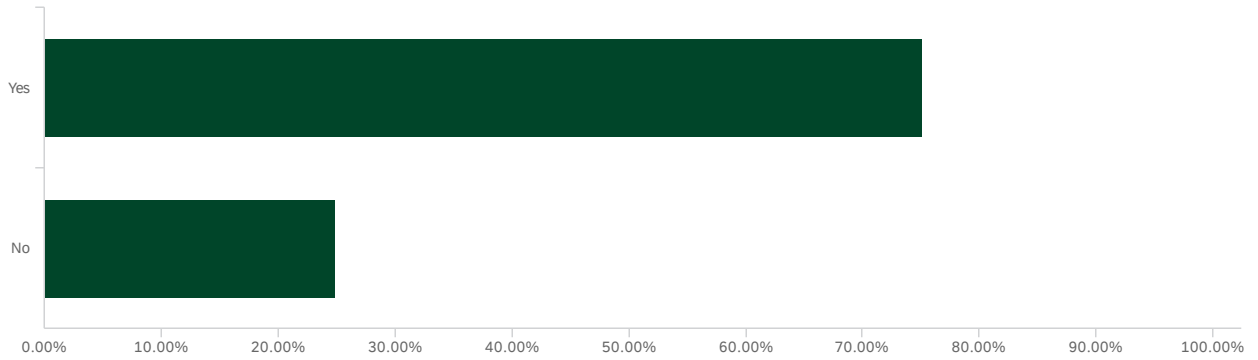


Default Report

Farmer Rancher Policy Sentiment Survey

April 27, 2026 8:27 AM CDT

D1 - Is farming your primary source of income?



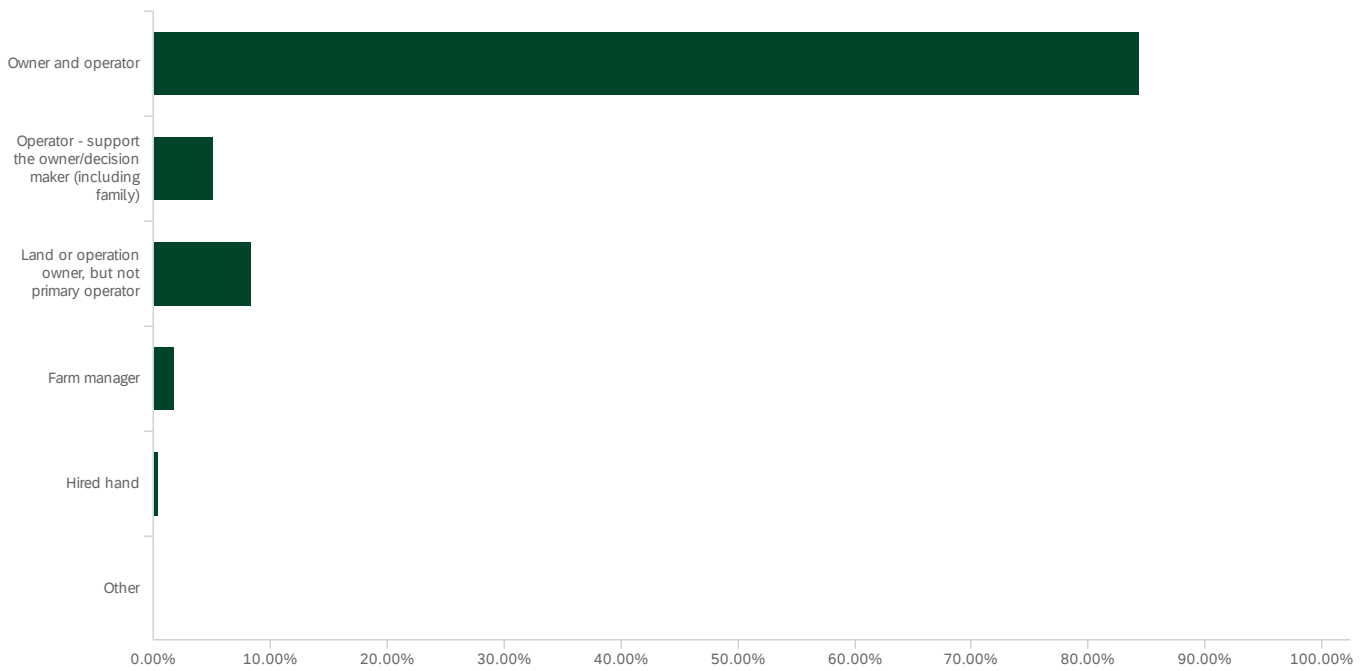
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Is farming your primary source of income?	1.00	2.00	1.25	0.43	0.19	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	Yes	75.15%
2	No	24.85%

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D2 - Which of the following best describes your role within your operation?

