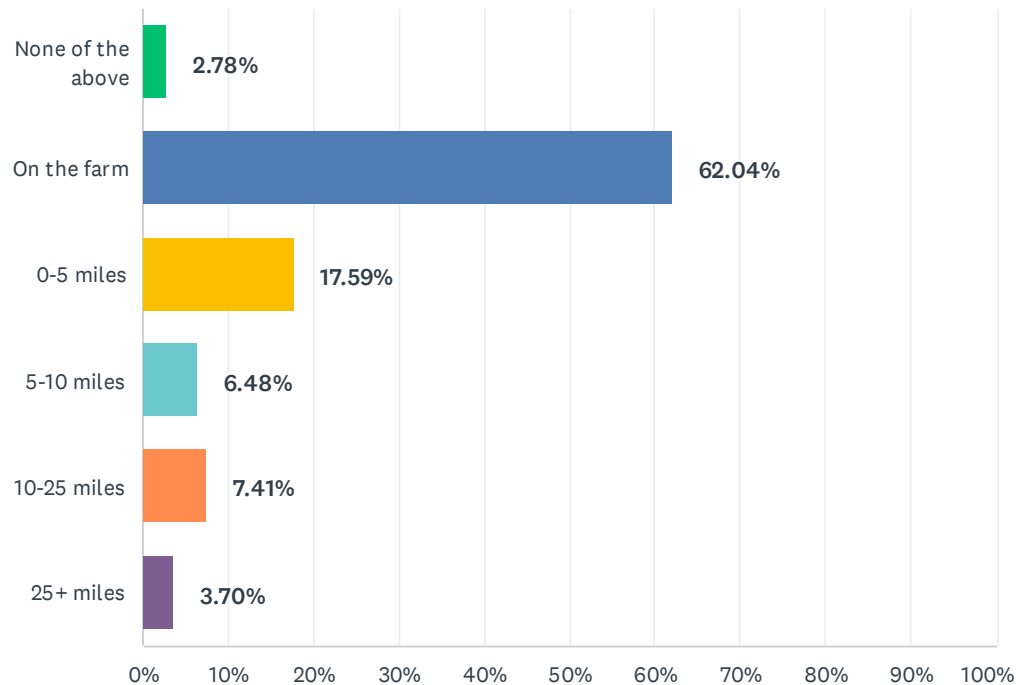
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (1)	52.78%	57
No (2)	39.81%	43
Other (please specify) (3)	7.41%	8
TOTAL		108

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 3.00	Median 1.00	Mean 1.55	Standard Deviation 0.63

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I did not, but my grandparents still had their farm when I was growing up	1/19/2025 11:04 PM
2	I spent extended time at my grandparents' and uncle/aunt's farm	1/5/2025 2:23 PM
3	I grew up where my grandparents farmed but did not "own" a farm.	12/26/2024 7:32 PM
4	Married in	12/11/2024 9:47 AM
5	Part time	12/10/2024 12:10 PM
6	Hobby farm with livestock raised for 4H	7/19/2024 10:43 AM
7	grew up in ffa/4h with the support of my family	6/10/2024 9:52 PM
8	Farmette	6/10/2024 3:16 PM

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

Answered: 108 Skipped: 0

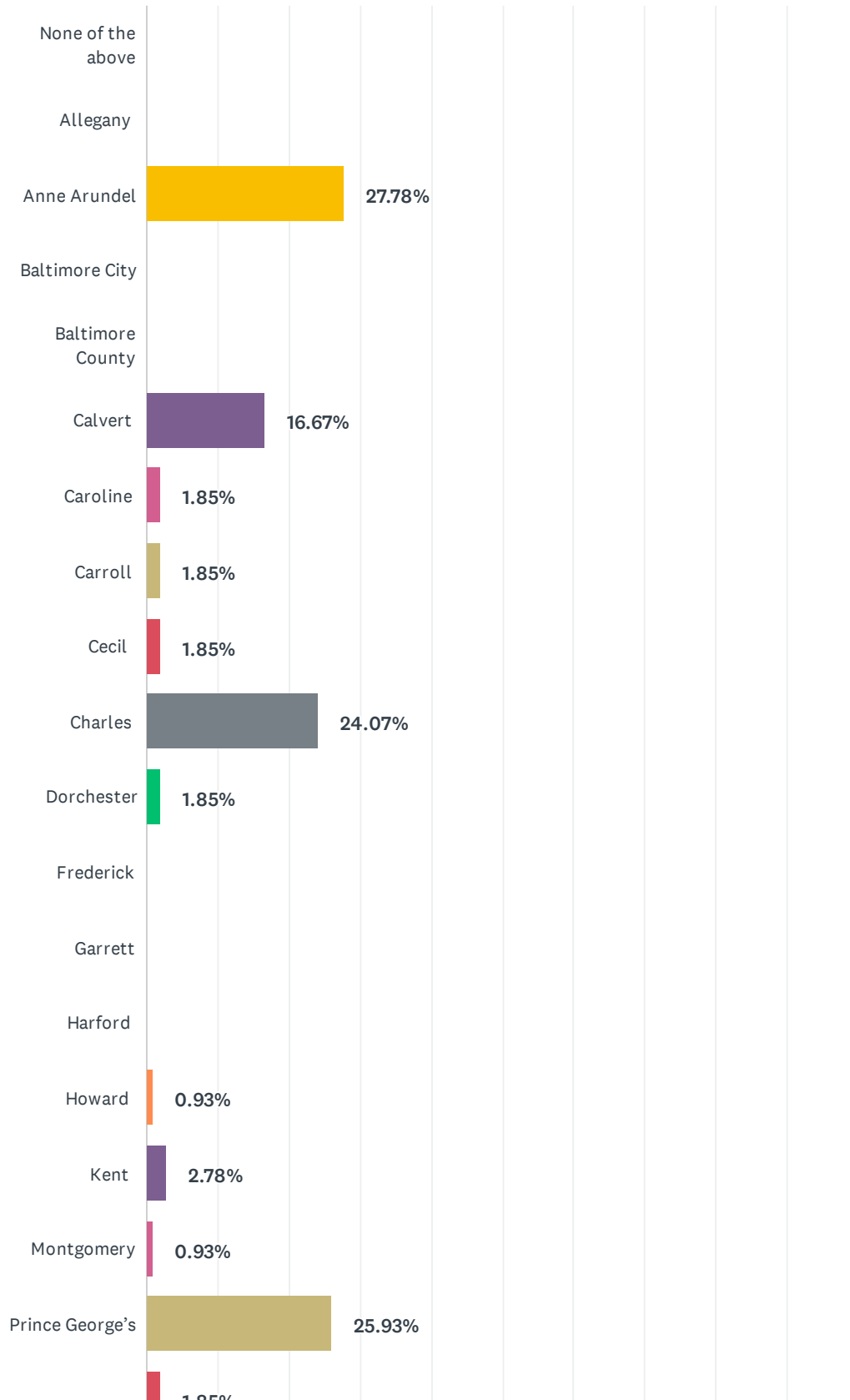


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	2.78%	3
On the farm (1)	62.04%	67
0-5 miles (2)	17.59%	19
5-10 miles (3)	6.48%	7
10-25 miles (4)	7.41%	8
25+ miles (5)	3.70%	4
TOTAL		108

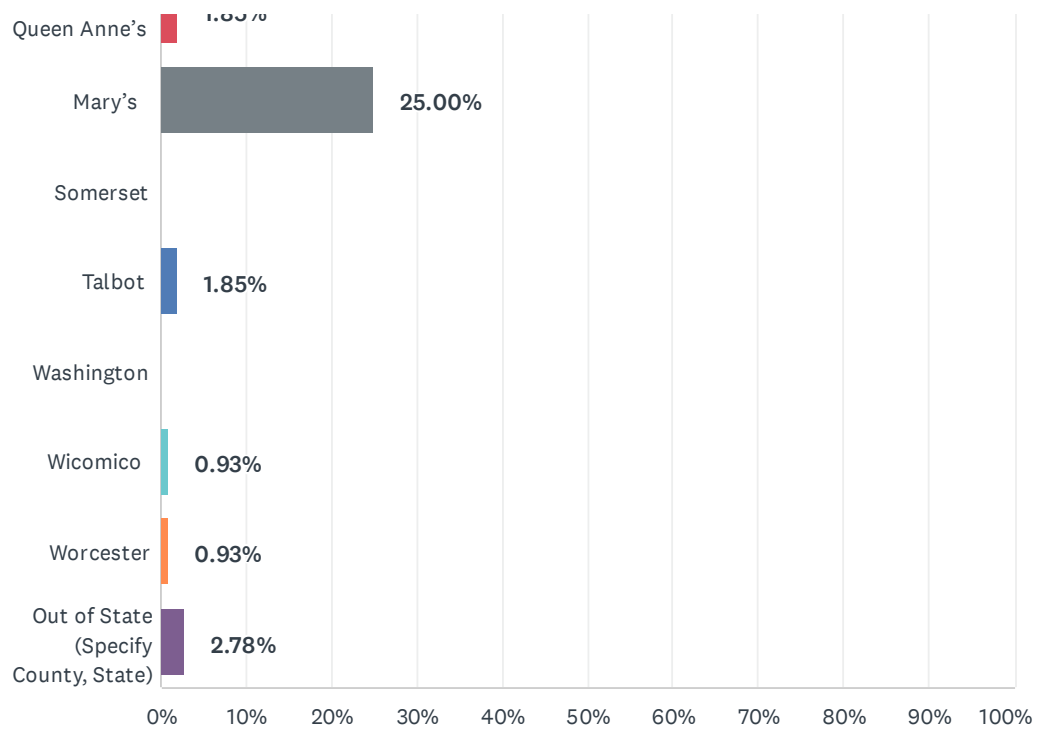
BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 5.00	Median 1.00	Mean 1.70	Standard Deviation 1.12

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

Answered: 108 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		0.00%	0
Allegany (1)		0.00%	0
Anne Arundel (2)		27.78%	30
Baltimore City (3)		0.00%	0
Baltimore County (4)		0.00%	0
Calvert (5)		16.67%	18
Caroline (6)		1.85%	2
Carroll (7)		1.85%	2
Cecil (8)		1.85%	2
Charles (9)		24.07%	26
Dorchester (10)		1.85%	2
Frederick (11)		0.00%	0
Garrett (12)		0.00%	0
Harford (13)		0.00%	0
Howard (14)		0.93%	1
Kent (15)		2.78%	3
Montgomery (16)		0.93%	1
Prince George's (17)		25.93%	28
Queen Anne's (18)		1.85%	2
Mary's (19)		25.00%	27
Somerset (20)		0.00%	0
Talbot (21)		1.85%	2
Washington (22)		0.00%	0
Wicomico (23)		0.93%	1
Worcester (24)		0.93%	1
Out of State (Specify County, State) (25)		2.78%	3
Total Respondents: 108			

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
2.00	26.00	9.00	11.34	6.99

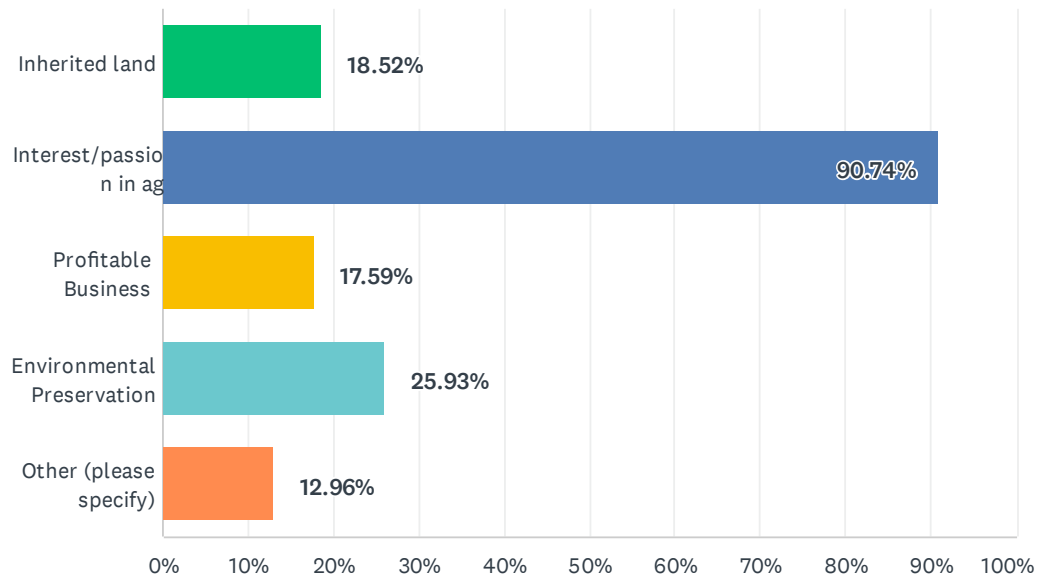
#	OUT OF STATE (SPECIFY COUNTY, STATE)	DATE
1	Fairfax, VA	1/22/2025 6:21 PM

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2	Wayne County, North Carolina	1/5/2025 11:33 PM
3	Virgin Island	12/5/2024 9:56 AM

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

Answered: 108 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Inherited land (1)	18.52%	20
Interest/passion in ag (2)	90.74%	98
Profitable Business (3)	17.59%	19
Environmental Preservation (4)	25.93%	28
Other (please specify) (5)	12.96%	14
Total Respondents: 108		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 5.00	Median 2.00	Mean 2.54	Standard Deviation 1.12

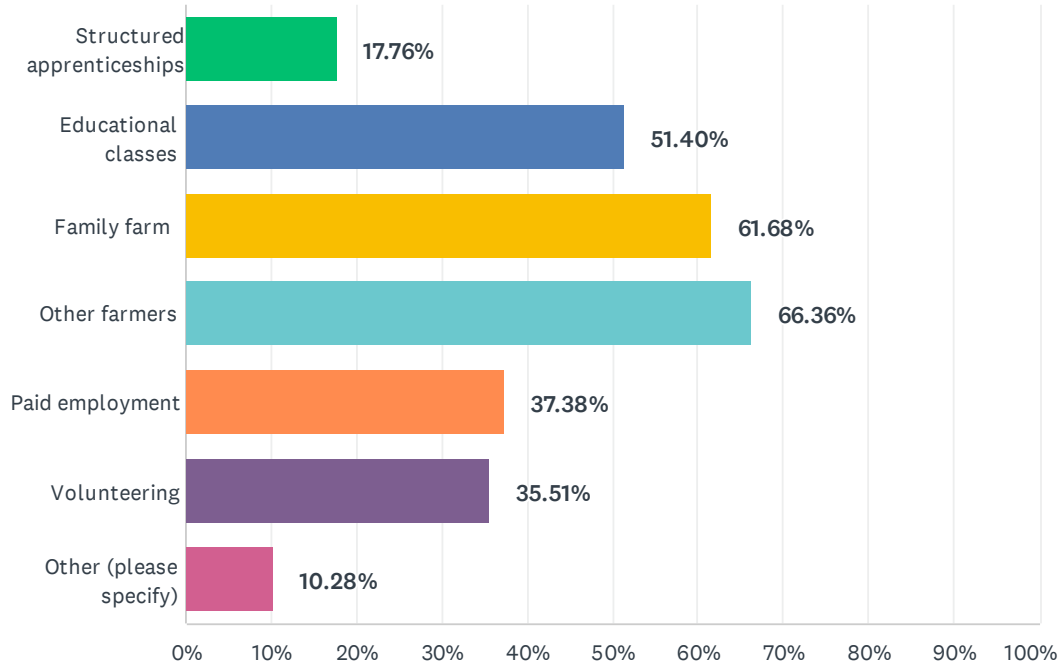
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Married into farm family	2/2/2025 6:31 PM
2	Homestead	1/22/2025 6:21 PM
3	History and self sustainability	1/19/2025 11:04 PM
4	Just love farming	1/18/2025 4:25 AM
5	I'm a returning generation farmer and wanted to reconnect to my family roots	1/12/2025 9:19 PM
6	Like eating lamb	1/10/2025 9:07 AM
7	Family values	12/28/2024 4:25 AM
8	My husband is a farmer so it's basically a requirement:)	12/20/2024 11:02 AM

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9	Help educate youth	12/19/2024 9:33 AM
10	I want my kids to grow up with the opportunities I did, not glued to a screen	12/7/2024 9:29 PM
11	So I can be a stay at home dad with my child in her early years	12/6/2024 6:11 AM
12	Solution to food desert crisis	11/28/2024 5:28 PM
13	Married into	6/13/2024 6:54 AM
14	my sons joined FFA	6/10/2024 9:51 PM

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

Answered: 107 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Structured apprenticeships (1)	17.76%	19
Educational classes (2)	51.40%	55
Family farm (3)	61.68%	66
Other farmers (4)	66.36%	71
Paid employment (5)	37.38%	40
Volunteering (6)	35.51%	38
Other (please specify) (7)	10.28%	11
Total Respondents: 107		

BASIC STATISTICS				
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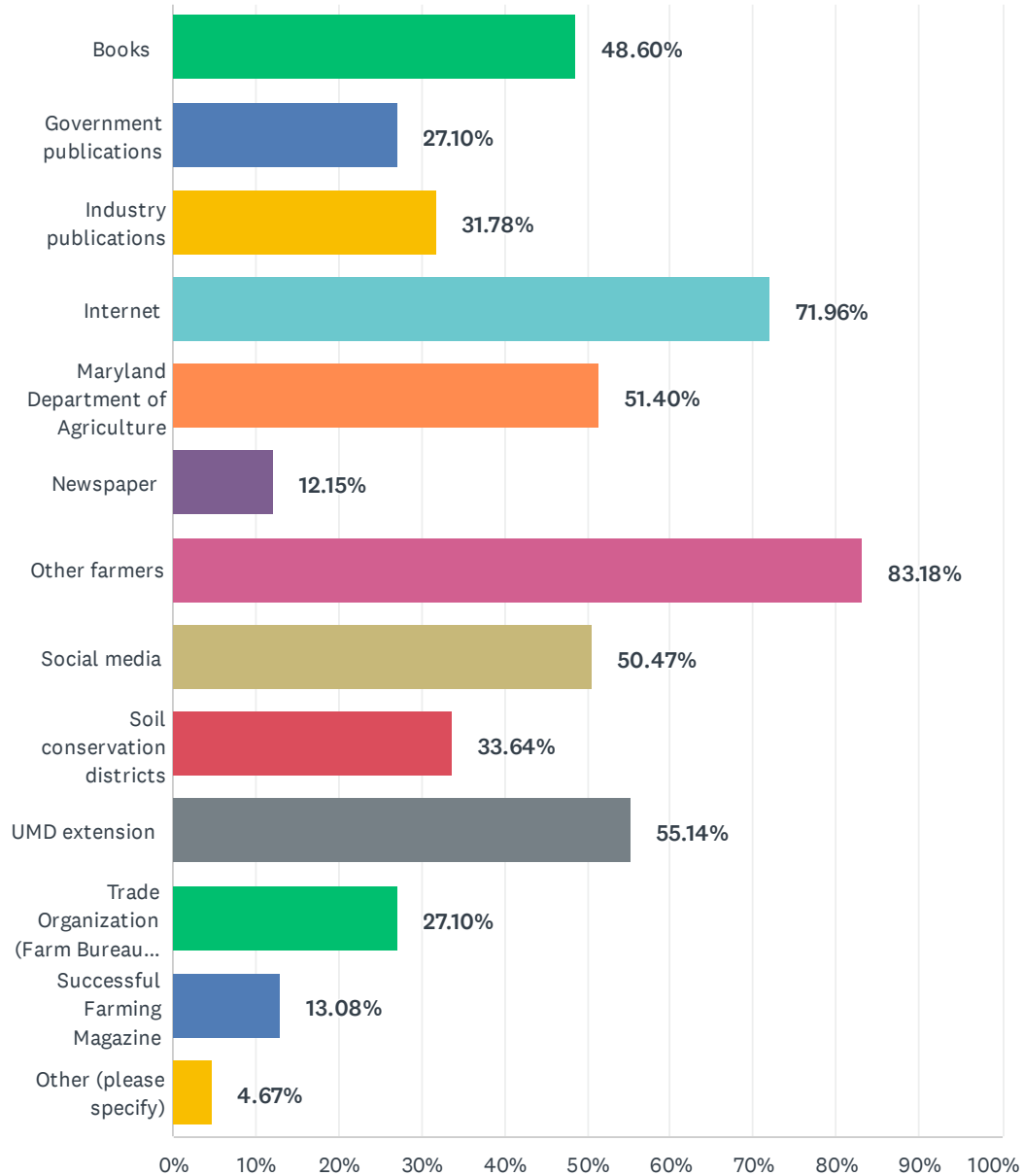
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1	Experience from trial and error	1/20/2025 8:13 PM
2	Failures	1/12/2025 8:28 AM
3	YouTube and making a lot of mistakes	1/10/2025 9:07 AM

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4	Reading	1/5/2025 2:23 PM
5	County Business Development	12/28/2024 4:25 AM
6	B.S. in Plant Sciences	12/10/2024 1:05 PM
7	Community	12/7/2024 9:29 PM
8	Internet groups Facebook/ forums	12/1/2024 7:13 AM
9	Future harvest	11/28/2024 5:28 PM
10	Through my spouse	7/9/2024 11:37 AM
11	self taught	6/24/2024 2:27 PM

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

Answered: 107 Skipped: 1



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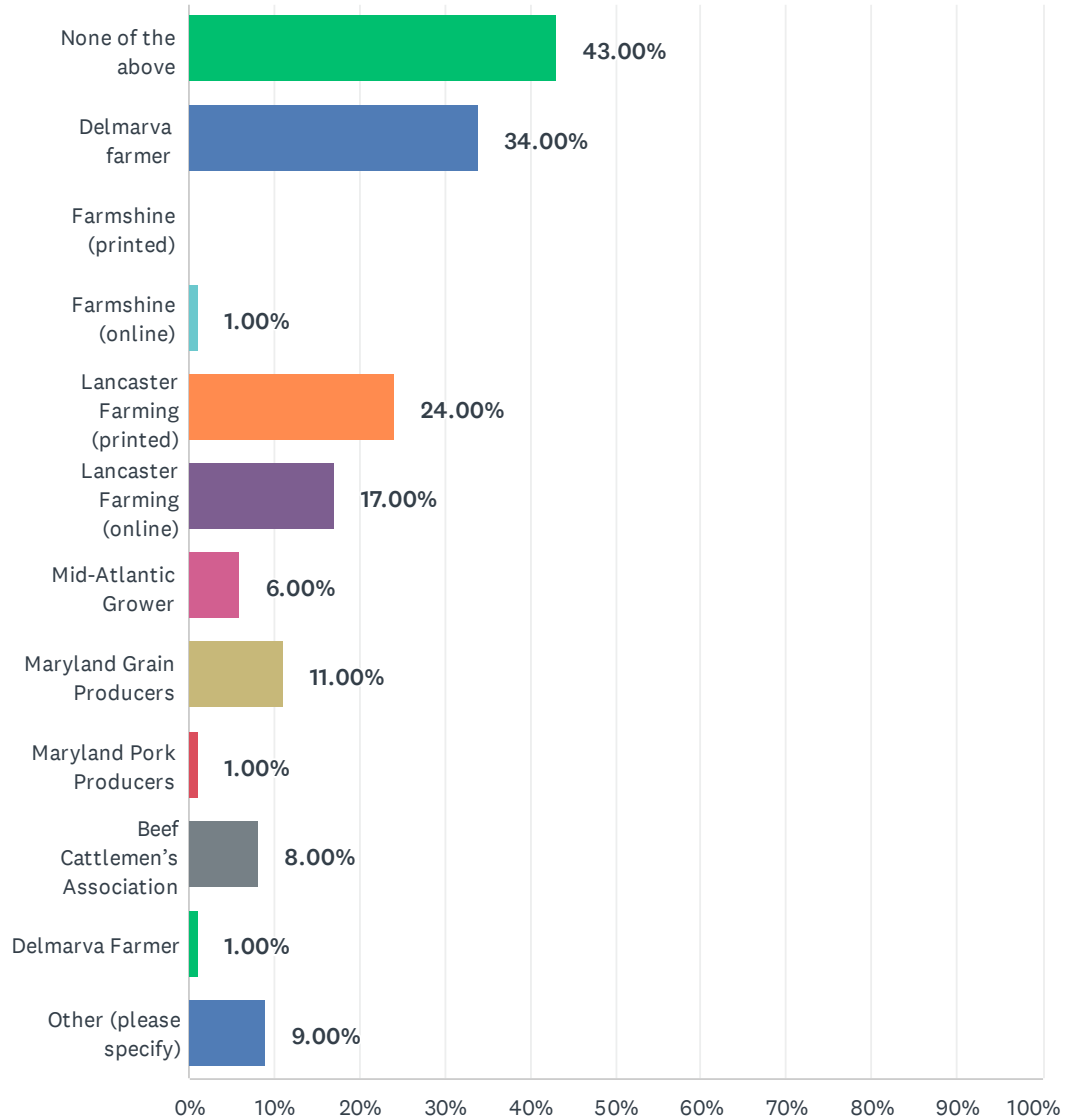
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Books (1)	48.60%	52
Government publications (2)	27.10%	29
Industry publications (3)	31.78%	34
Internet (4)	71.96%	77
Maryland Department of Agriculture (5)	51.40%	55
Newspaper (6)	12.15%	13
Other farmers (7)	83.18%	89
Social media (8)	50.47%	54
Soil conservation districts (9)	33.64%	36
UMD extension (10)	55.14%	59
Trade Organization (Farm Bureau, Corn Growers Assn., etc.) (11)	27.10%	29
Successful Farming Magazine (12)	13.08%	14
Other (please specify) (13)	4.67%	5
Total Respondents: 107		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 13.00	Median 7.00	Mean 6.22	Standard Deviation 3.16

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Other ag business	12/9/2024 5:18 PM
2	Private Agriculture farm classes	12/2/2024 9:09 PM
3	Umes extension	11/28/2024 5:28 PM
4	Youtube	6/23/2024 8:59 PM
5	Academic publications	6/10/2024 6:47 PM

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

Answered: 100 Skipped: 8



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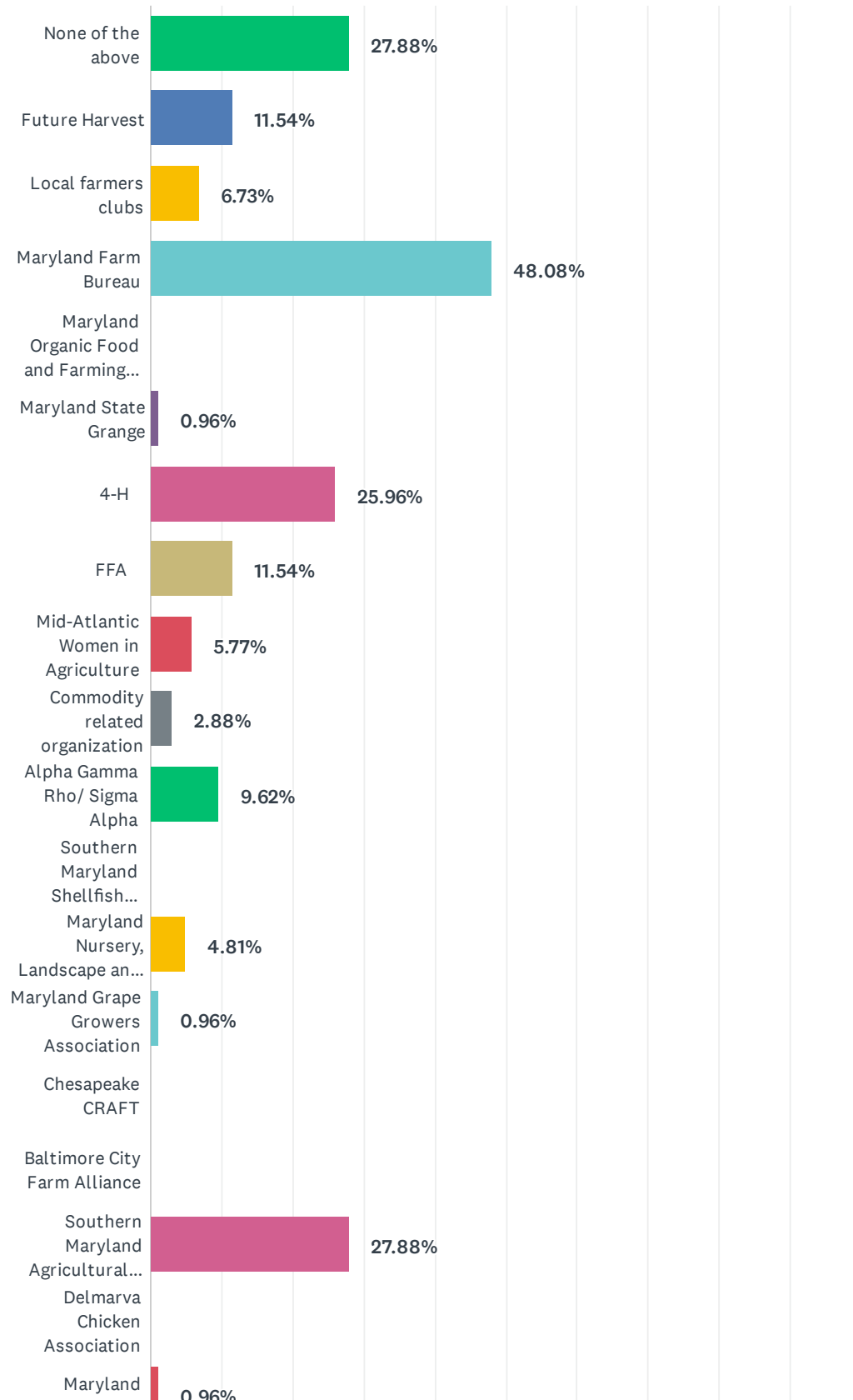
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	43.00%	43
Delmarva farmer (1)	34.00%	34
Farmshine (printed) (2)	0.00%	0
Farmshine (online) (3)	1.00%	1
Lancaster Farming (printed) (4)	24.00%	24
Lancaster Farming (online) (5)	17.00%	17
Mid-Atlantic Grower (6)	6.00%	6
Maryland Grain Producers (7)	11.00%	11
Maryland Pork Producers (8)	1.00%	1
Beef Cattlemen's Association (9)	8.00%	8
Delmarva Farmer (10)	1.00%	1
Other (please specify) (11)	9.00%	9
Total Respondents: 100		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 12.00	Median 4.00	Mean 4.72	Standard Deviation 3.30

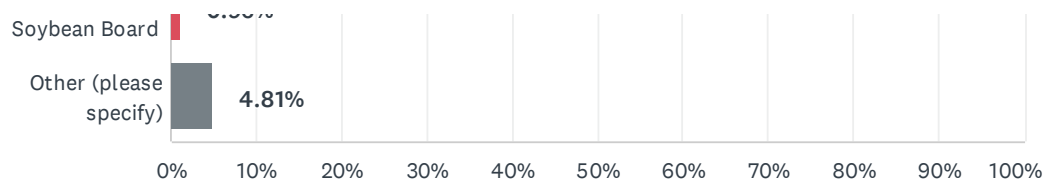
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1	Agri-Pulse, Farm Journal	2/2/2025 6:31 PM
2	Minority Farmers	1/22/2025 6:21 PM
3	Growing for Market	1/20/2025 2:45 PM
4	a bunch of newsletters: MD Beginning Farmer Success; Cornell Small Farms; queer farmer group; MD Farmers Markets; Future Harvest; Good Food Jobs; Care Farming Network; NEFOC Land Trust; Dane County Extension; Michigan State University Extension; Cultivate Care Farms; Asheville Farm School	1/12/2025 9:19 PM
5	Growing for market	7/5/2024 11:54 AM
6	mdfb newsletters	6/10/2024 9:52 PM
7	Hereford World	6/10/2024 9:50 PM
8	My Maryland Farmers	6/10/2024 6:47 PM
9	MNLGA Root of the Matter	6/10/2024 5:38 PM

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

Answered: 104 Skipped: 4



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	27.88%	29
Future Harvest (1)	11.54%	12
Local farmers clubs (2)	6.73%	7
Maryland Farm Bureau (3)	48.08%	50
Maryland Organic Food and Farming Association (4)	0.00%	0
Maryland State Grange (5)	0.96%	1
4-H (6)	25.96%	27
FFA (7)	11.54%	12
Mid-Atlantic Women in Agriculture (8)	5.77%	6
Commodity related organization (9)	2.88%	3
Alpha Gamma Rho/ Sigma Alpha (10)	9.62%	10
Southern Maryland Shellfish Growers Association (11)	0.00%	0
Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association (12)	4.81%	5
Maryland Grape Growers Association (13)	0.96%	1
Chesapeake CRAFT (14)	0.00%	0
Baltimore City Farm Alliance (15)	0.00%	0
Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (16)	27.88%	29
Delmarva Chicken Association (17)	0.00%	0
Maryland Soybean Board (18)	0.96%	1
Other (please specify) (19)	4.81%	5
Total Respondents: 104		

BASIC STATISTICS				
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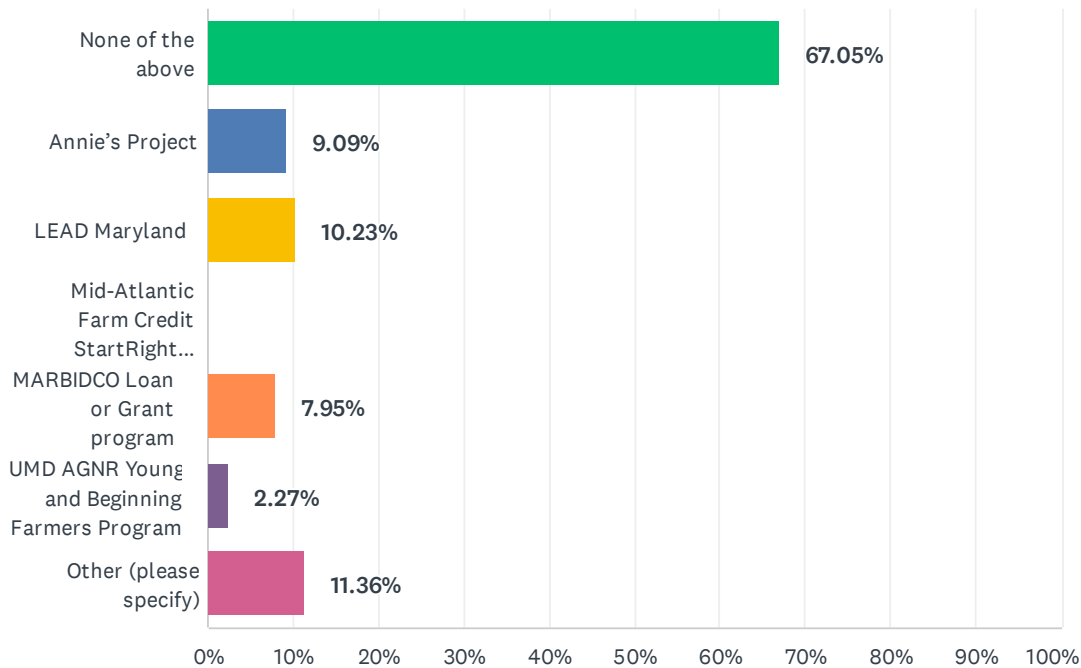
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1	AA Co Farm and Livestock Education Program	2/19/2025 2:56 PM
2	Maryland Dairy Goat Association	2/18/2025 12:38 PM
3	OurSpace World, Inc.	1/12/2025 9:19 PM

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4	GALA	1/7/2025 8:59 AM
5	Maryland Hereford Association	12/6/2024 1:33 PM

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

Answered: 88 Skipped: 20



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	67.05%	59
Annie's Project (1)	9.09%	8
LEAD Maryland (2)	10.23%	9
Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit StartRight Program (3)	0.00%	0
MARBIDCO Loan or Grant program (4)	7.95%	7
UMD AGNR Young and Beginning Farmers Program (5)	2.27%	2
Other (please specify) (6)	11.36%	10
Total Respondents: 88		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	7.00	4.00	3.72	2.34

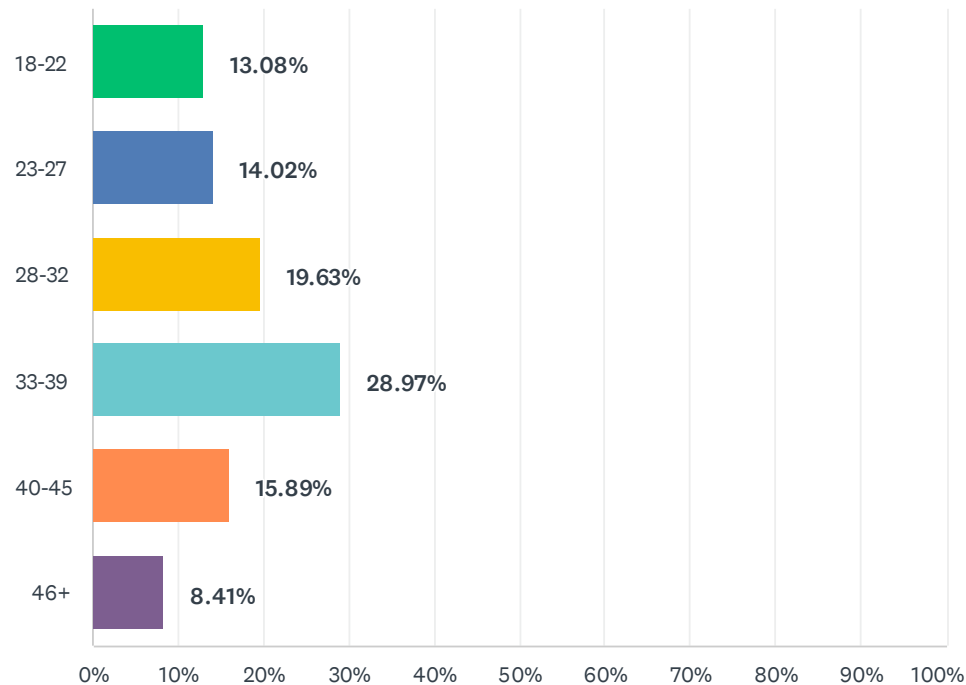
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1	Colonial Farm Credit's financial literacy program	2/2/2025 6:31 PM
2	Arcadia Veteran Farmer Fellowship	1/22/2025 6:21 PM
3	FHCASA BFTP, CRAFT	1/20/2025 2:45 PM
4	UMD Extension Beginning Farmer program; OurSpace World Farm 2 Food Sovereignty	1/12/2025 9:19 PM