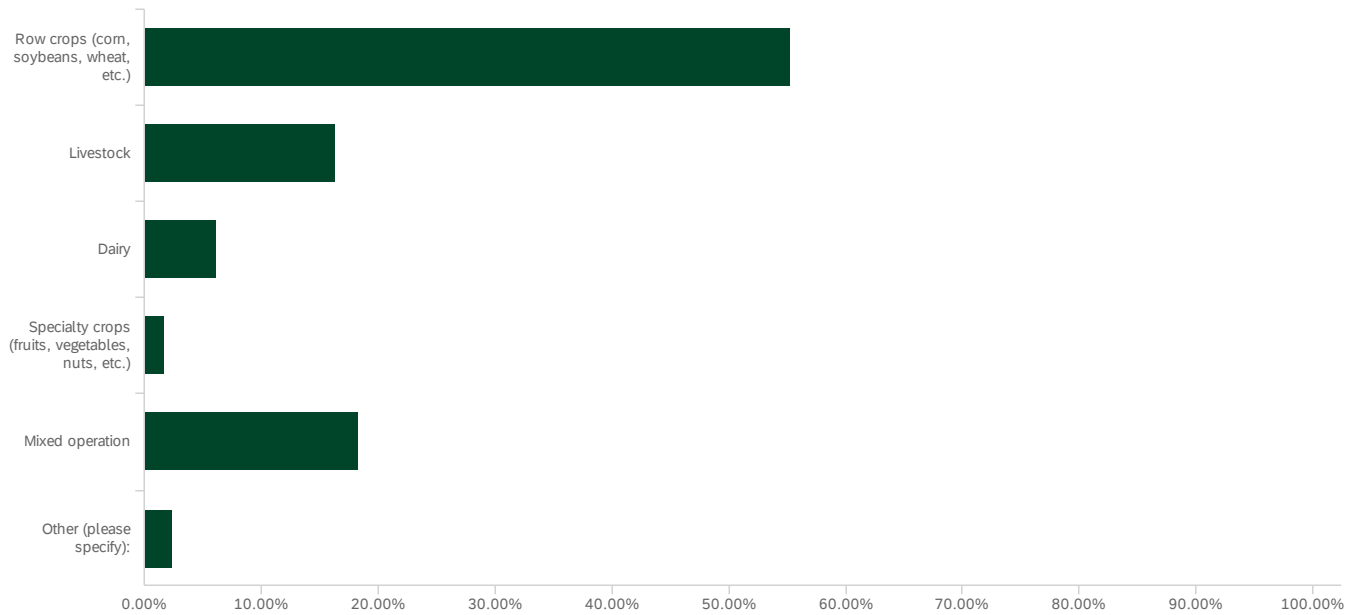


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Which of the following best describes your role within your operation?	1.00	5.00	1.29	0.72	0.52	974

#	Field	Choice	Count
1	Owner and operator	84%	822
2	Operator - support the owner/decision maker (including family)	5%	50
3	Land or operation owner, but not primary operator	8%	81
4	Farm manager	2%	17
5	Hired hand	0%	4
6	Other	0%	0

974

D3 - Which best describes your farm operation?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Which best describes your farm operation? - Selected Choice	1.00	6.00	2.18	1.63	2.67	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	Row crops (corn, soybeans, wheat, etc.)	55.24%
2	Livestock	16.32%
3	Dairy	6.16%
4	Specialty crops (fruits, vegetables, nuts, etc.)	1.64%
5	Mixed operation	18.28%
6	Other (please specify):	2.36%

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D3_6_TEXT - Other (please specify):

Other (please specify):