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	Academy + apprenticeship	
5	SMADC mini grant	12/28/2024 12:23 PM
6	SMADC mentorship	12/7/2024 9:29 PM
7	Farm Credit University	12/5/2024 11:42 AM
8	Master gardener program	11/28/2024 10:44 PM
9	NRCS High Tunnels, SMADC mini grant	7/5/2024 11:54 AM
10	MAEF education courses	6/10/2024 9:51 PM

Q14 What is your age:

Answered: 107 Skipped: 1

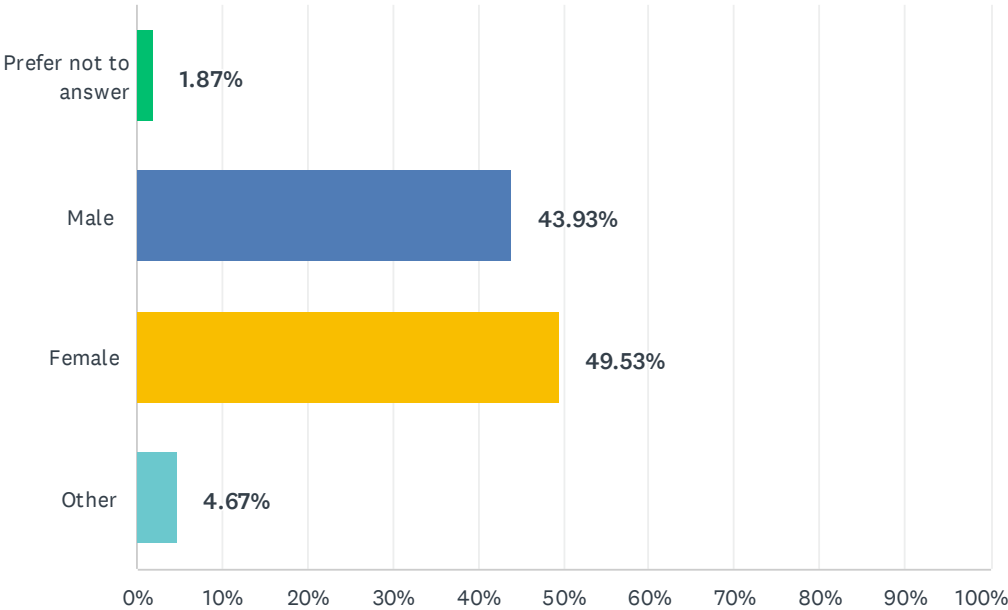


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
18-22 (1)		13.08%	14
23-27 (2)		14.02%	15
28-32 (3)		19.63%	21
33-39 (4)		28.97%	31
40-45 (5)		15.89%	17
46+ (6)		8.41%	9
TOTAL			107

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	6.00	4.00	3.46	1.46

Q15 What is your gender:

Answered: 107 Skipped: 1



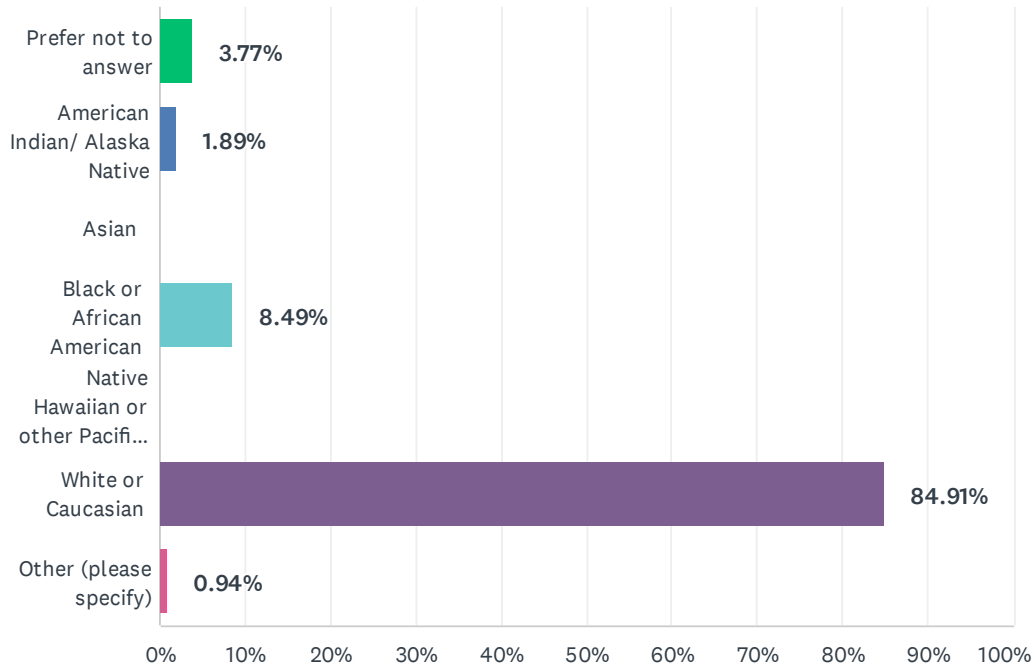
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	1.87%	2
Male (1)	43.93%	47
Female (2)	49.53%	53
Other (3)	4.67%	5
TOTAL		107

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	1.65	0.72

#	OTHER	DATE
1	Non-binary	3/7/2025 10:46 PM
2	Non Binary	1/19/2025 11:04 PM
3	Non binary	1/10/2025 9:07 AM
4	I	12/1/2024 5:04 PM
5	Attack Helicopter	6/12/2024 6:23 PM

Q16 Please specify your race

Answered: 106 Skipped: 2



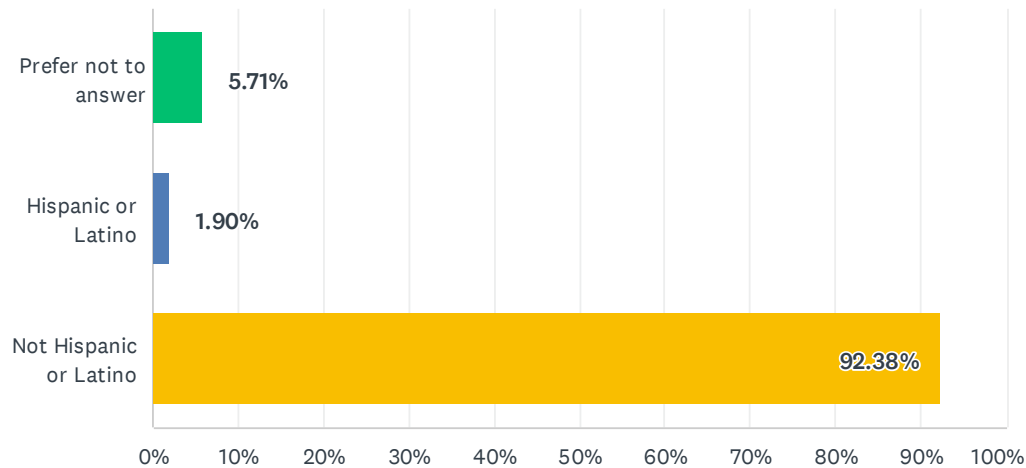
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer		3.77%	4
American Indian/ Alaska Native (1)		1.89%	2
Asian (2)		0.00%	0
Black or African American (3)		8.49%	9
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (4)		0.00%	0
White or Caucasian (5)		84.91%	90
Other (please specify) (6)		0.94%	1
TOTAL			106

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	7.00	5.00	4.76	0.81

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Hispanic	1/21/2025 6:32 PM

Q17 Please specify your ethnicity:

Answered: 105 Skipped: 3

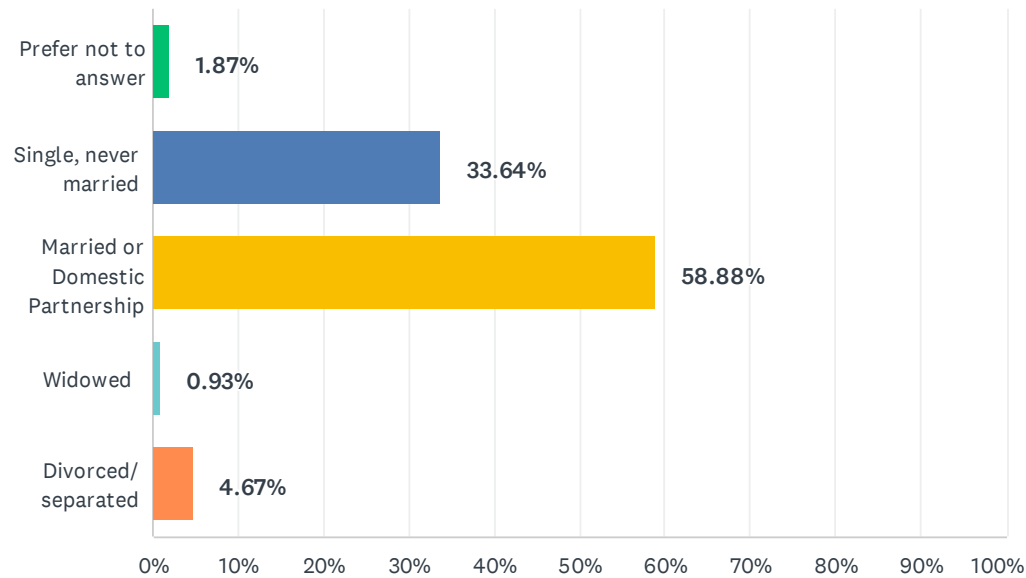


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer		5.71%	6
Hispanic or Latino (1)		1.90%	2
Not Hispanic or Latino (2)		92.38%	97
TOTAL			105

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	2.00	1.98	0.14

Q18 Marital Status?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 1

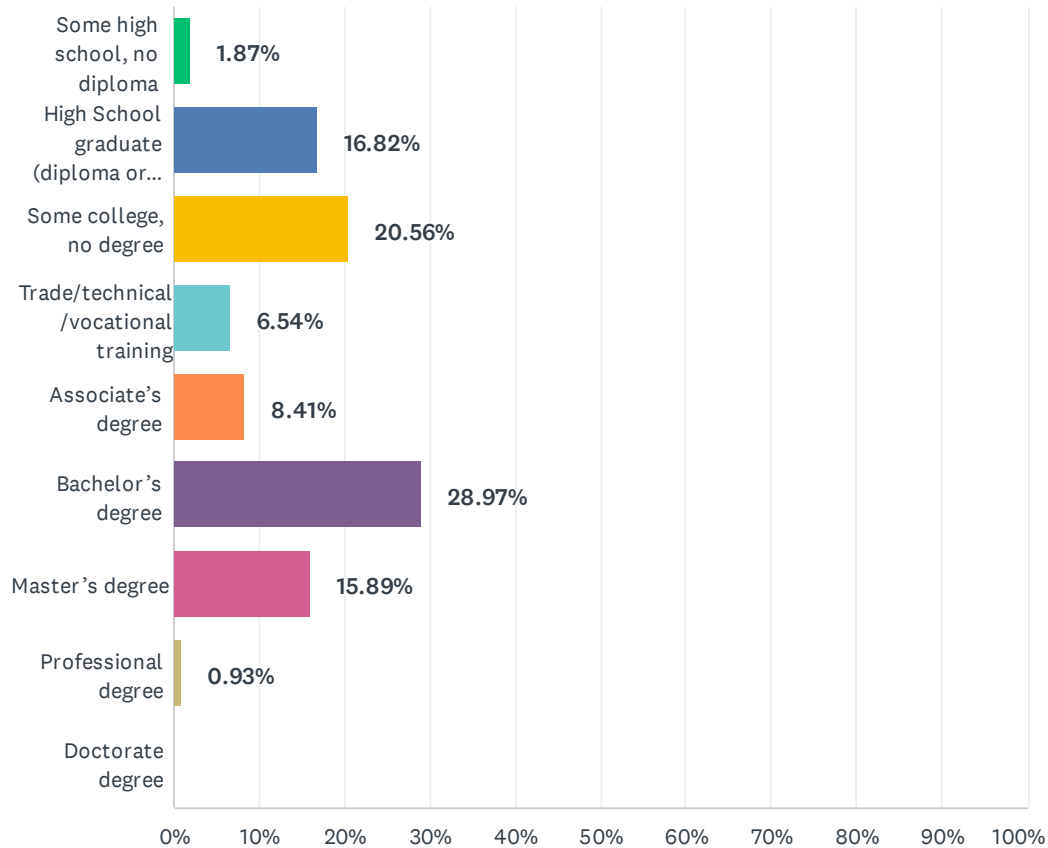


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer		1.87%	2
Single, never married (1)		33.64%	36
Married or Domestic Partnership (2)		58.88%	63
Widowed (3)		0.93%	1
Divorced/ separated (4)		4.67%	5
TOTAL			107

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	1.76	0.70

Q19 What is the highest degree of school you completed:

Answered: 107 Skipped: 1

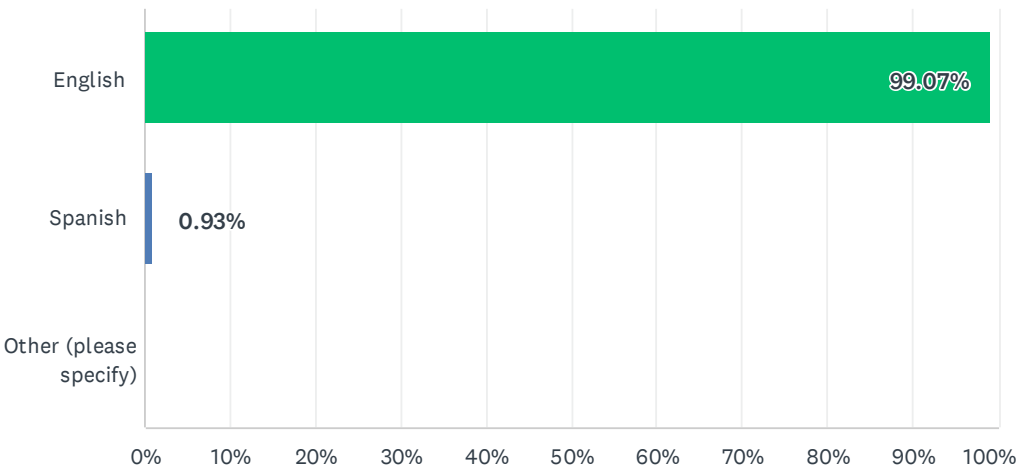


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Some high school, no diploma (1)	1.87%	2
High School graduate (diploma or eq.) (2)	16.82%	18
Some college, no degree (3)	20.56%	22
Trade/technical/vocational training (4)	6.54%	7
Associate's degree (5)	8.41%	9
Bachelor's degree (6)	28.97%	31
Master's degree (7)	15.89%	17
Professional degree (8)	0.93%	1
Doctorate degree (9)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		107

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 8.00	Median 5.00	Mean 4.58	Standard Deviation 1.88

Q20 What language do you prefer to see communication?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 1



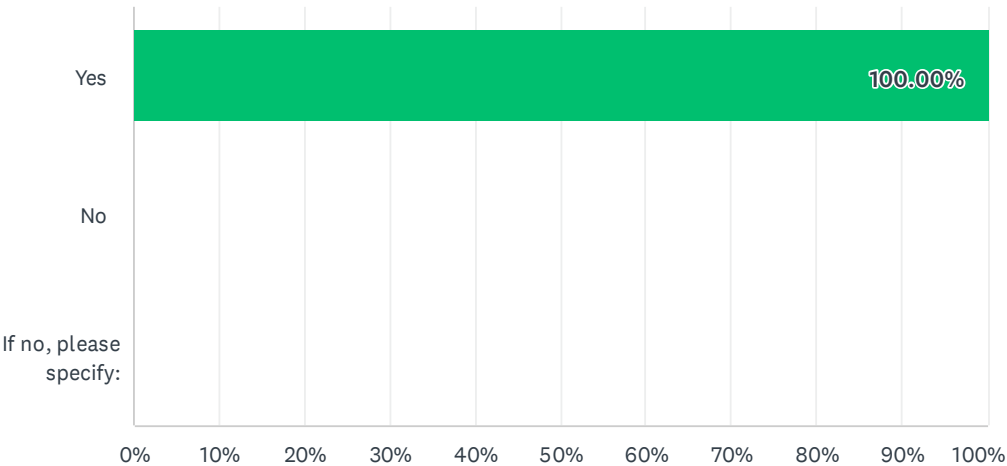
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Spanish (2)		0.93%	1
Other (please specify) (3)		0.00%	0
TOTAL			107

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	1.00	1.01	0.10

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

Q21 Is English your first language?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 1



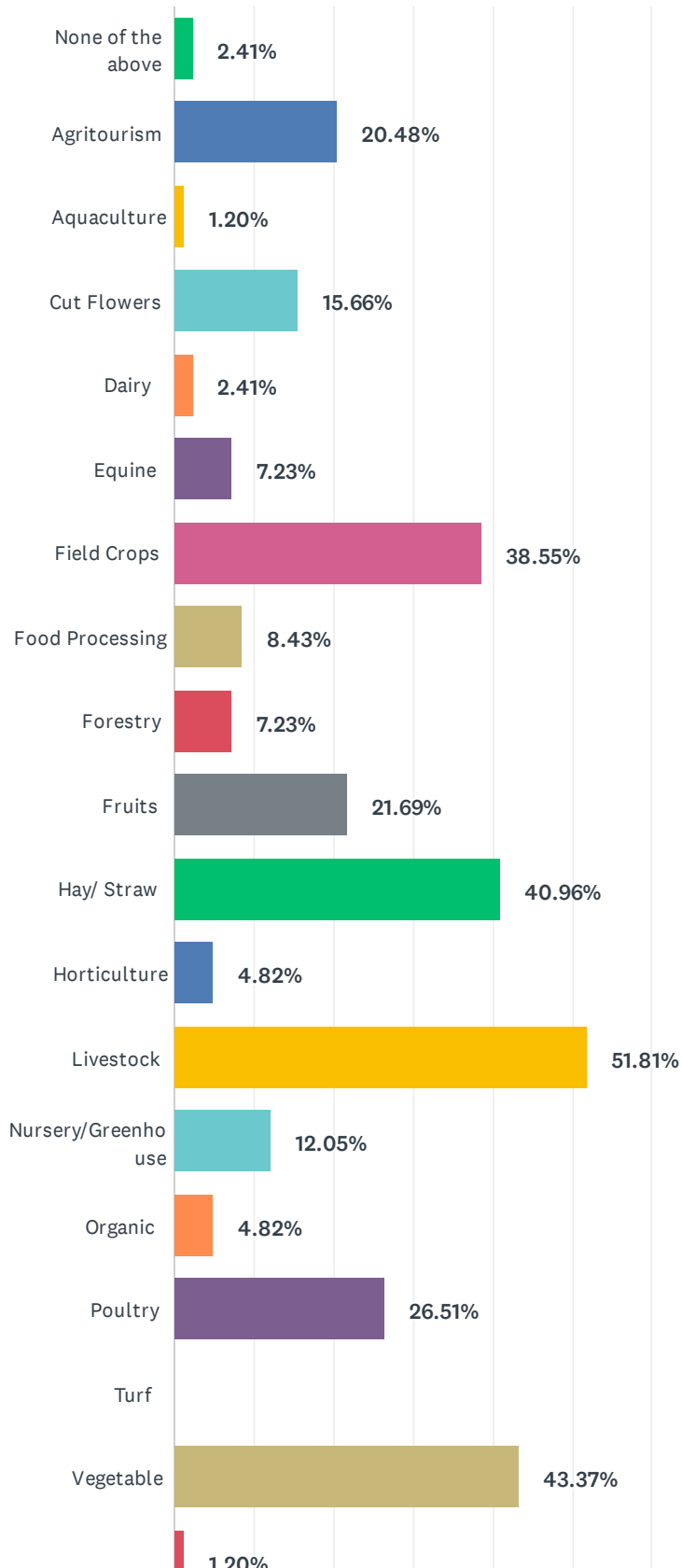
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No (2)		0.00%	0
If no, please specify: (3)		0.00%	0
TOTAL			107

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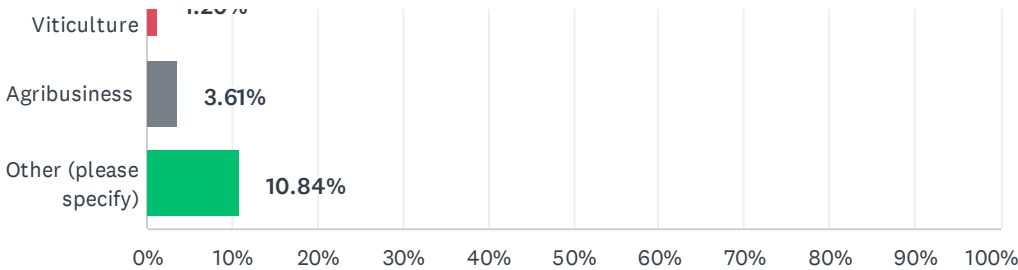
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	There are no responses.	