Rice

Turkeys, Livestock & Hay

conservation

sweet corn

Almonds

Hay

all of the above

Hay and forage

Kentucky bluegrass

Hay forage and pastures

Alfalfa, Timothy, corn, carrot seed

hay production

Hay

Hay

CRP

rent pasture

seed corn

Hay

Northern grasses

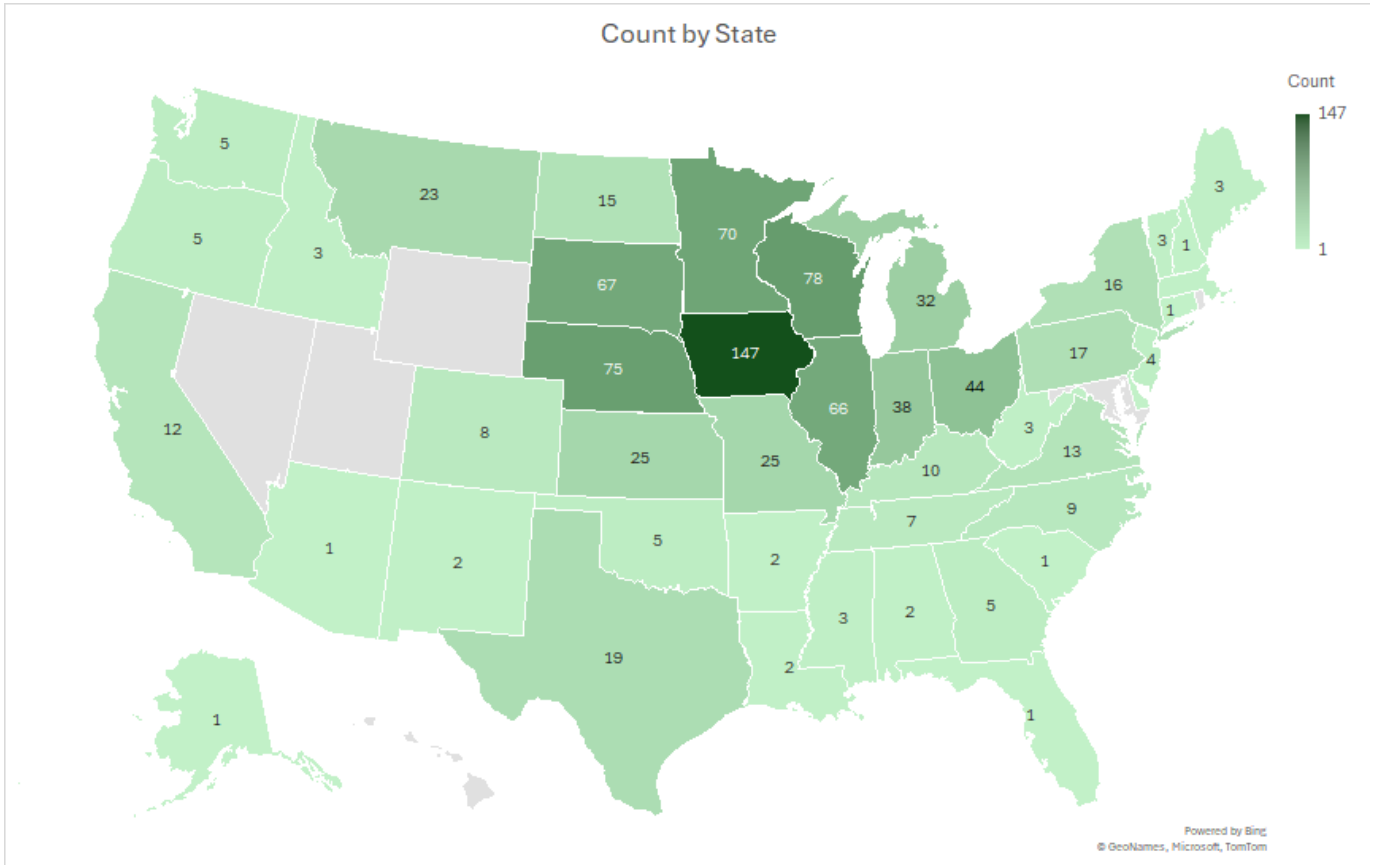
Sweetcorn snap beans

Alfalfa

Hay

Conservation

D4 - What state is your primary farm operation located in?



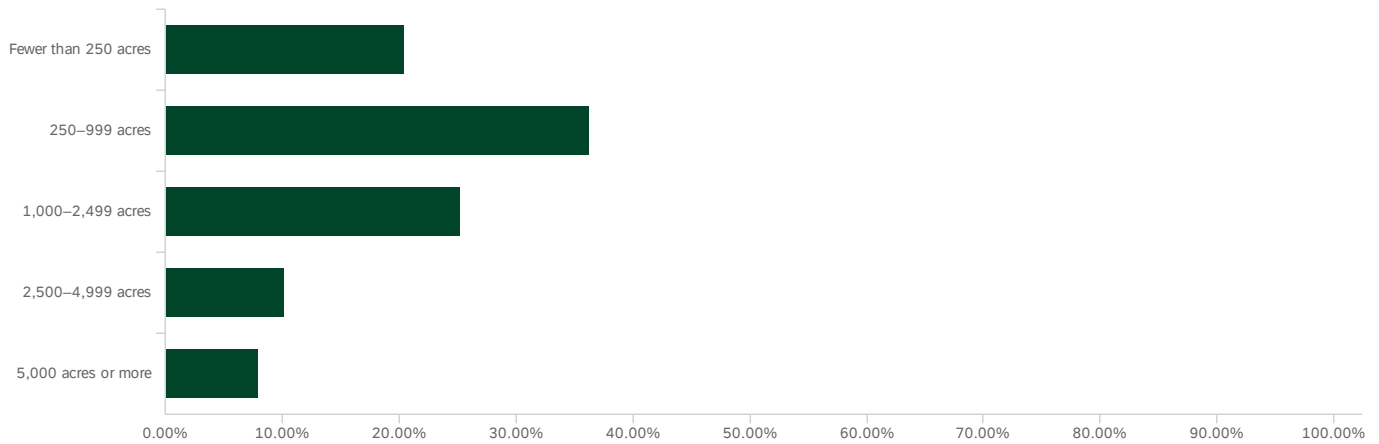
#	Field	Percentage
1	Alabama	0.21%
2	Alaska	0.10%
3	Arizona	0.10%
4	Arkansas	0.21%
5	California	1.64%
6	Colorado	1.13%
7	Connecticut	0.10%
8	Delaware	0.10%
9	District of Columbia	0.00%
10	Florida	0.10%
11	Georgia	0.72%
12	Hawaii	0.00%
13	Idaho	0.31%
14	Illinois	8.42%
15	Indiana	4.11%
16	Iowa	16.43%
17	Kansas	2.98%
18	Kentucky	1.23%
19	Louisiana	0.21%
20	Maine	0.31%

#	Field	Percentage
21	Maryland	0.00%
22	Massachusetts	0.21%
23	Michigan	3.70%
24	Minnesota	8.62%
25	Mississippi	0.41%
26	Missouri	3.18%
27	Montana	3.08%
28	Nebraska	6.47%
29	Nevada	0.00%
30	New Hampshire	0.10%
31	New Jersey	0.41%
32	New Mexico	0.21%
33	New York	2.36%
34	North Carolina	1.03%
35	North Dakota	2.16%
36	Ohio	5.03%
37	Oklahoma	0.82%
38	Oregon	0.51%
39	Pennsylvania	2.67%
40	Rhode Island	0.00%
41	South Carolina	0.10%
42	South Dakota	6.57%
43	Tennessee	1.03%
44	Texas	2.57%
45	Utah	0.00%
46	Vermont	0.31%
47	Virginia	1.64%
48	Washington	0.62%
49	West Virginia	0.31%

#	Field	Percentage
50	Wisconsin	7.49%
51	Wyoming	0.00%
52	Other	0.00%
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D5 - Approximately how many acres do you farm?