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

Answered: 83 Skipped: 25



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	2.41%	2
Agritourism (1)	20.48%	17
Aquaculture (2)	1.20%	1
Cut Flowers (3)	15.66%	13
Dairy (4)	2.41%	2
Equine (5)	7.23%	6
Field Crops (6)	38.55%	32
Food Processing (7)	8.43%	7
Forestry (8)	7.23%	6
Fruits (9)	21.69%	18
Hay/ Straw (10)	40.96%	34
Horticulture (11)	4.82%	4
Livestock (12)	51.81%	43
Nursery/Greenhouse (13)	12.05%	10
Organic (14)	4.82%	4
Poultry (15)	26.51%	22
Turf (16)	0.00%	0
Vegetable (17)	43.37%	36
Viticulture (18)	1.20%	1
Agribusiness (19)	3.61%	3
Other (please specify) (20)	10.84%	9
Total Respondents: 83		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	21.00	10.00	10.59	5.06

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	Goat Dairy	2/18/2025 12:41 PM
2	Pasture	2/2/2025 6:37 PM
3	Wool/fiber	1/21/2025 6:40 PM
4	Fleece and textile products from sheep	1/19/2025 11:11 PM
5	Homeschooling educational classes	12/19/2024 9:37 AM
6	Pasture	12/9/2024 7:58 PM
7	Hemp	12/6/2024 6:17 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	Student Farm on College Campus	6/11/2024 8:47 PM

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

Answered: 65 Skipped: 43

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agritourism	20.00% 13
Aquaculture	0.00% 0
Cut Flowers	18.46% 12
Field Crops	38.46% 25
Forestry	7.69% 5
Fruits	18.46% 12
Hay/ Straw	46.15% 30
Horticulture	3.08% 2
Nursery/Greenhouse	7.69% 5
Organic	7.69% 5
Turf	0.00% 0
Vegetable	47.69% 31
Viticulture	1.54% 1

#	AGRITOURISM	DATE
1	3	1/19/2025 11:11 PM
2	10	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
3	1	12/30/2024 2:48 AM
4	6	12/28/2024 4:30 AM
5	10	12/17/2024 7:20 PM
6	14	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
7	5	12/7/2024 9:34 PM
8	1	12/2/2024 12:15 PM
9	100	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
10	1	6/17/2024 7:48 PM
11	30	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
12	10 acres	6/11/2024 12:33 PM
13	1	6/10/2024 6:53 PM
#	AQUACULTURE	DATE
	There are no responses.	
#	CUT FLOWERS	DATE

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1	.5	12/28/2024 4:30 AM
2	.05	12/26/2024 7:37 PM
3	500sqft	12/2/2024 12:15 PM
4	1/2	11/30/2024 9:22 PM
5	3rd	11/28/2024 10:49 PM
6	5	7/5/2024 11:58 AM
7	.25	6/24/2024 2:57 PM
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9	1/2	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
10	2	6/17/2024 7:48 PM
11	1	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
12	1	6/10/2024 9:49 PM
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1	1/2	2/14/2025 9:50 AM
2	14	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
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4	12000	1/7/2025 8:57 PM
5	25	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
6	25	12/30/2024 2:48 AM
7	130	12/23/2024 2:05 PM
8	4000	12/20/2024 11:05 AM
9	1400	12/12/2024 10:42 PM
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14	50	12/1/2024 5:07 PM
15	700	8/15/2024 6:35 AM
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22	35	6/17/2024 7:48 PM
23	1000	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
24	5	6/10/2024 8:02 PM
25	500	6/10/2024 6:53 PM

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#	FORESTRY	DATE
1	110	12/30/2024 2:48 AM
2	9	12/28/2024 4:30 AM
3	14	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
4	100	7/9/2024 9:48 AM
5	150	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
#	FRUITS	DATE
1	1/4 acre	3/7/2025 11:02 PM
2	.25	1/29/2025 9:11 PM
3	< 1	1/5/2025 2:27 PM
4	.04	12/26/2024 7:37 PM
5	10	12/19/2024 6:33 PM
6	1	12/7/2024 9:34 PM
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8	25	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
9	7	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
10	2	6/17/2024 7:48 PM
11	3	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
12	1/4 acre	6/12/2024 6:31 PM
#	HAY/ STRAW	DATE
1	50+	1/18/2025 4:37 AM
2	20	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
3	16	1/10/2025 9:12 AM
4	150	1/8/2025 3:51 PM
5	40	1/3/2025 4:59 PM
6	30	1/3/2025 2:54 PM
7	5	12/30/2024 2:48 AM
8	100	12/23/2024 2:05 PM
9	2000	12/20/2024 11:05 AM
10	50	12/19/2024 6:33 PM
11	40-50	12/16/2024 10:41 AM
12	200	12/14/2024 4:22 PM
13	250/280	12/12/2024 10:42 PM
14	100	12/12/2024 4:36 PM
15	100	12/9/2024 7:40 PM
16	25	12/7/2024 9:34 PM
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19	300	12/1/2024 5:07 PM

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26	40	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
27	150	6/10/2024 10:22 PM
28	150	6/10/2024 9:56 PM
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#	HORTICULTURE	DATE
1	10	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
2	1	6/10/2024 5:42 PM
#	NURSERY/GREENHOUSE	DATE
1	1/10 acre	1/20/2025 8:18 PM
2	1/4	12/17/2024 7:20 PM
3	1	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
4	1	6/10/2024 8:02 PM
5	1	6/10/2024 5:42 PM
#	ORGANIC	DATE
1	1 acre	3/7/2025 11:02 PM
2	1500	2/16/2025 9:20 PM
3	5	1/11/2025 4:45 PM
4	1	12/6/2024 6:17 AM
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	There are no responses.	
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4	1/10 acre	1/20/2025 8:18 PM
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21	10	11/26/2024 9:19 AM
22	1	6/24/2024 2:57 PM
23	150	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
24	10	6/23/2024 8:18 PM
25	1	6/17/2024 7:48 PM
26	5	6/13/2024 6:58 AM
27	1/4 acre	6/12/2024 6:31 PM
28	5	6/11/2024 8:47 PM
29	1/2	6/11/2024 10:12 AM
30	15	6/10/2024 9:49 PM
31	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: 53 Skipped: 55

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Beef Cattle	60.38% 32
Dairy Cattle	7.55% 4
Pigs	18.87% 10
Goats	39.62% 21
Sheep	22.64% 12
Laying Hens	47.17% 25
Meat Chickens	26.42% 14
Horses	22.64% 12
Turkeys	13.21% 7
Rabbits	9.43% 5
Alpaca/ Llama	3.77% 2

#	BEEF CATTLE	DATE
1	2	2/18/2025 12:41 PM
2	25	2/16/2025 9:20 PM
3	6-12 feeder calves	2/2/2025 6:37 PM
4	14	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
5	40	1/8/2025 3:51 PM
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19	3	6/11/2024 12:33 PM
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21	50	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
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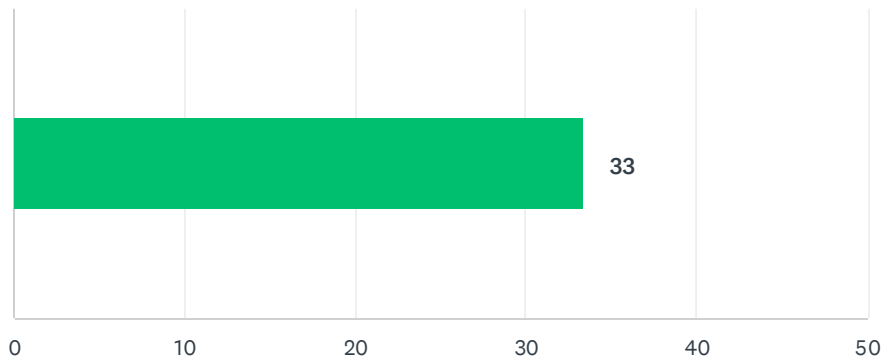
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#	MEAT CHICKENS	DATE
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#	ALPACA/ LLAMA	DATE
1	5	1/21/2025 6:40 PM
2	3	1/7/2025 9:03 AM

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

Answered: 62 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	33	2,070	62
Total Respondents: 62			

BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
	0.00	100.00	25.00	33.39	33.03

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7	90	1/18/2025 4:37 AM
8	20	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
9	90	1/11/2025 4:45 PM
10	48	1/7/2025 8:57 PM
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12	9	1/3/2025 4:59 PM
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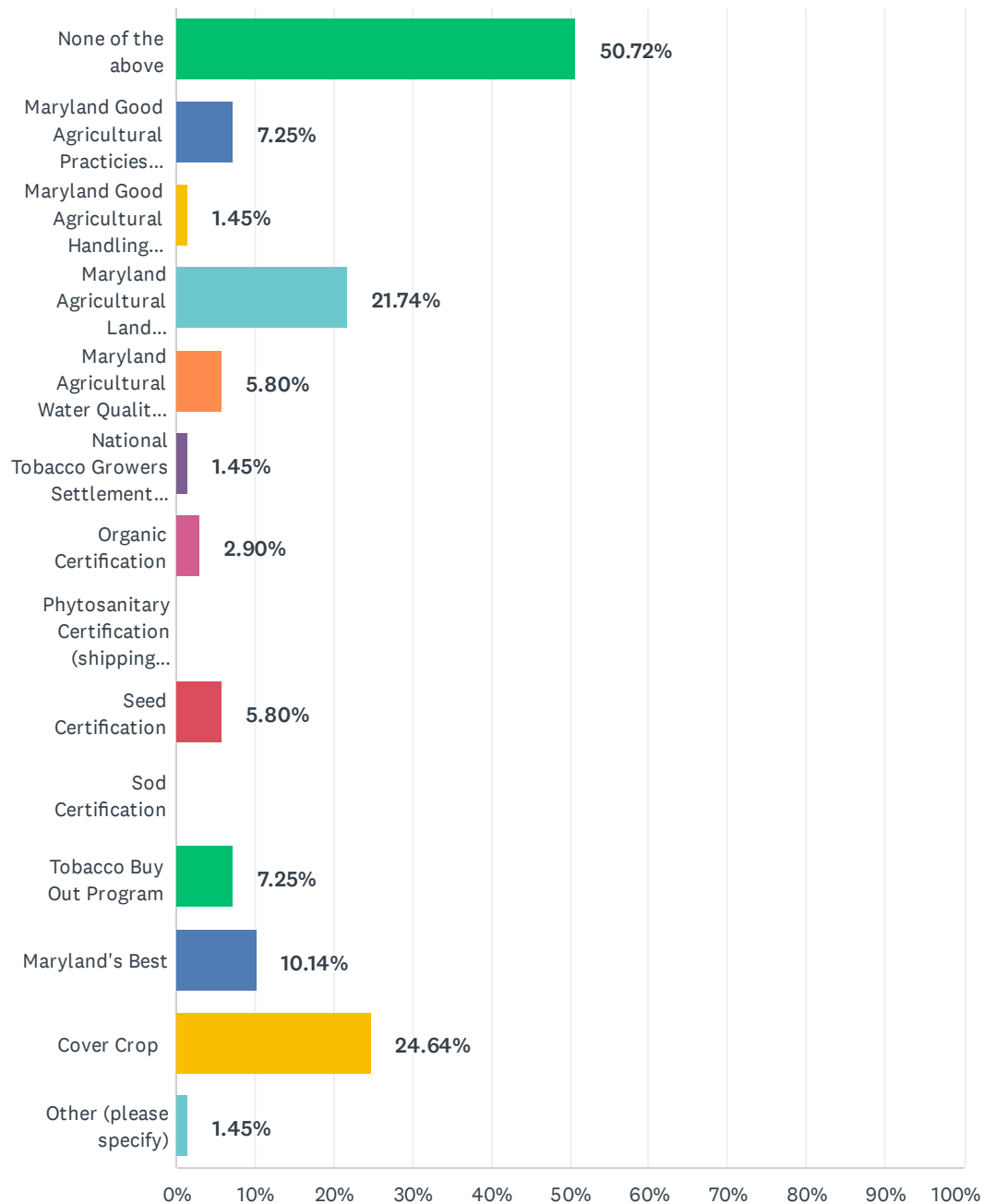
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58	0	6/10/2024 9:56 PM
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60	75	6/10/2024 6:53 PM
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62	0	6/4/2024 5:37 PM

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

Answered: 69 Skipped: 39



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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		50.72%	35
Maryland Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Certification (1)		7.25%	5
Maryland Good Agricultural Handling Practices (GHP) (2)		1.45%	1
Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) (3)		21.74%	15
Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost Share Program (MACS) (4)		5.80%	4
National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust (5)		1.45%	1
Organic Certification (6)		2.90%	2
Phytosanitary Certification (shipping nursery and greenhouse products out of state) (7)		0.00%	0
Seed Certification (8)		5.80%	4
Sod Certification (9)		0.00%	0
Tobacco Buy Out Program (10)		7.25%	5
Maryland's Best (11)		10.14%	7
Cover Crop (12)		24.64%	17
Other (please specify) (13)		1.45%	1
Total Respondents: 69			

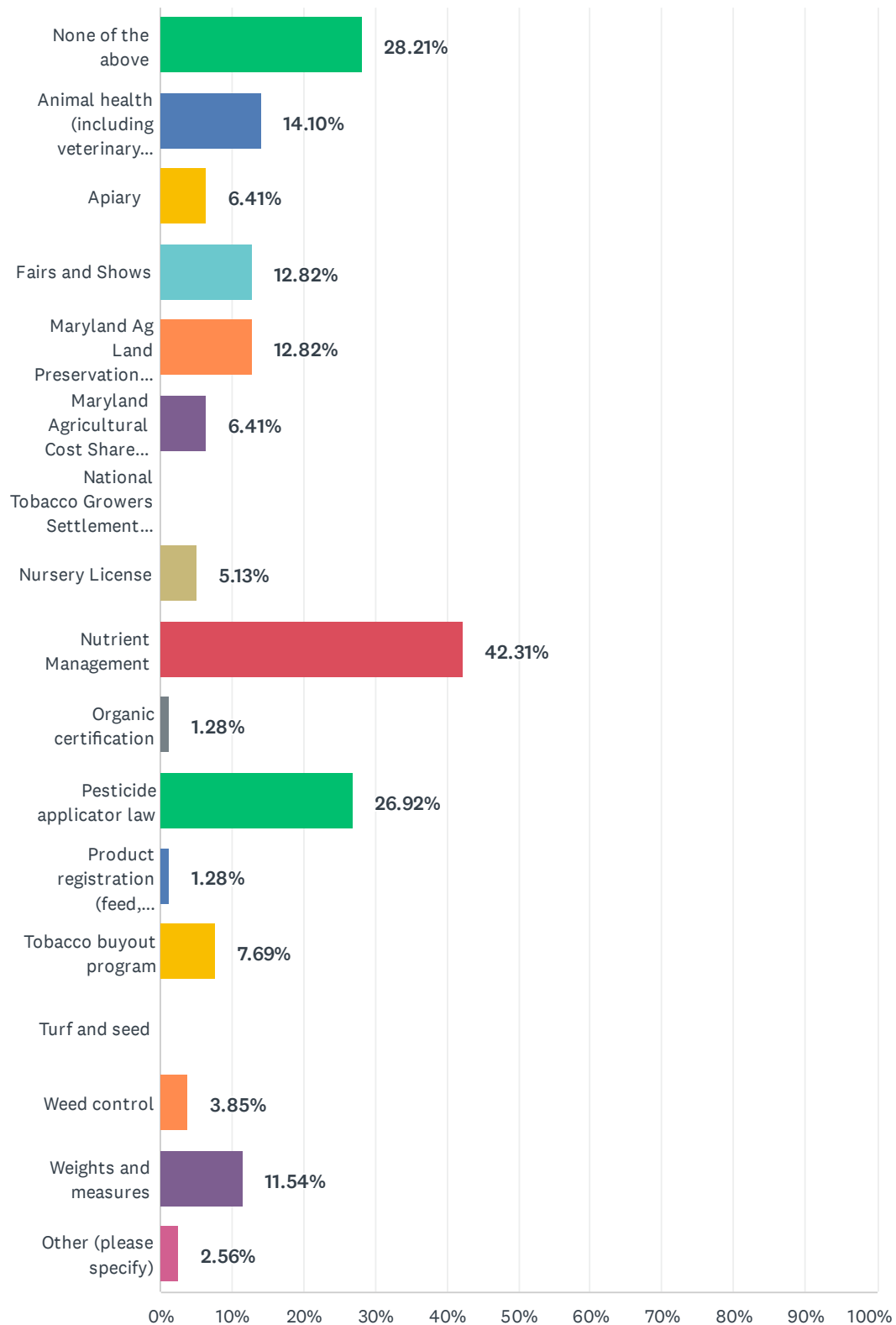
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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We did the tobacco buyout but that's over now and wasn't in my name per say	6/10/2024 6:53 PM

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: 78 Skipped: 30

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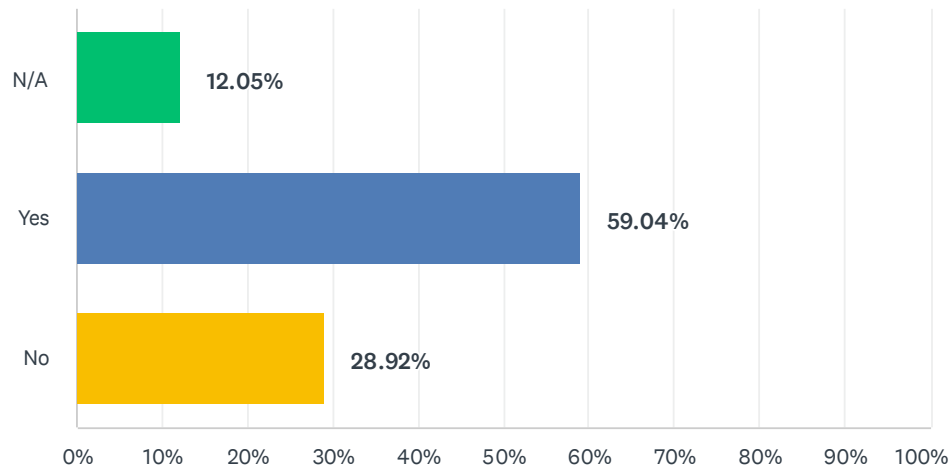
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	28.21%	22
Animal health (including veterinary licensing) (1)	14.10%	11
Apiary (2)	6.41%	5
Fairs and Shows (3)	12.82%	10
Maryland Ag Land Preservation Foundation (4)	12.82%	10
Maryland Agricultural Cost Share Program (5)	6.41%	5
National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust (6)	0.00%	0
Nursery License (7)	5.13%	4
Nutrient Management (8)	42.31%	33
Organic certification (9)	1.28%	1
Pesticide applicator law (10)	26.92%	21
Product registration (feed, fertilizer, pesticides) (11)	1.28%	1
Tobacco buyout program (12)	7.69%	6
Turf and seed (13)	0.00%	0
Weed control (14)	3.85%	3
Weights and measures (15)	11.54%	9
Other (please specify) (16)	2.56%	2
Total Respondents: 78		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	17.00	8.00	7.61	4.13

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Not yet	12/19/2024 9:37 AM
2	Egg	12/10/2024 12:14 PM

Q28 Has your farm been negatively impacted by deer damage?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 25

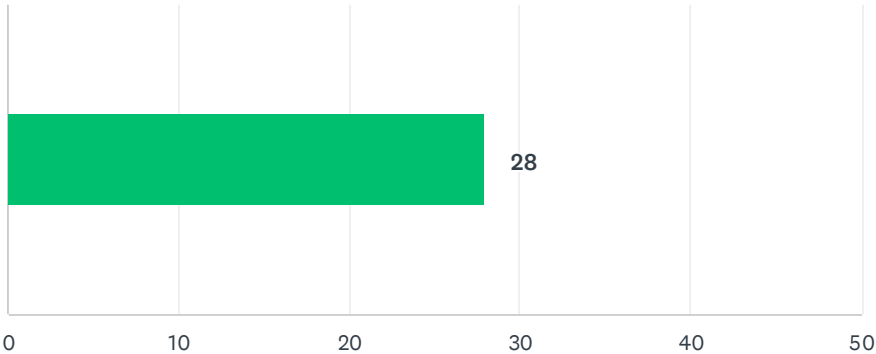


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
N/A		12.05%	10
Yes (1)		59.04%	49
No (2)		28.92%	24
TOTAL			83

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	1.00	1.33	0.47

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

Answered: 50 Skipped: 58



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	28	1,397	50
Total Respondents: 50			

BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
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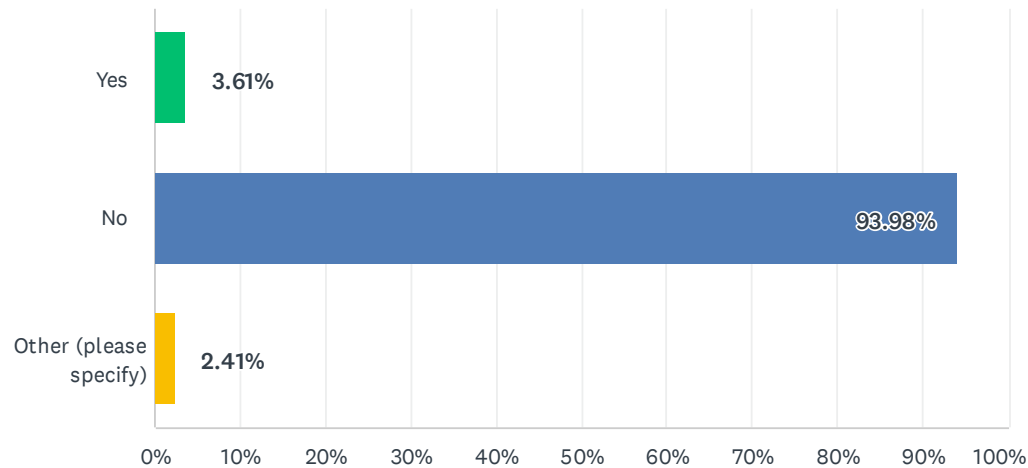
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27	30	12/2/2024 9:17 PM
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33	60	11/26/2024 9:19 AM
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37	35	6/24/2024 2:36 PM
38	45	6/24/2024 6:09 AM
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47	10	6/10/2024 8:02 PM
48	20	6/10/2024 6:53 PM
49	25	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
50	6	6/4/2024 5:37 PM

Q30 Do you use Artificial Intelligence in your farming operation?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 25



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Yes (1)		3.61%3
No (2)		93.98%78
Other (please specify) (3)		2.41%2
TOTAL		83

BASIC STATISTICS					
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation	
1.00	3.00	2.00	1.99	0.25	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Starting to	1/3/2025 2:54 PM
2	Social media	12/2/2024 12:15 PM

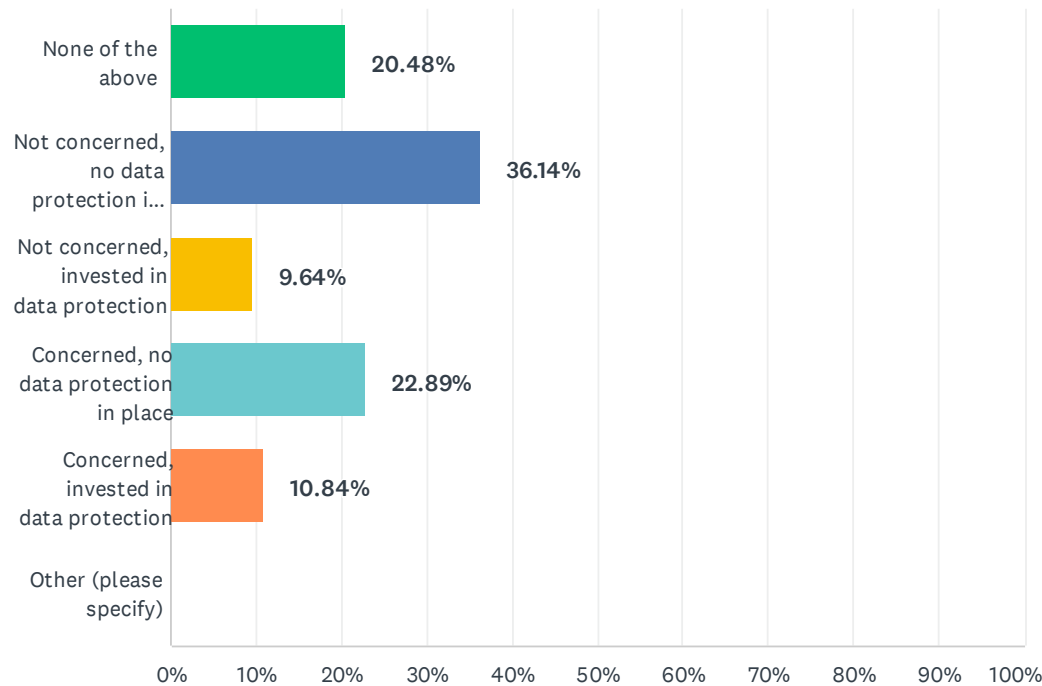
Q31 If you use AI, how do you incorporate to assist your farm?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 101

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Don't use it on the farm.	1/11/2025 4:45 PM
2	I plan to use for analyzing soil samples.	1/3/2025 2:54 PM
3	Stupid question AI has no place in society	12/30/2024 2:48 AM
4	Social media and business content/agreements	12/2/2024 12:15 PM
5	Create seed planting charts and grants	11/28/2024 10:49 PM
6	Office management. Tracking.	11/28/2024 5:48 PM
7	We use it for marketing & promotional posts and material.	6/11/2024 12:33 PM

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

Answered: 83 Skipped: 25



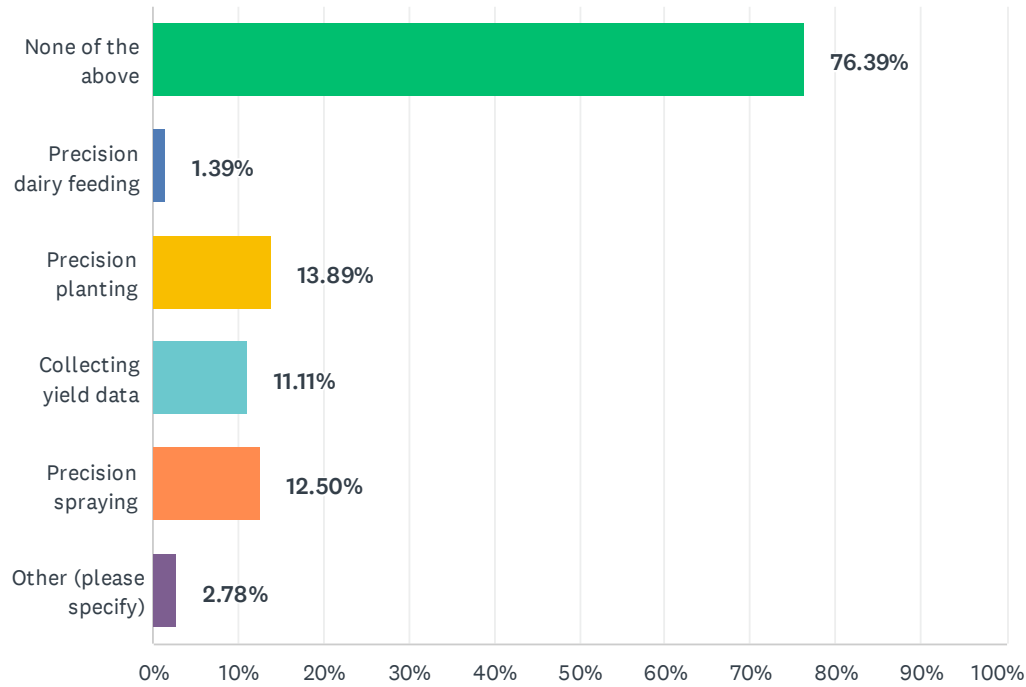
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		20.48%	17
Not concerned, no data protection in place (1)		36.14%	30
Not concerned, invested in data protection (2)		9.64%	8
Concerned, no data protection in place (3)		22.89%	19
Concerned, invested in data protection (4)		10.84%	9
Other (please specify) (5)		0.00%	0
TOTAL			83

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	2.11	1.13

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

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

Answered: 72 Skipped: 36



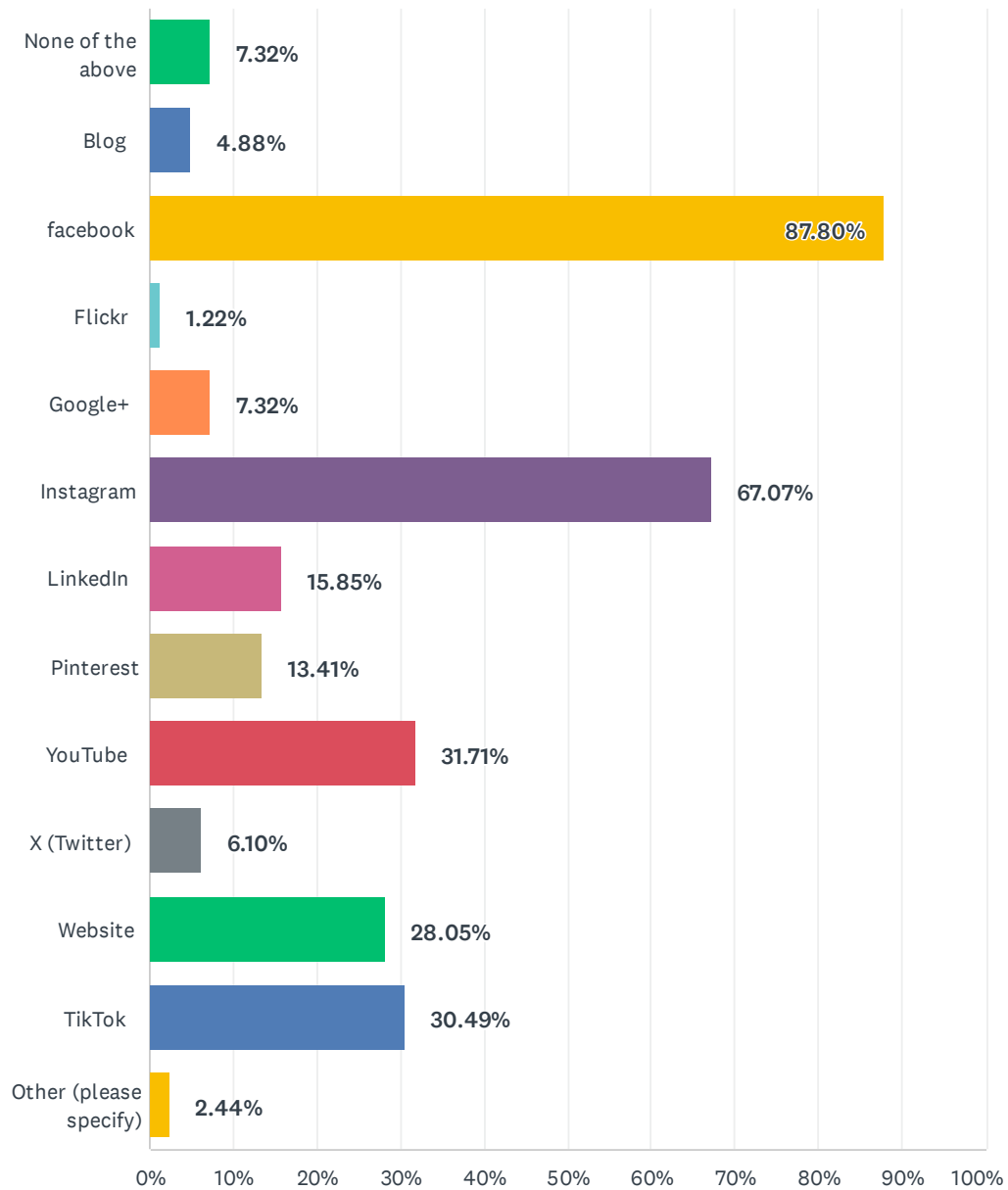
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		76.39%	55
Precision dairy feeding (1)		1.39%	1
Precision planting (2)		13.89%	10
Collecting yield data (3)		11.11%	8
Precision spraying (4)		12.50%	9
Other (please specify) (5)		2.78%	2
Total Respondents: 72			

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	6.00	3.00	3.10	1.16

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We are a drone aerial applicator	2/10/2025 9:06 AM
2	Animal weights	6/10/2024 9:56 PM

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

Answered: 82 Skipped: 26



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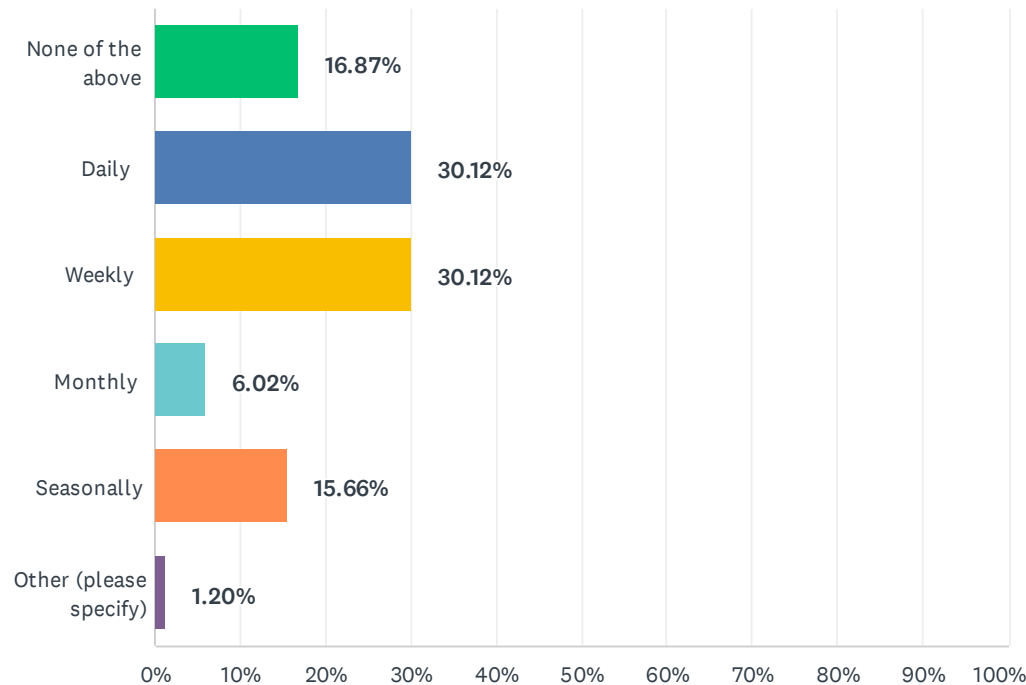
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		7.32%	6
Blog (1)		4.88%	4
facebook (2)		87.80%	72
Flickr (3)		1.22%	1
Google+ (4)		7.32%	6
Instagram (5)		67.07%	55
LinkedIn (6)		15.85%	13
Pinterest (7)		13.41%	11
YouTube (8)		31.71%	26
X (Twitter) (9)		6.10%	5
Website (10)		28.05%	23
TikTok (11)		30.49%	25
Other (please specify) (12)		2.44%	2
Total Respondents: 82			

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	13.00	5.00	5.72	3.25

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Bluesky	1/10/2025 9:12 AM
2	Snapchat	12/7/2024 6:18 PM