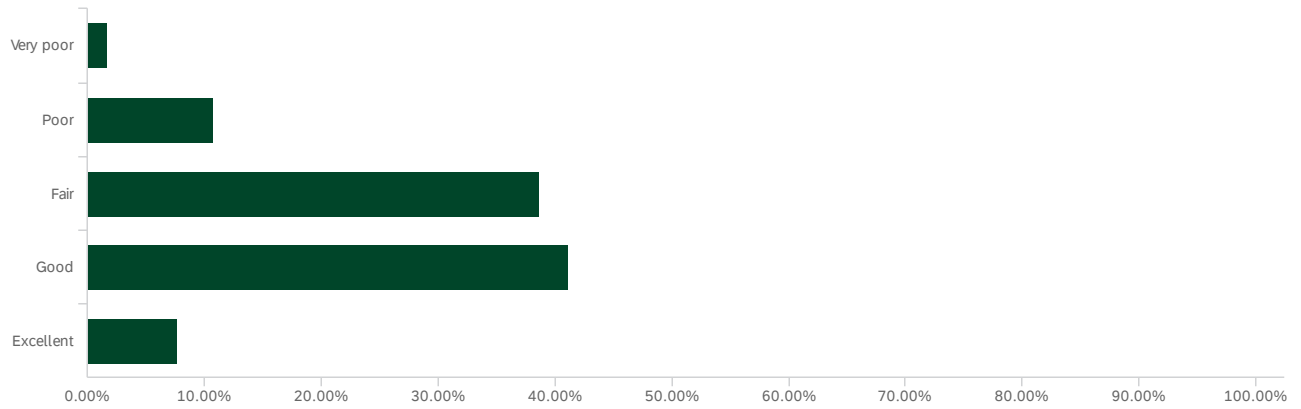


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Approximately how many acres do you farm?	1.00	5.00	2.49	1.16	1.34	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	Fewer than 250 acres	20.43%
2	250-999 acres	36.24%
3	1,000-2,499 acres	25.26%
4	2,500-4,999 acres	10.16%
5	5,000 acres or more	7.91%
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Q1 - How would you describe the overall financial condition of your farming operation over the past 12 months?

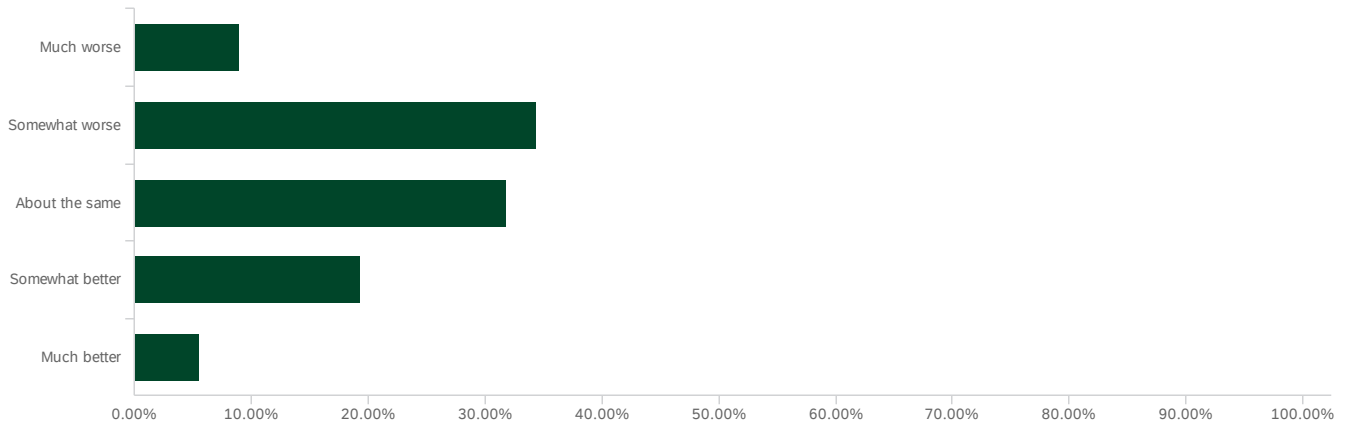


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How would you describe the overall financial condition of your farming operation over the past 12 months?	1.00	5.00	3.43	0.84	0.71	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	Very poor	1.64%
2	Poor	10.78%
3	Fair	38.71%
4	Good	41.17%
5	Excellent	7.70%
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Q2 - Compared to three years ago, how has the financial condition of your farming operation changed?