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

Answered: 83 Skipped: 25



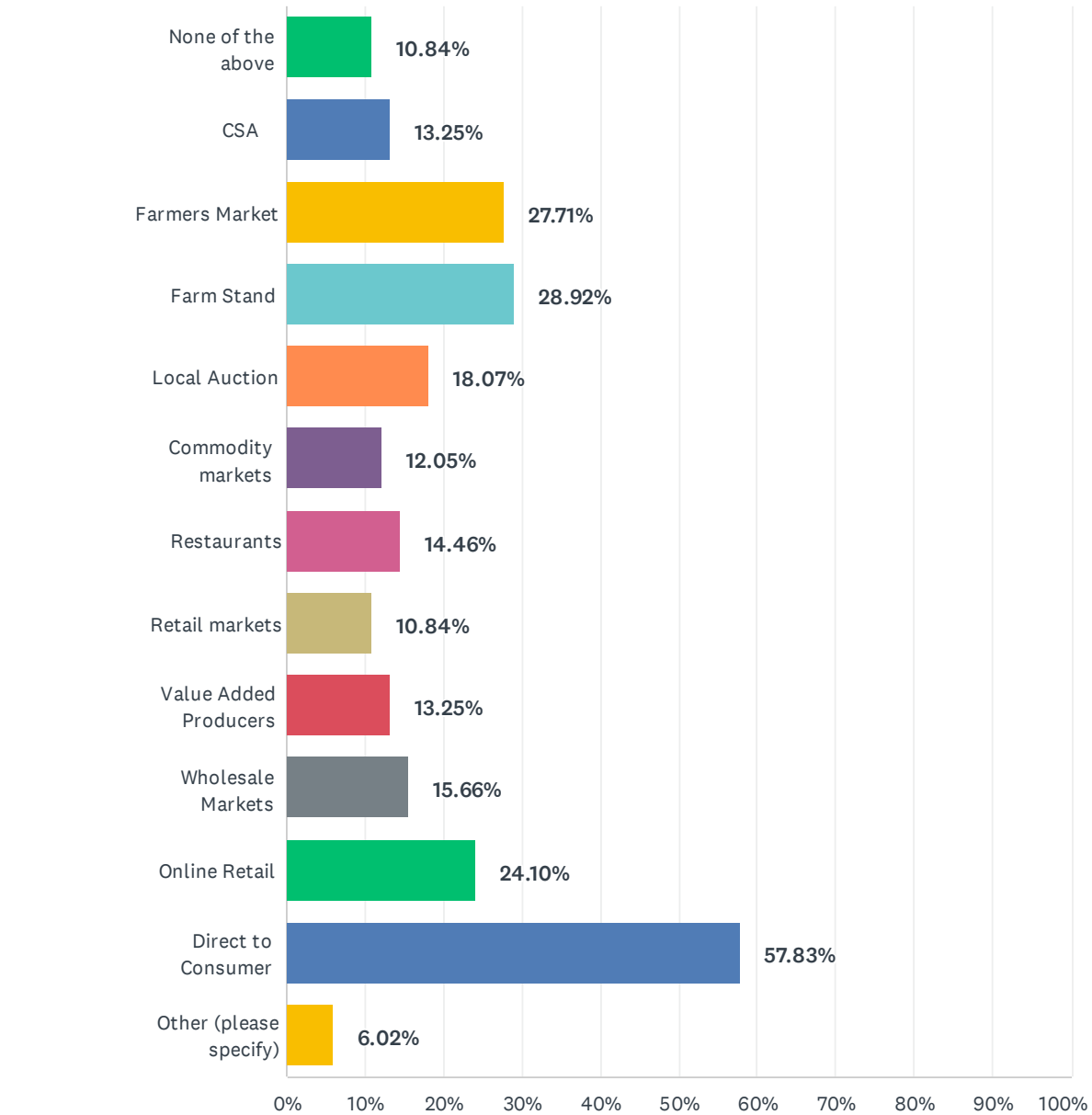
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
None of the above		16.87%	14
Daily (1)		30.12%	25
Weekly (2)		30.12%	25
Monthly (3)		6.02%	5
Seasonally (4)		15.66%	13
Other (please specify) (5)		1.20%	1
TOTAL			83

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	6.00	2.00	2.14	1.18

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Biweekly	6/11/2024 10:12 AM

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

Answered: 83 Skipped: 25



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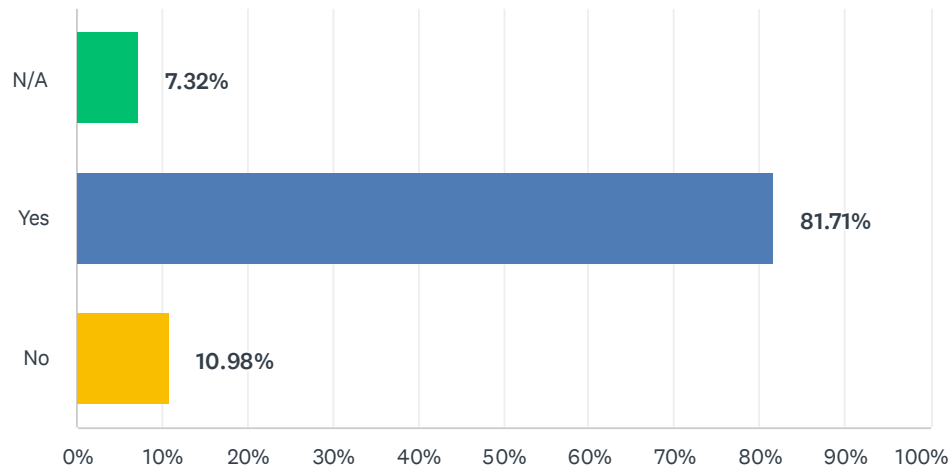
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	10.84%	9
CSA (1)	13.25%	11
Farmers Market (2)	27.71%	23
Farm Stand (3)	28.92%	24
Local Auction (4)	18.07%	15
Commodity markets (5)	12.05%	10
Restaurants (6)	14.46%	12
Retail markets (7)	10.84%	9
Value Added Producers (8)	13.25%	11
Wholesale Markets (9)	15.66%	13
Online Retail (10)	24.10%	20
Direct to Consumer (11)	57.83%	48
Other (please specify) (12)	6.02%	5
Total Respondents: 83		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 13.00	Median 7.00	Mean 6.83	Standard Deviation 3.68

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Word of mouth	12/7/2024 9:34 PM
2	Social media	11/28/2024 1:41 AM
3	Facebook	6/23/2024 9:03 PM
4	Farm to Institution	6/11/2024 8:47 PM
5	Pop-up annual sales	6/10/2024 5:42 PM

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

Answered: 82 Skipped: 26

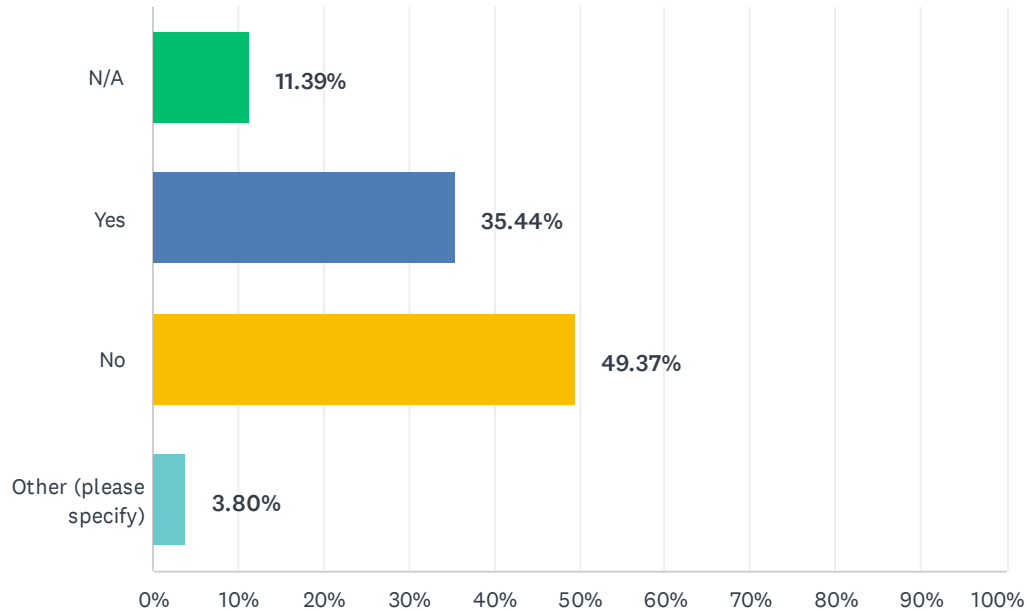


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
N/A		7.32%	6
Yes (1)		81.71%	67
No (2)		10.98%	9
TOTAL			82

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

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

Answered: 79 Skipped: 29



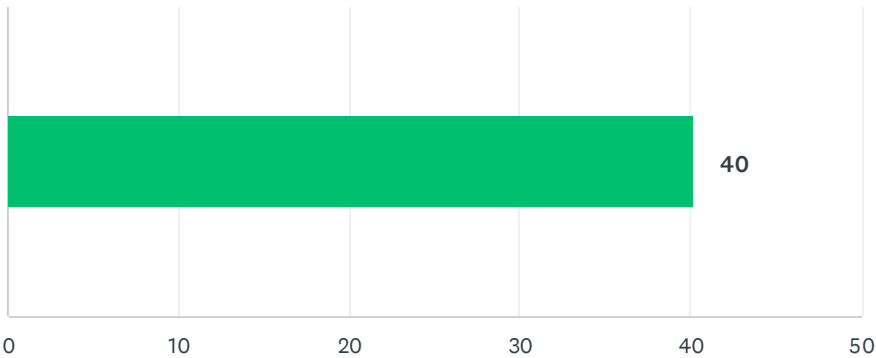
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A	11.39%	9
Yes (1)	35.44%	28
No (2)	49.37%	39
Other (please specify) (3)	3.80%	3
TOTAL		79

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	1.69	0.69

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I work for 4-H but my husband is a mechanic for the county so yes and no	12/7/2024 6:18 PM
2	nutrition related	6/24/2024 2:57 PM
3	Working on an Ag related masters	6/10/2024 9:56 PM

Q39 What percentage of your personal income is from agriculture?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 40



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	40	2,732	68
Total Respondents: 68			

BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
	0.00	100.00	25.50	40.18	36.52

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3	20	2/2/2025 6:37 PM
4	22	1/21/2025 6:40 PM
5	10	1/21/2025 1:29 PM
6	100	1/20/2025 8:18 PM
7	100	1/20/2025 2:50 PM
8	34	1/19/2025 11:11 PM
9	61	1/18/2025 4:37 AM
10	5	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
11	7	1/11/2025 4:45 PM
12	0	1/10/2025 9:12 AM
13	100	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
14	44	1/3/2025 4:59 PM
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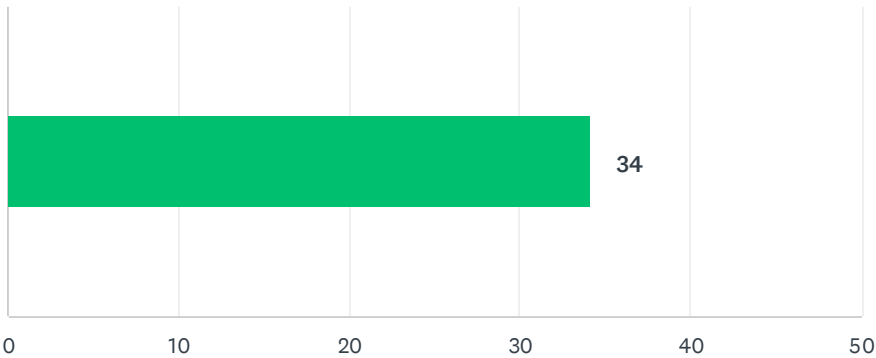
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66	5	6/10/2024 3:20 PM
67	25	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
68	100	6/4/2024 5:37 PM

Q40 What percentage of your household income is from agriculture?

Answered: 64 Skipped: 44



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	34	2,184	64
Total Respondents: 64			

BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
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6	50	1/20/2025 8:18 PM
7	25	1/20/2025 2:50 PM
8	4	1/19/2025 11:11 PM
9	75	1/18/2025 4:37 AM
10	5	1/12/2025 8:38 AM
11	7	1/11/2025 4:45 PM
12	0	1/10/2025 9:12 AM
13	50	1/7/2025 9:03 AM
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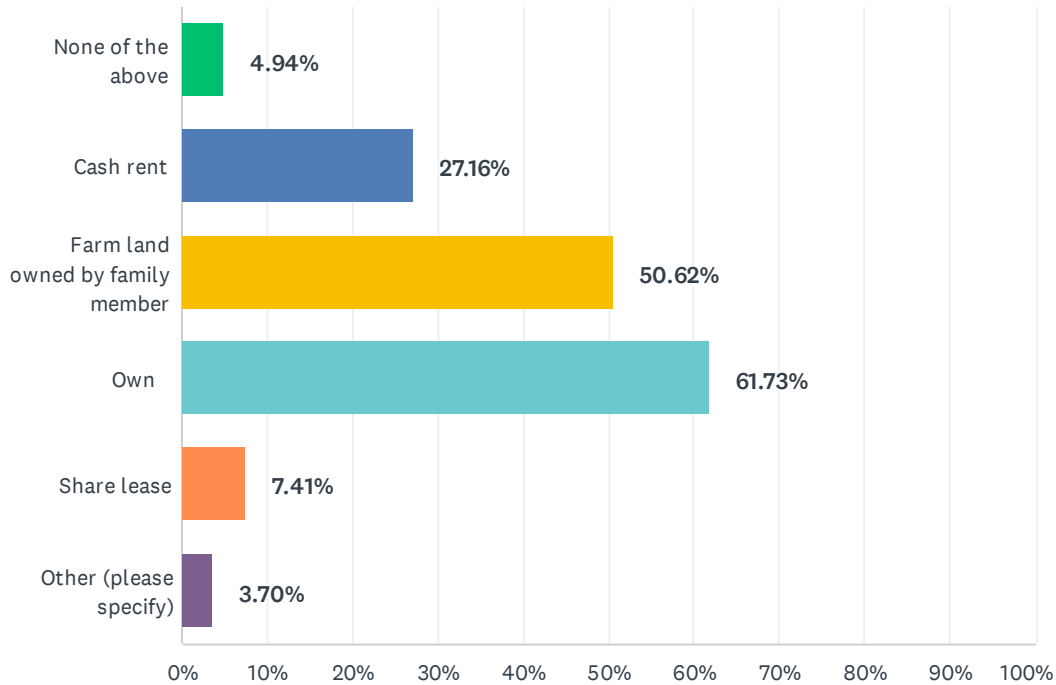
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26	55	12/12/2024 4:36 PM
27	63	12/10/2024 12:14 PM
28	100	12/9/2024 7:58 PM
29	26	12/9/2024 7:40 PM
30	20	12/6/2024 1:38 PM
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34	29	12/5/2024 10:32 AM
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36	0	12/2/2024 12:15 PM
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43	30	11/26/2024 9:19 AM
44	18	8/15/2024 6:35 AM
45	15	7/9/2024 9:48 AM
46	10	7/5/2024 11:58 AM
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Q41 In regards to land, do you: (Select all that apply)

Answered: 81 Skipped: 27



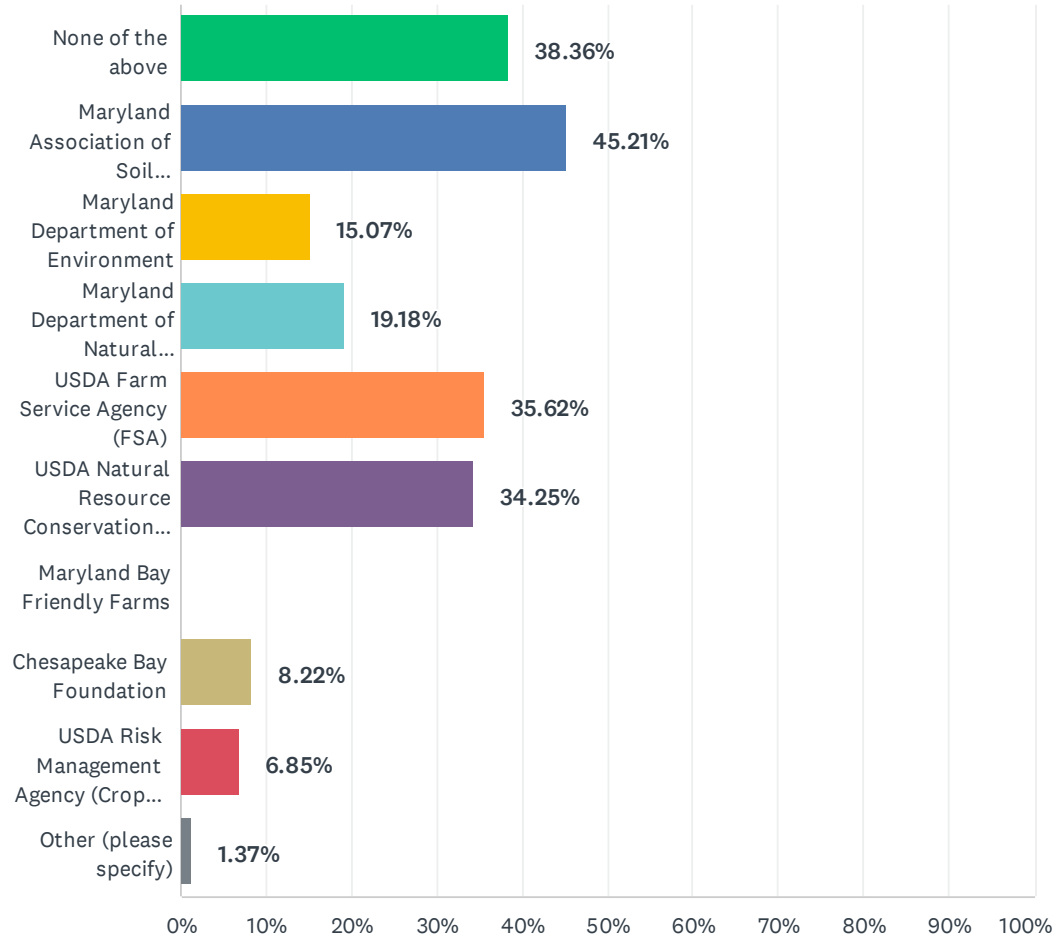
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	4.94%	4
Cash rent (1)	27.16%	22
Farm land owned by family member (2)	50.62%	41
Own (3)	61.73%	50
Share lease (4)	7.41%	6
Other (please specify) (5)	3.70%	3
Total Respondents: 81		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 6.00	Median 2.00	Mean 2.43	Standard Deviation 1.00

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Lease in exchange for odd jobs neighbor needs help with and snow removal	1/10/2025 9:12 AM
2	F	12/26/2024 7:37 PM
3	Some ground is cash rent other ground is take care of it	12/16/2024 10:41 AM

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

Answered: 73 Skipped: 35



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	38.36%	28
Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts (1)	45.21%	33
Maryland Department of Environment (2)	15.07%	11
Maryland Department of Natural Resources (3)	19.18%	14
USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) (4)	35.62%	26
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) (5)	34.25%	25
Maryland Bay Friendly Farms (6)	0.00%	0
Chesapeake Bay Foundation (7)	8.22%	6
USDA Risk Management Agency (Crop Insurance) (8)	6.85%	5
Other (please specify) (9)	1.37%	1
Total Respondents: 73		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Smadc	12/7/2024 9:34 PM

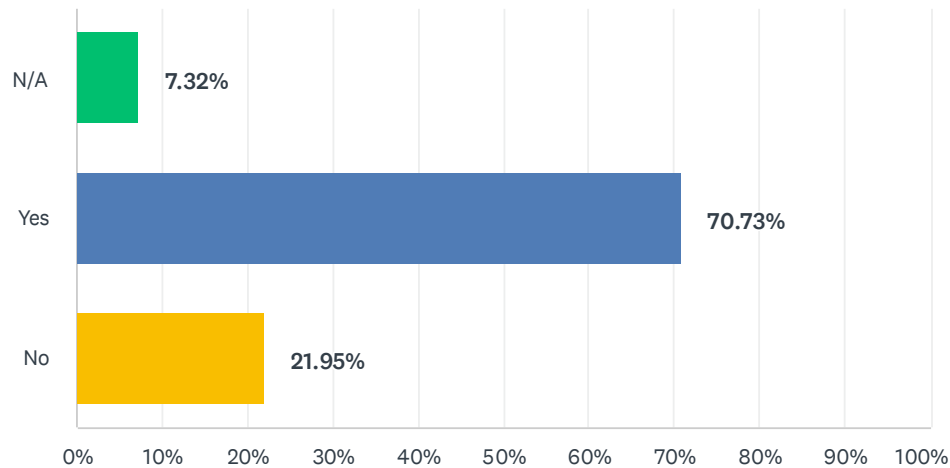
Q43 If you selected any of the programs in the last question, what is your interaction with each? (ex. NRCS Cost Share, RMA crop insurance, etc.)

Answered: 26 Skipped: 82

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Nrcs cost share and equip	3/7/2025 11:02 PM
2	Soil conservation practices	2/2/2025 6:37 PM
3	Nrcs high tunnel	1/29/2025 9:11 PM
4	NRCS cost-share and educational programs, MDA small farm programs	1/20/2025 2:50 PM
5	Farm plans	1/18/2025 4:37 AM
6	Seeking information	1/5/2025 2:27 PM
7	No till drill renting	1/3/2025 2:54 PM
8	NRCS coat share	12/26/2024 7:37 PM
9	Regulations, insurance, nutrient management	12/23/2024 2:05 PM
10	FSA. Report acres for programs NRCS. Cost share	12/12/2024 10:42 PM
11	Cover crops, crop insurance, gov programs	12/12/2024 4:36 PM
12	EQIP, CRP, disaster programs/insurance, cost share for conservation, nutrient management, education	12/9/2024 7:58 PM
13	Mentorship program	12/7/2024 9:34 PM
14	Hemp certification	12/6/2024 6:17 AM
15	Using there services	12/2/2024 9:17 PM
16	Paperwork, policy requirements	12/2/2024 12:15 PM
17	Loan, cost share	11/30/2024 5:27 PM
18	Question and do workshops for them	11/28/2024 10:49 PM
19	NRCS : equip FSA for farm number . Chesapeake bay foundation reimbursement grant	11/28/2024 5:48 PM
20	Rental equipment/ cost share	11/28/2024 1:41 AM
21	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
22	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
23	We have a farm soil conservation plan and have installed several BMPs.	6/11/2024 12:33 PM
24	Storm water inspections	6/10/2024 5:42 PM
25	Borrow equipment	6/10/2024 2:37 PM
26	Soil conservation districts	6/4/2024 5:37 PM

Q44 Do you use social media to promote your farm?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 26

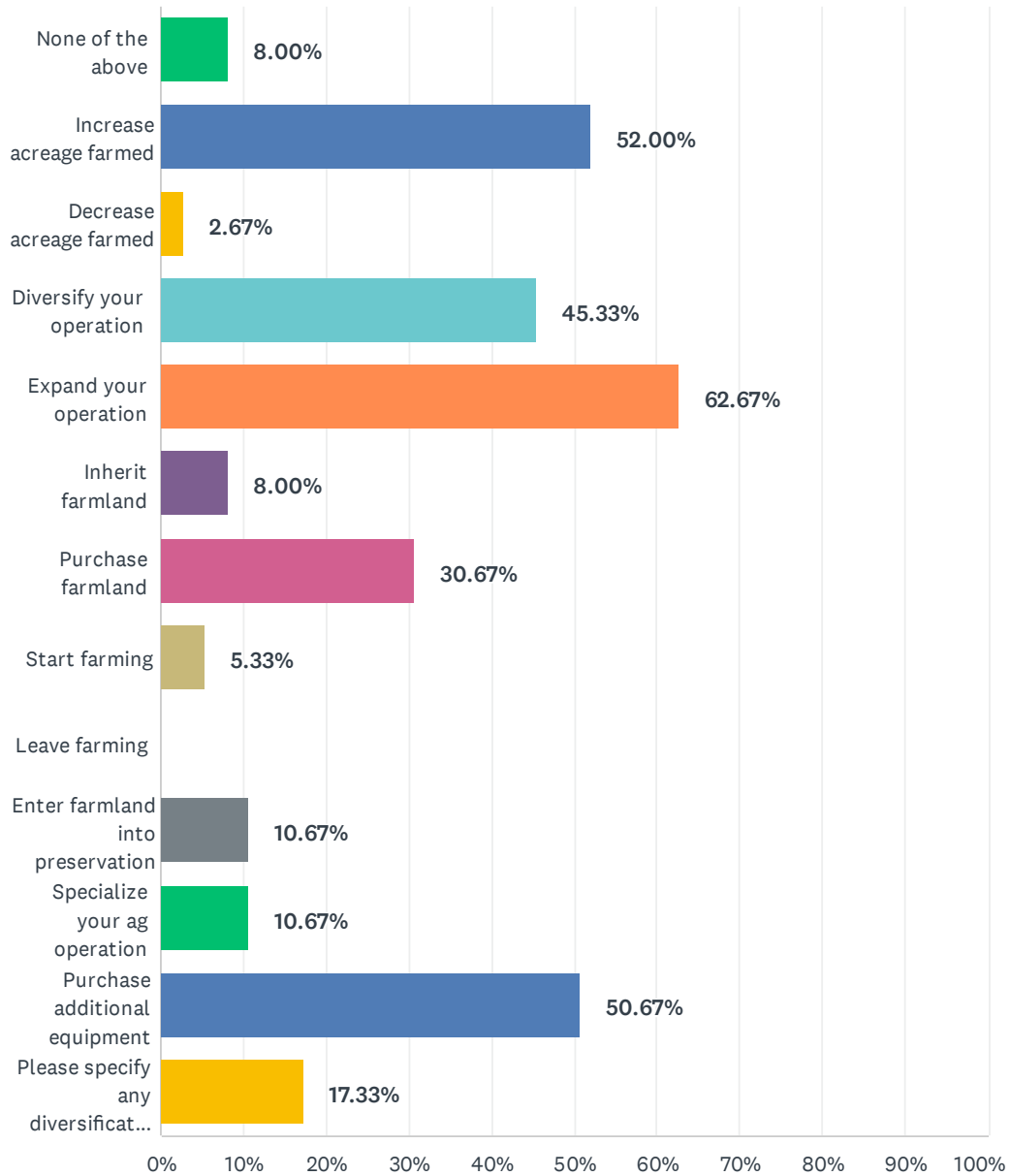


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
N/A		7.32%	6
Yes (1)		70.73%	58
No (2)		21.95%	18
TOTAL			82

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	1.00	1.24	0.43

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

Answered: 75 Skipped: 33



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	8.00%	6
Increase acreage farmed (1)	52.00%	39
Decrease acreage farmed (2)	2.67%	2
Diversify your operation (3)	45.33%	34
Expand your operation (4)	62.67%	47
Inherit farmland (5)	8.00%	6
Purchase farmland (6)	30.67%	23
Start farming (7)	5.33%	4
Leave farming (8)	0.00%	0
Enter farmland into preservation (9)	10.67%	8
Specialize your ag operation (10)	10.67%	8
Purchase additional equipment (11)	50.67%	38
Please specify any diversification, specialization, or expansion: (12)	17.33%	13
Total Respondents: 75		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 13.00	Median 4.00	Mean 5.71	Standard Deviation 3.84

#	PLEASE SPECIFY ANY DIVERSIFICATION, SPECIALIZATION, OR EXPANSION:	DATE
1	More small fruits, more acreage farmed	3/7/2025 11:07 PM
2	Need more ground to do better cover cropping and rotation. Currently funded by Healthy Soils Grant to do that.	1/20/2025 2:56 PM
3	Start apiary, expand orchard and berry patch	1/5/2025 2:30 PM
4	First season of planting for our farm. Christmas Trees, sun flowers, vegetables, fruit trees, eggs	12/28/2024 4:33 AM
5	Work for a government agency (USDA)	12/14/2024 4:32 PM
6	Learn and grow	12/7/2024 9:38 PM
7	Attempt to rent more ground for hay if it's not developed	12/1/2024 7:28 AM
8	Diversify livestock enterprises	7/9/2024 9:58 AM
9	contuse growing for restaurants and direct to consumer but then begin to host events related to wellness and nutrition	6/24/2024 2:59 PM
10	Expand agritourism	6/13/2024 7:04 AM
11	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
12	If I can buy we want to start a farm bed and breakfast and education program	6/10/2024 7:09 PM
13	Grow new plant species	6/10/2024 5:45 PM

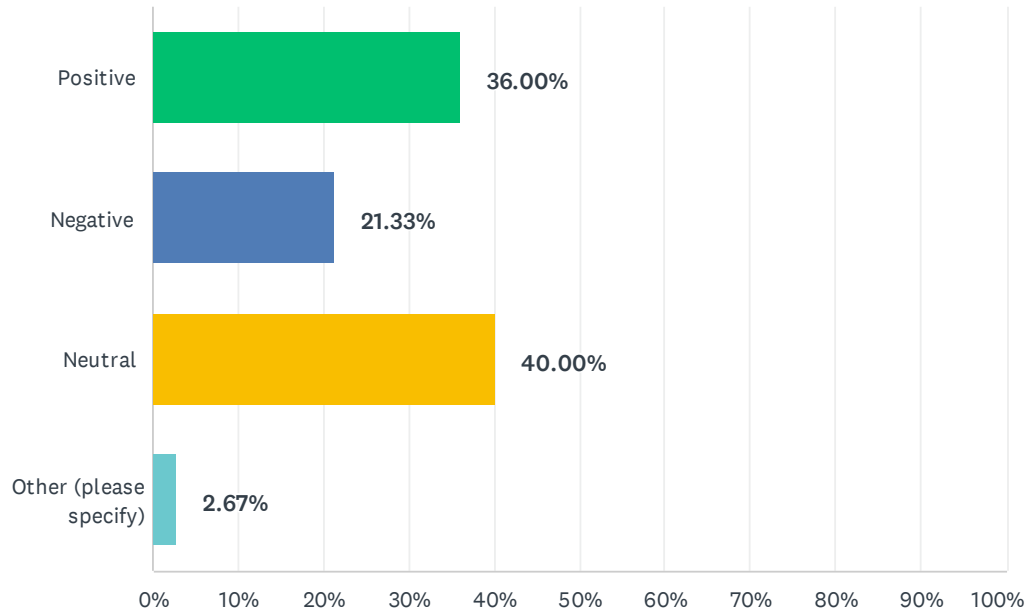
Q46 What programs have you utilized directed towards young farmer success? (i.e. MARBIDCO Next-Gen, etc.)

Answered: 20 Skipped: 88

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Non	1/21/2025 6:50 PM
2	I have two young children that Farm with me	1/18/2025 4:46 AM
3	Marbidco	1/12/2025 8:40 AM
4	Next gen	1/7/2025 9:00 PM
5	Na	1/3/2025 5:01 PM
6	None	1/3/2025 3:15 PM
7	UMD online farmer training course	12/28/2024 4:33 AM
8	None	12/23/2024 2:11 PM
9	None	12/19/2024 9:41 AM
10	None	12/17/2024 7:23 PM
11	FFA	12/14/2024 4:32 PM
12	Smash mentorship	12/7/2024 9:38 PM
13	Marbidco cold storage grants	12/5/2024 11:47 AM
14	Ume	12/2/2024 12:21 PM
15	FSA	11/30/2024 5:31 PM
16	None	11/28/2024 5:51 PM
17	zero	6/24/2024 2:45 PM
18	Marbidco down payment assistance program	6/23/2024 8:26 PM
19	SMADC mini-grants	6/10/2024 7:09 PM
20	None at this time	6/10/2024 5:45 PM

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

Answered: 75 Skipped: 33



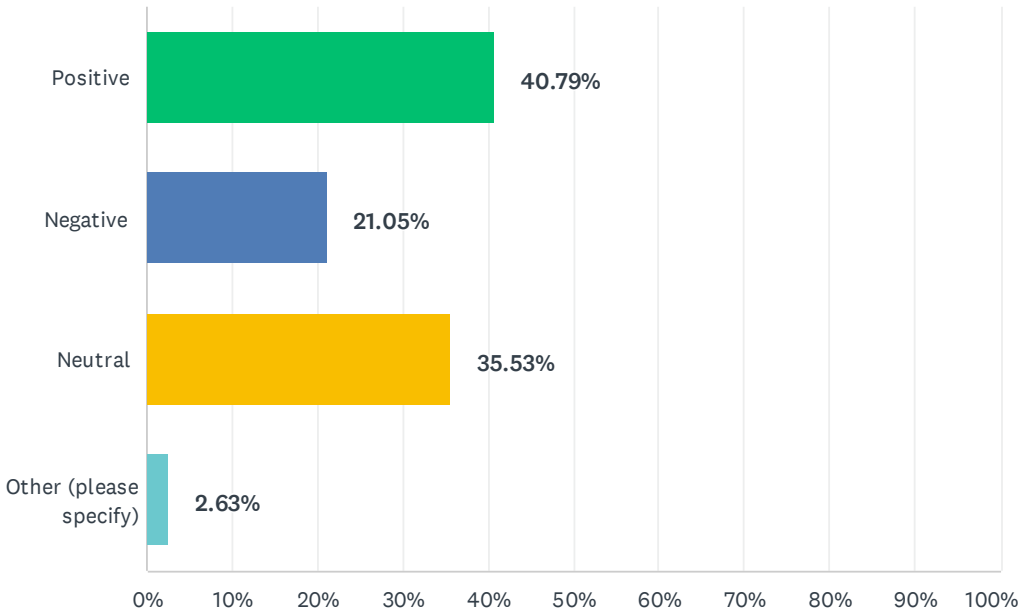
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Positive (1)	36.00%	27
Negative (2)	21.33%	16
Neutral (3)	40.00%	30
Other (please specify) (4)	2.67%	2
TOTAL		75

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	2.09	0.93

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Uneducated. They don't know what to think unless it is read on social media	12/7/2024 6:22 PM
2	Generally Neutral until it smells like a farm or is inconvenient to them such as equipment traveling on the road and a slow pace.	12/1/2024 7:28 AM

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

Answered: 76 Skipped: 32



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Positive (1)		40.79% 31
Negative (2)		21.05% 16
Neutral (3)		35.53% 27
Other (please specify) (4)		2.63% 2
TOTAL		76

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	0.93

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	T	12/26/2024 7:39 PM
2	Same as above	12/7/2024 6:22 PM

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

Answered: 38 Skipped: 70

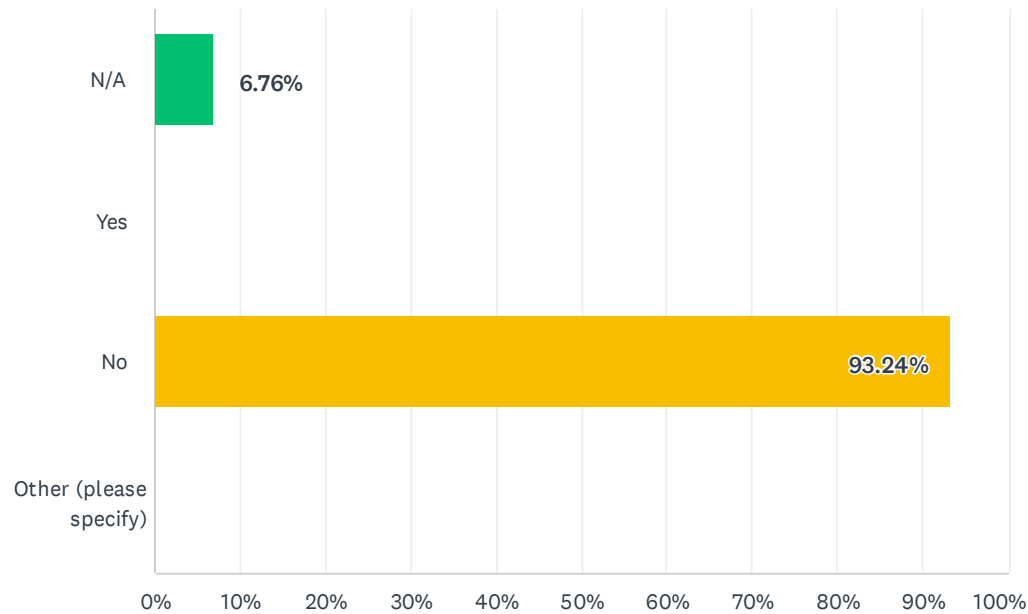
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Get more grade school and college students exposed to farming	3/7/2025 11:07 PM
2	Help more small time farmers with smaller acreage	1/29/2025 9:15 PM
3	Help farmers in urban areas obtain land	1/21/2025 6:50 PM
4	More education, not only to elementary schools. More promotion of what agricultural is and it's economic impact in the state.	1/21/2025 1:33 PM
5	Continue to promote	1/20/2025 8:20 PM
6	Support agriculture more and show the public It's necessary and worth the time/ cost.	1/19/2025 11:14 PM
7	Go out to farmers and see what it's like from there point of view	1/18/2025 4:46 AM
8	Provide more Aid to farmer's to assist in farm building restorations (i.e. Historic Barns) like Pennsylvania does for its farmers.	1/11/2025 4:50 PM
9	Good question, haven't a clue	1/10/2025 9:17 AM
10	Better more diverse outreach.	1/7/2025 9:06 AM
11	Support saving farm land and small farm towns	1/3/2025 3:15 PM
12	Less red tape, regulation and reporting requirements Stop putting unnecessary burdens on farmers just to provide statistics and data to Annapolis	12/30/2024 2:55 AM
13	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
14	Promote all the things farmers do to better the environment and benefit the Chesapeake bay	12/20/2024 2:46 PM
15	Help us make a living wage.	12/19/2024 6:35 PM
16	Get more involved with the youth in the local area	12/19/2024 9:41 AM
17	Put facts on agricultural commodities.	12/14/2024 4:32 PM
18	Keep promoting	12/12/2024 4:38 PM
19	Ads	12/10/2024 12:16 PM
20	Promote local buying from farmers	12/9/2024 7:44 PM
21	No farms, no food, farmers work hard and provide for their communities	12/7/2024 9:38 PM
22	More education of the average Joe in MD.	12/7/2024 6:22 PM
23	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
24	Not sure	12/2/2024 9:25 PM
25	Make it more accessible	12/2/2024 12:21 PM
26	Teach people where the food comes from. Also show how farmers generally care about the environment, we are not dumping pesticides and chemicals into our crops or the land unnecessarily.	12/1/2024 7:28 AM