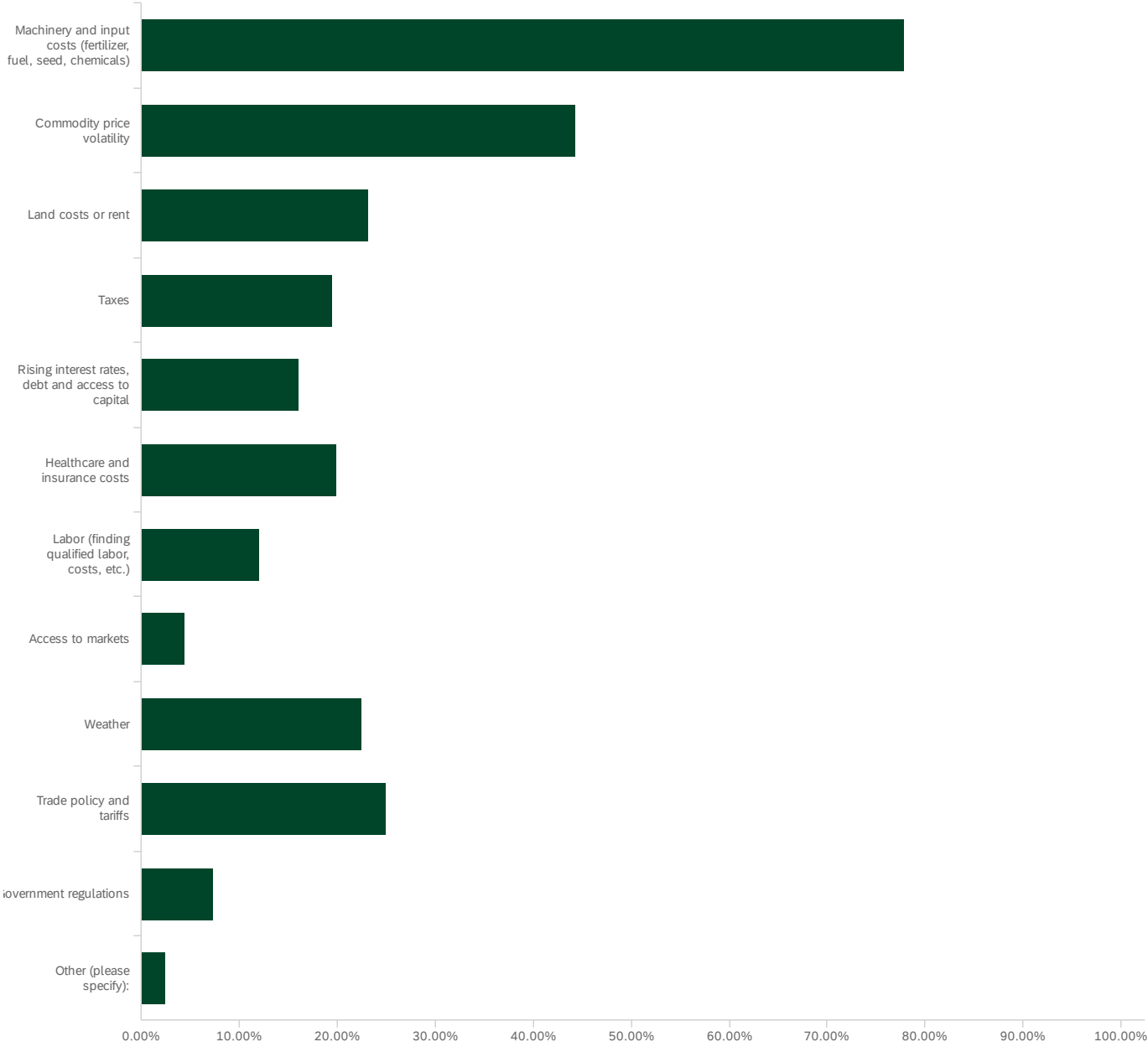


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Compared to three years ago, how has the financial condition of your farming operation changed?	1.00	5.00	2.78	1.03	1.07	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	Much worse	8.93%
2	Somewhat worse	34.39%
3	About the same	31.83%
4	Somewhat better	19.30%
5	Much better	5.54%
		974

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Q3 - Which of the following are currently presenting the greatest challenges to your farming operation? Select up to three.



#	Field	Percentage
1	Machinery and input costs (fertilizer, fuel, seed, chemicals)	28.38%
2	Commodity price volatility	16.16%
3	Land costs or rent	8.45%
4	Taxes	7.11%

#	Field	Percentage
5	Rising interest rates, debt and access to capital	5.83%
6	Healthcare and insurance costs	7.26%
7	Labor (finding qualified labor, costs, etc.)	4.38%
8	Access to markets	1.61%
9	Weather	8.19%
10	Trade policy and tariffs	9.09%
11	Government regulations	2.66%
12	Other (please specify):	0.90%
		2674

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Q3_12_TEXT - Other (please specify):

Other (please specify):

Milk price/grain prices

Livestock health

Age

SGMA

Water

Fire damage

Like I'm just getting started my health was a poor thing

Fire damage to livestock

Crop demand to use supply

Price of milk

Fertilizer prices

Dealing with older parents

Available buyers

Other (please specify):

Trump policies

timeliness of custom harvester

Fraud

Fertilizer prices

fuel cost

Crop prices

Cattle compromised by fire

Swine health, getting live pigs

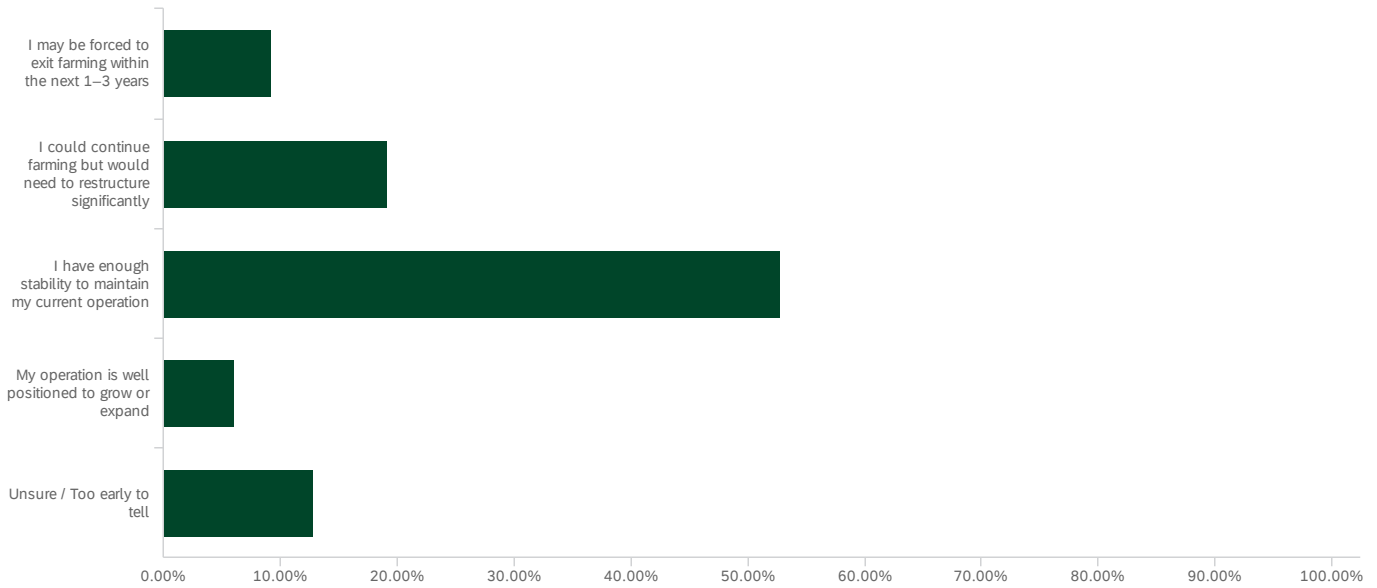
I'm a what you would call a hobby farmer just raise small herd of cattle 5-6 head at a time, but seriously thinking of getting out I can't afford to buy calves, no profit in what I do.

Access to Land

Rising fuel and fertilizer cost

Q3a - If crop prices and input costs remain at current levels, what is the most likely

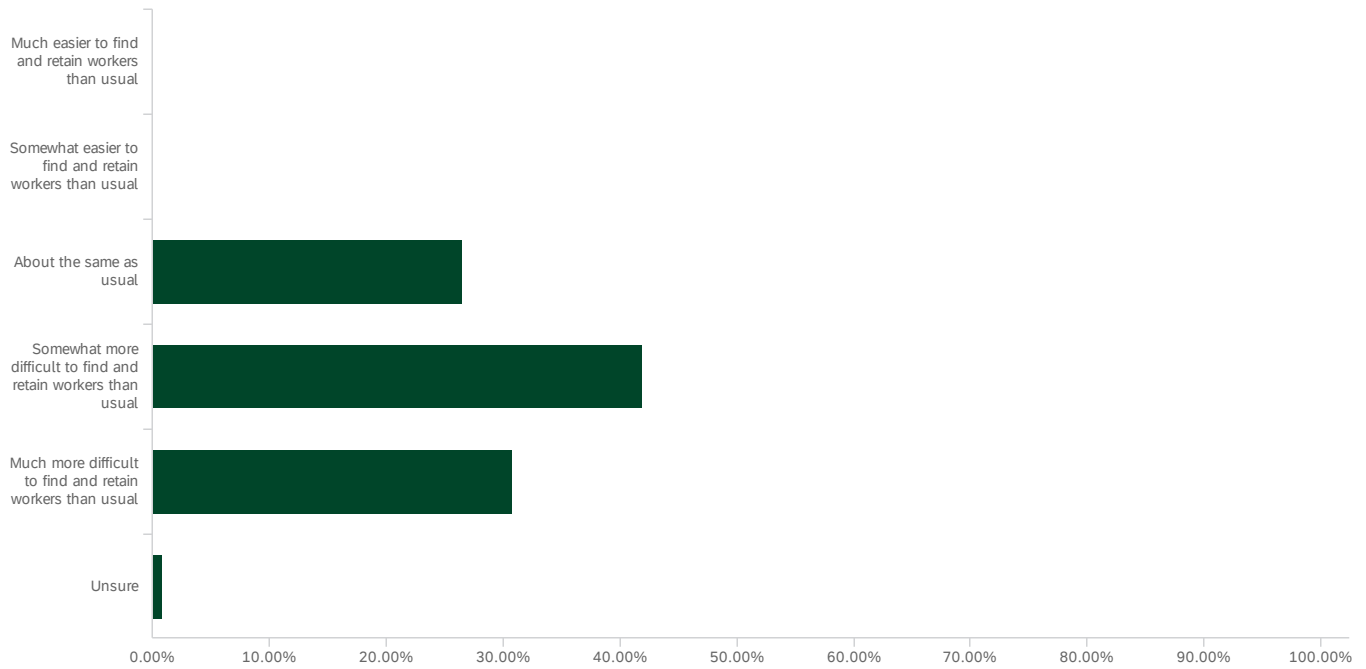
outcome for your farm operation? Select one.



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	If crop prices and input costs remain at current levels, what is the most likely outcome for your farm operation? Select one.	1.00	5.00	2.94	1.06	1.13	759

#	Field	Percentage
1	I may be forced to exit farming within the next 1-3 years	9.22%
2	I could continue farming but would need to restructure significantly	19.10%
3	I have enough stability to maintain my current operation	52.83%
4	My operation is well positioned to grow or expand	6.06%
5	Unsure / Too early to tell	12.78%
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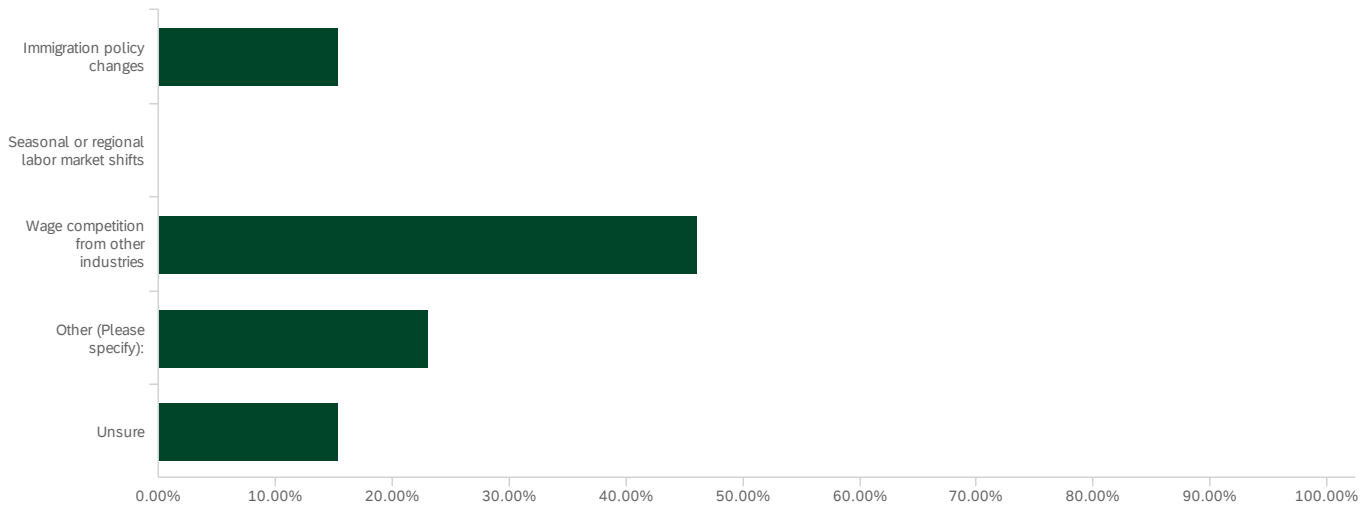
Q3b - Over the past year, how would you describe your farm's access to labor?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Over the past year, how would you describe your farm's access to labor?	3.00	6.00	4.06	0.78	0.60	117