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27	Teach people where food comes from!	11/28/2024 5:51 PM
28	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
29	Teach people that farming isn't the grocery store and animals won't always smell like roses.	11/26/2024 9:21 AM
30	Stop giving into Environmental interests, continue to fight and not give an inch No room for compromise.	6/24/2024 2:45 PM
31	Share the positives farmer do to protect the land	6/23/2024 8:26 PM
32	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
33	Education, promote, and advertising	6/12/2024 6:33 PM
34	Keep beefing up the Maryland's Best program and others like it.	6/11/2024 1:03 PM
35	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
36	Farmer personal stories and food safety transparency	6/10/2024 10:00 PM
37	More hands on with school aged kids.	6/10/2024 3:24 PM
38	push right to farm laws and defend farmers in frivolous lawsuits	6/10/2024 2:40 PM

Q50 Do you sell carbon credits?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 34



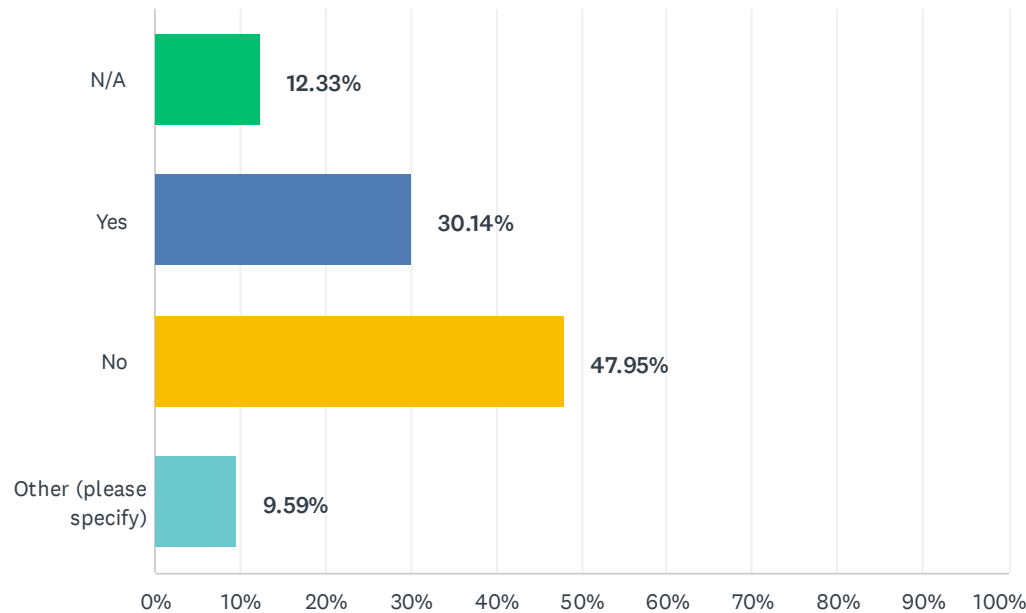
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
N/A		6.76%	5
Yes (1)		0.00%	0
No (2)		93.24%	69
Other (please specify) (3)		0.00%	0
TOTAL			74

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00

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

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

Answered: 73 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A	12.33%	9
Yes (1)	30.14%	22
No (2)	47.95%	35
Other (please specify) (3)	9.59%	7
TOTAL		73

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	4.00	2.00	1.88	0.88

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Don't no what it is	1/18/2025 4:46 AM
2	I would need more information	1/3/2025 3:15 PM
3	I don't know	12/19/2024 9:41 AM
4	Maybe	12/2/2024 9:25 PM
5	Maybe	11/28/2024 5:51 PM
6	not too familiar with what it is	6/24/2024 2:59 PM
7	Do not understand this	6/24/2024 2:45 PM

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

Answered: 40 Skipped: 68

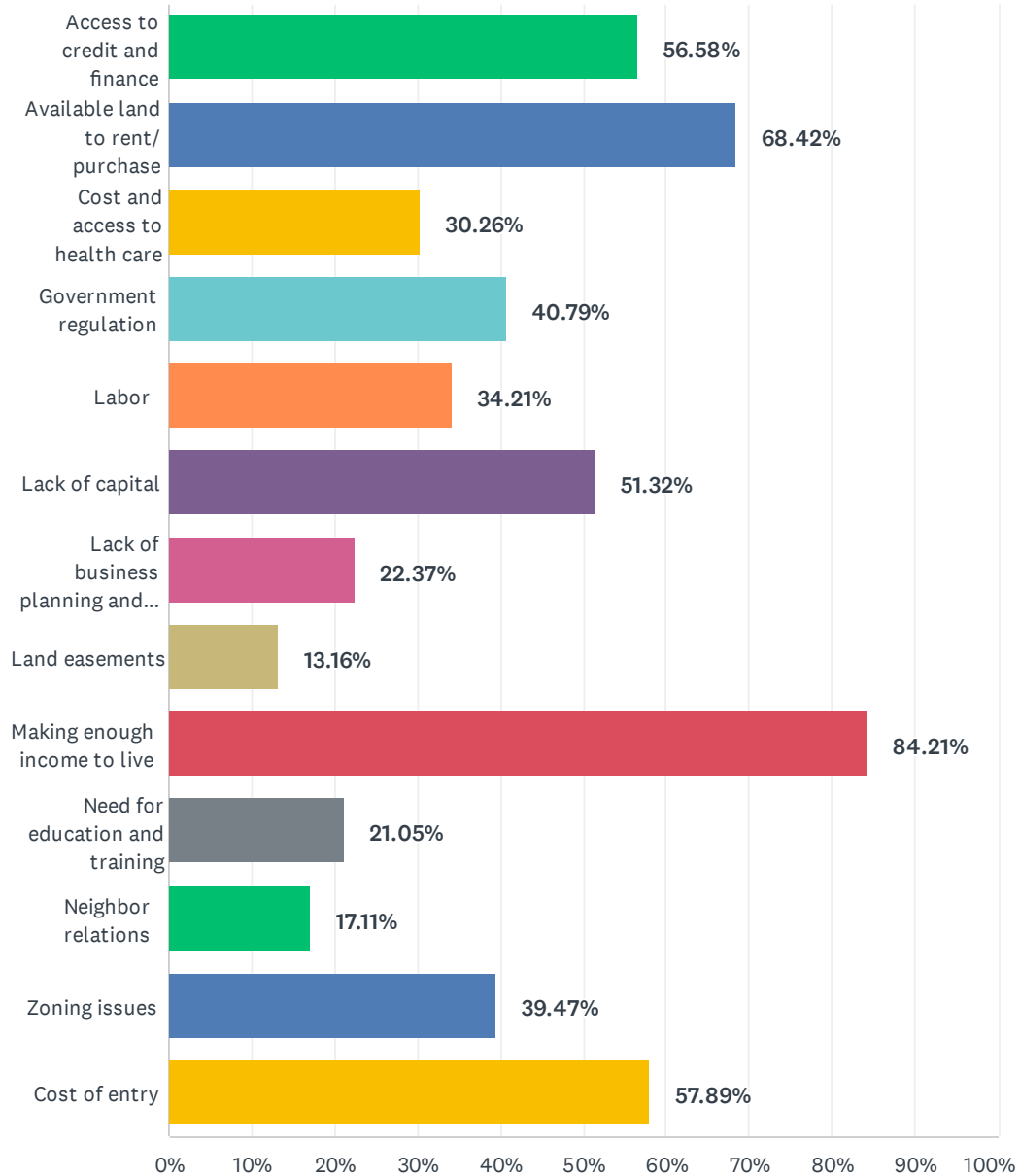
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Start up classes and aid	1/29/2025 9:15 PM
2	Marketing and business development	1/21/2025 6:50 PM
3	Down payment assistance program for young farmers wanting to buy farm land.	1/21/2025 1:33 PM
4	Purchasing of land for those of us that can't afford more land	1/20/2025 8:20 PM
5	Work with legislators and DNR to prioritize long-term leases on state owned lands, with options for farmers to invest in needed infrastructure with financial support	1/20/2025 2:56 PM
6	Not sure	1/19/2025 11:14 PM
7	Any and all	1/18/2025 4:46 AM
8	Crop Damage Aid, Historic Building Restoration for Barns and other farm buildings like Pennsylvania does for its farmers.	1/11/2025 4:50 PM
9	The ability to to perches land	1/7/2025 9:00 PM
10	Easier access to capital and grant programs.	1/7/2025 9:06 AM
11	Education, grants, internet/fellowship, school credit (including elementary and high school)	1/5/2025 2:30 PM
12	I don't know	1/3/2025 3:15 PM
13	Eliminate reporting and regulatory requirements	12/30/2024 2:55 AM
14	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
15	Small loans or grants to help us grow!	12/19/2024 9:41 AM
16	Grants to help raise animals for FFA members.	12/14/2024 4:32 PM
17	Better interest rates/loans.	12/12/2024 4:38 PM
18	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
19	Help farmers with expanding operations with drying ability or storage of grain.	12/9/2024 7:44 PM
20	Young farmers regardless of income or race grants	12/7/2024 9:38 PM
21	Scholarship Program; Hands on Training; Internships	12/5/2024 10:13 AM
22	A new loan program to buy already preserved farms for young farmers.	12/2/2024 9:25 PM
23	Resources, basic accounting/business knowledge, legal advice specific to farming and products, round table and mentoring opportunities, databases for similar farms/products with pricing, checklists for new farmers on policies and laws, health department and Md state health alliances to reduce the number of misinformation.	12/2/2024 12:21 PM
24	Tax credits. There needs to be a financial incentive to help young farmers get into the industry.	12/1/2024 7:28 AM
25	Lower the prices of some licenses and permits. Offer low cost or free training seminars that will satisfy USDA loan requirements.	11/30/2024 5:31 PM
26	Need to make getting loans easier on us to be able to preserve the farm land	11/28/2024 1:47 AM

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27	Lower Property Taxes	11/26/2024 9:21 AM
28	Assist "young" farmers not "beginning" farmers that are retired	8/15/2024 6:37 AM
29	Increase in State organized educational opportunities for young farmers specifically. Bring the young farmers together to engage in networking and conversation.	7/9/2024 9:58 AM
30	More collaboration	7/5/2024 12:00 PM
31	a support group	6/24/2024 2:59 PM
32	I honestly would not recomend to any yourng 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
33	Make Farm land more affordable	6/23/2024 9:06 PM
34	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
35	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
36	Assistance in grant writing and applying for grants.	6/11/2024 1:03 PM
37	Help purchasing land	6/10/2024 7:09 PM
38	More assistance to urban farmers. More assistance for nursery, greenhouse & horticulture growers	6/10/2024 5:45 PM
39	More grant opportunities and a value added kitchen.	6/10/2024 2:40 PM
40	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: 76 Skipped: 32



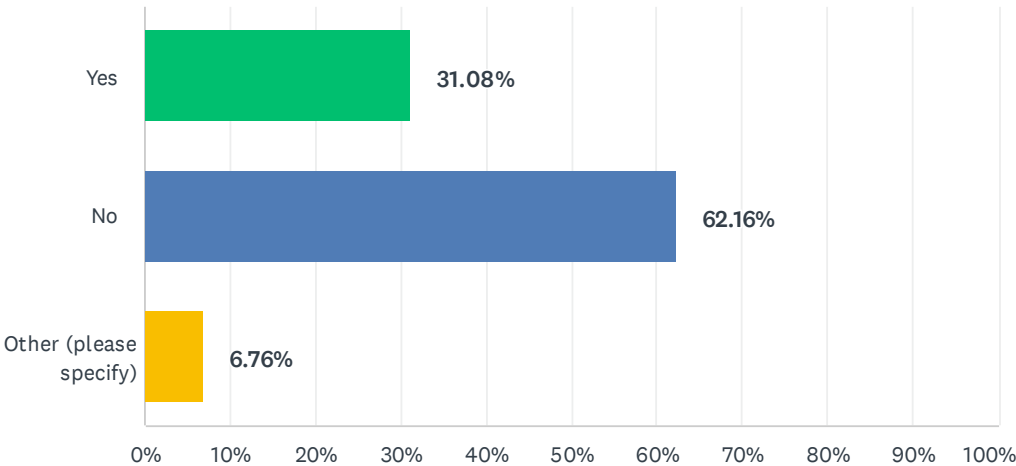
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Access to credit and finance (1)		56.58%	43
Available land to rent/ purchase (2)		68.42%	52
Cost and access to health care (3)		30.26%	23
Government regulation (4)		40.79%	31
Labor (5)		34.21%	26
Lack of capital (6)		51.32%	39
Lack of business planning and marketing trainings (7)		22.37%	17
Land easements (8)		13.16%	10
Making enough income to live (9)		84.21%	64
Need for education and training (10)		21.05%	16
Neighbor relations (11)		17.11%	13
Zoning issues (12)		39.47%	30
Cost of entry (13)		57.89%	44
Total Respondents: 76			

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 13.00	Median 6.00	Mean 6.65	Standard Deviation 4.00

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

Answered: 74 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (1)	31.08%	23
No (2)	62.16%	46
Other (please specify) (3)	6.76%	5
TOTAL		74

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	3.00	2.00	1.76	0.56

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Plan to apply	1/5/2025 2:30 PM
2	I haven't seen many grants for grain farming	12/9/2024 7:44 PM
3	I havent yet	11/28/2024 1:47 AM
4	I will but haven't yet	6/24/2024 2:59 PM
5	Not yet, many do not apply to nursery, greenhouse or horticulture	6/10/2024 5:45 PM

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

Answered: 23 Skipped: 85

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Still applying	3/7/2025 11:07 PM
2	SMADC mini grant	1/20/2025 8:20 PM
3	new MDA small farm programs are great. EQIP is great.	1/20/2025 2:56 PM
4	None so far	1/19/2025 11:14 PM
5	Marbidco	1/12/2025 8:40 AM
6	None	1/11/2025 4:50 PM
7	We have never received a grant	1/7/2025 9:06 AM
8	Cover crop	12/23/2024 2:11 PM
9	Helping build more housing for my live stock	12/19/2024 9:41 AM
10	Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau.	12/14/2024 4:32 PM
11	Grade stabilization, nracs buildings	12/12/2024 4:38 PM
12	Grants over 10k that do not operate on a reimbursable basis	12/9/2024 8:09 PM
13	Haven't had any given yet	12/7/2024 9:38 PM
14	SMADC	12/2/2024 12:21 PM
15	Marbico, The Livestock Conservatory	11/30/2024 5:31 PM
16	Grants need to be more visual to learn about	8/15/2024 6:37 AM
17	Maryland Healthy Soils, NRCS Cost-Share	7/9/2024 9:58 AM
18	NRCS cost share, MARBIDCO, SMADC	7/5/2024 12:00 PM
19	MACS funding and EQIP funding	6/23/2024 8:26 PM
20	USDA & RMPDIFF for the ag day job, MARBIDCO for the home farm.	6/11/2024 1:03 PM
21	I have not gotten any.	6/11/2024 10:19 AM
22	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
23	mini grants from SMADC	6/10/2024 2:40 PM

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

Answered: 42 Skipped: 66

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Stop cutting funding for grants and cost share programs	3/7/2025 11:07 PM
2	Ease regulations, understand the need for flexibility, prioritize and invest in Maryland farms and farm products.	2/2/2025 6:40 PM
3	Help small time farmers like me. I don't apply for grants because I don't qualify for most or cant match	1/29/2025 9:15 PM
4	I would ask them to loosen the restrictions on local code enforcements allowing young farmers to keep livestock in certain counties throughout Maryland	1/21/2025 6:50 PM
5	Help with purchasing of land so I can farm it and it not be developed	1/20/2025 8:20 PM
6	make DNR sign actual leases with farmers that allow for infrastructure investment on state land.	1/20/2025 2:56 PM
7	Not sure yet	1/19/2025 11:14 PM
8	To help the young farmers in any and every way they r the future	1/18/2025 4:46 AM
9	Provide more aid for wildlife Crop Damage due to Maryland's Overdevelopment Crisis, Provide aid in the restoration of Historic Farm Buildings (i.e. Barns) like Pennsylvania has already done for its farmers. Give tax breaks to young farmers or some form of tax credit.	1/11/2025 4:50 PM
10	Allow raw milk sales for human consumption	1/10/2025 9:17 AM
11	Stop solar, empower the farmer and next gen through more Equitable Access to capital and grant programs	1/7/2025 9:06 AM
12	Incentivize local	1/5/2025 2:30 PM
13	I would ask for help protection active farms from being developed and stop allowing farms to be turned into solar farms.	1/3/2025 3:15 PM
14	Eliminate NNP and PSI reporting this is all unnecessary just fluff to make MDA look important to Annapolis. Farmers are NOT the problem development and growth is	12/30/2024 2:55 AM
15	Develop a marbidco program for buying already preserved farms.	12/23/2024 2:11 PM
16	Promote it!	12/20/2024 11:07 AM
17	To assist with government zoning/planning issues	12/17/2024 7:23 PM
18	Help more FFA members.	12/14/2024 4:32 PM
19	Promoting to keep farms preserved	12/12/2024 4:38 PM
20	Inheritance taxes	12/10/2024 12:16 PM
21	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
22	Need help with local grain mill shutting down. With that farmers need the ability to dry and store grain now because of that.	12/9/2024 7:44 PM
23	Recognize how valuable it is. Protect your farmers	12/7/2024 9:38 PM
24	Just to listen to the farming community. It may be small but an industry that feeds you is	12/7/2024 6:22 PM

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	certainly one worth fighting for.	
25	Protect us, because without farmers you don't eat	12/6/2024 1:44 PM
26	Stop unnecessary regulations and laws	12/2/2024 9:25 PM
27	Make it more accessible and promote on a state level with initiatives to get folks into buying direct from the farm. Specifically programs and celebratory announcements of apple season here are all the Apple farms in Md (just an example but would love to provide more initiatives to help)	12/2/2024 12:21 PM
28	Slow down on the development of farm land. Less regulation on farmers.	12/1/2024 7:28 AM
29	Provide better zoning requirements for urban farmers	11/28/2024 5:51 PM
30	Make getting grants easier for everyone not just a specific group of people.	11/28/2024 1:47 AM
31	Stop building houses and forcing farmers out.	11/26/2024 9:21 AM
32	Move the needle on soil health focused agriculture and push industry to follow suite	7/9/2024 9:58 AM
33	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
34	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
35	Lower taxes!	6/13/2024 7:04 AM
36	Overview permitting and regulatory issues	6/11/2024 1:03 PM
37	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
38	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
39	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
40	I would thank them for the work they are currently doing.	6/10/2024 5:45 PM
41	Save more ag land instead of turning it into solar farms	6/10/2024 3:24 PM
42	Right to farm laws	6/10/2024 2:40 PM

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

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	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
2	Thank you!	1/19/2025 11:14 PM
3	Help lower costs of seed	1/18/2025 4:46 AM
4	The extension program was not helpful the one and only time I emailed them. The folks at the soil conservation district were fabulous when I needed help.	1/10/2025 9:17 AM
5	Too much government regulation in farming	12/30/2024 2:55 AM
6	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
7	Would love to be apart of the movement to increase viability into making agriculture a top priority for Maryland.	12/2/2024 12:21 PM
8	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
9	MD is not a farm friendly state	6/24/2024 2:45 PM
10	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
11	This is a great survey!!	6/4/2024 5:38 PM