#	Field	Percentage
1	Much easier to find and retain workers than usual	0.00%
2	Somewhat easier to find and retain workers than usual	0.00%
3	About the same as usual	26.50%
4	Somewhat more difficult to find and retain workers than usual	41.88%
5	Much more difficult to find and retain workers than usual	30.77%
6	Unsure	0.85%
		117

Q3bb - What do you believe is the primary reason?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	What do you believe is the primary reason? - Selected Choice	1.00	5.00	3.23	1.19	1.41	13

#	Field	Percentage
1	Immigration policy changes	15.38%
2	Seasonal or regional labor market shifts	0.00%
3	Wage competition from other industries	46.15%
4	Other (Please specify):	23.08%
5	Unsure	15.38%
		13

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Q3bb_4_TEXT - Other (Please specify):

Other (Please specify):

Workers want a 5 day 40 hr job

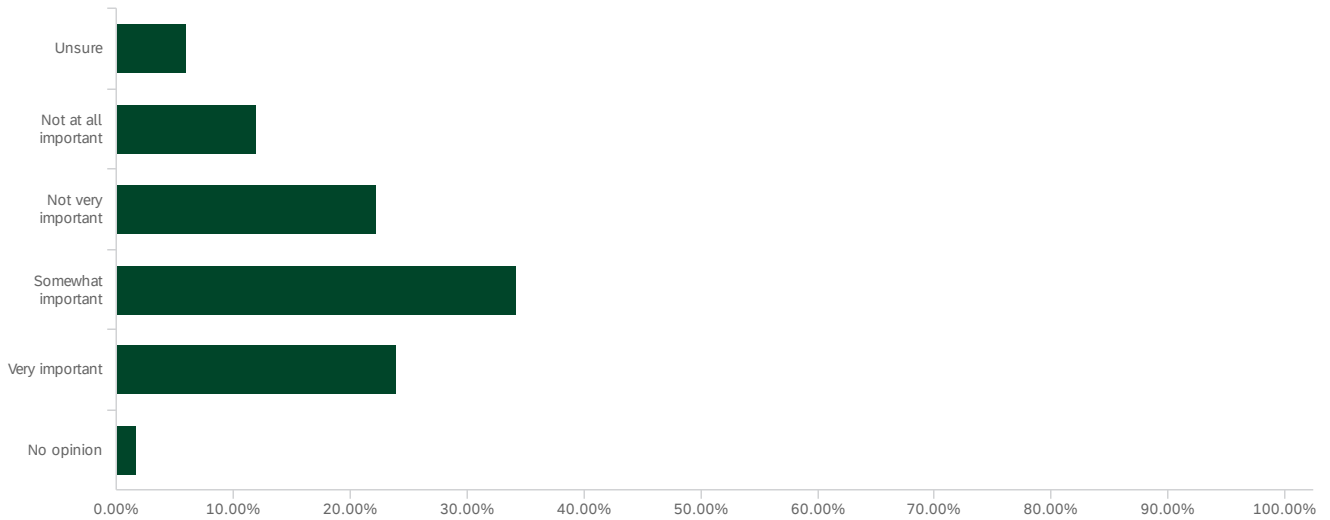
no young males in area to help with labor

Other (Please specify):

Lack of ambition from people

Q3c - How important is it to you that Congress prioritize policies supporting farmers'

access to agricultural guest workers and seasonal labor?

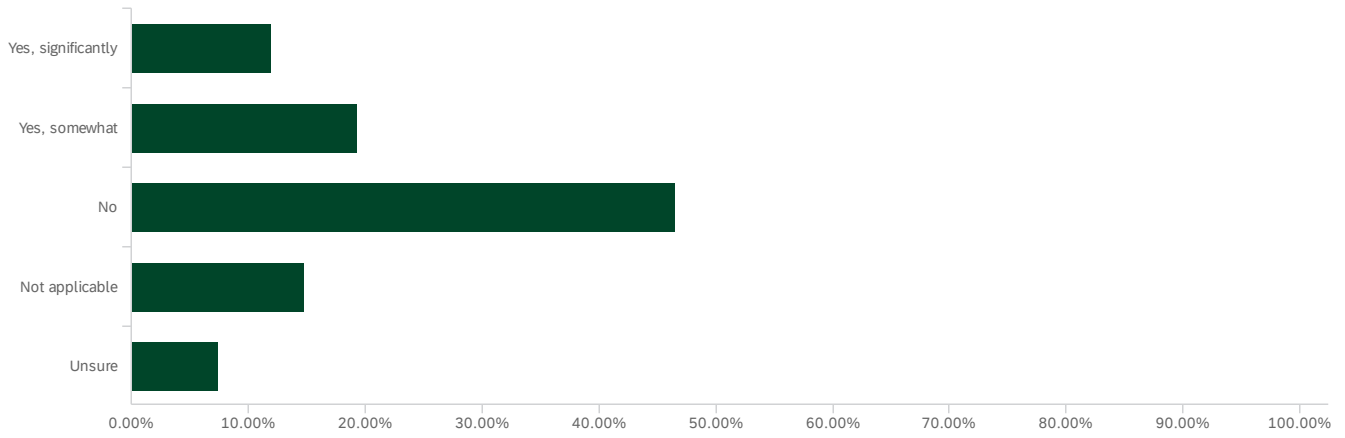


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How important is it to you that Congress prioritize policies supporting farmers' access to agricultural guest workers and seasonal labor?	1.00	6.00	3.63	1.19	1.41	117

#	Field	Percentage
1	Unsure	5.98%
2	Not at all important	11.97%
3	Not very important	22.22%
4	Somewhat important	34.19%
5	Very important	23.93%
6	No opinion	1.71%

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Q3d - Have you personally experienced difficulty selling your agricultural products in export markets in the past two years?

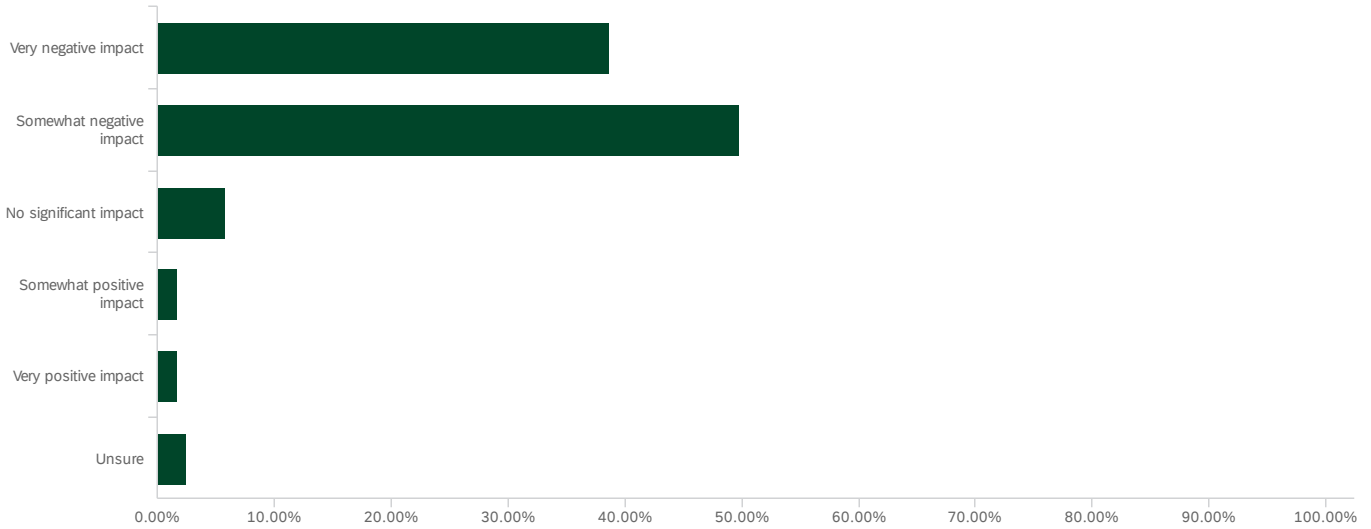


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Have you personally experienced difficulty selling your agricultural products in export markets in the past two years?	1.00	5.00	2.86	1.05	1.10	243

#	Field	Percentage
1	Yes, significantly	11.93%
2	Yes, somewhat	19.34%
3	No	46.50%
4	Not applicable	14.81%
5	Unsure	7.41%
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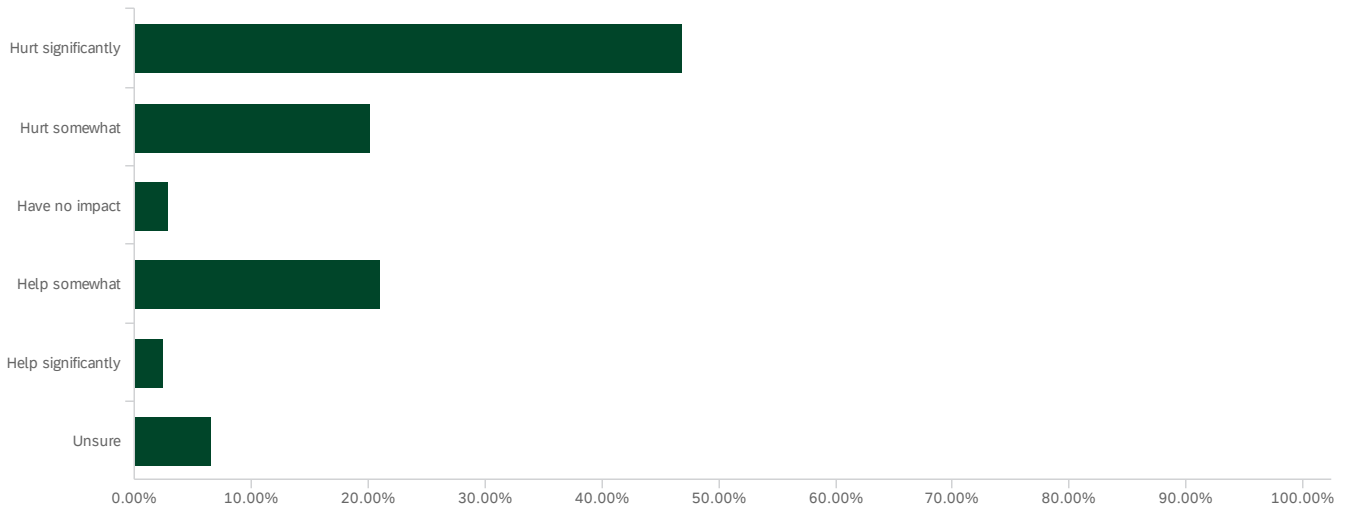
Q3e - How much have tariffs implemented by the current administration impacted your farming operation in the last year?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How much have tariffs implemented by the current administration impacted your farming operation in the last year?	1.00	6.00	1.85	1.02	1.03	243

#	Field	Percentage
1	Very negative impact	38.68%
2	Somewhat negative impact	49.79%
3	No significant impact	5.76%
4	Somewhat positive impact	1.65%
5	Very positive impact	1.65%
6	Unsure	2.47%
		243

Q3f - Do you believe the current administration's tariff policies will help or hurt American farmers in the long run?



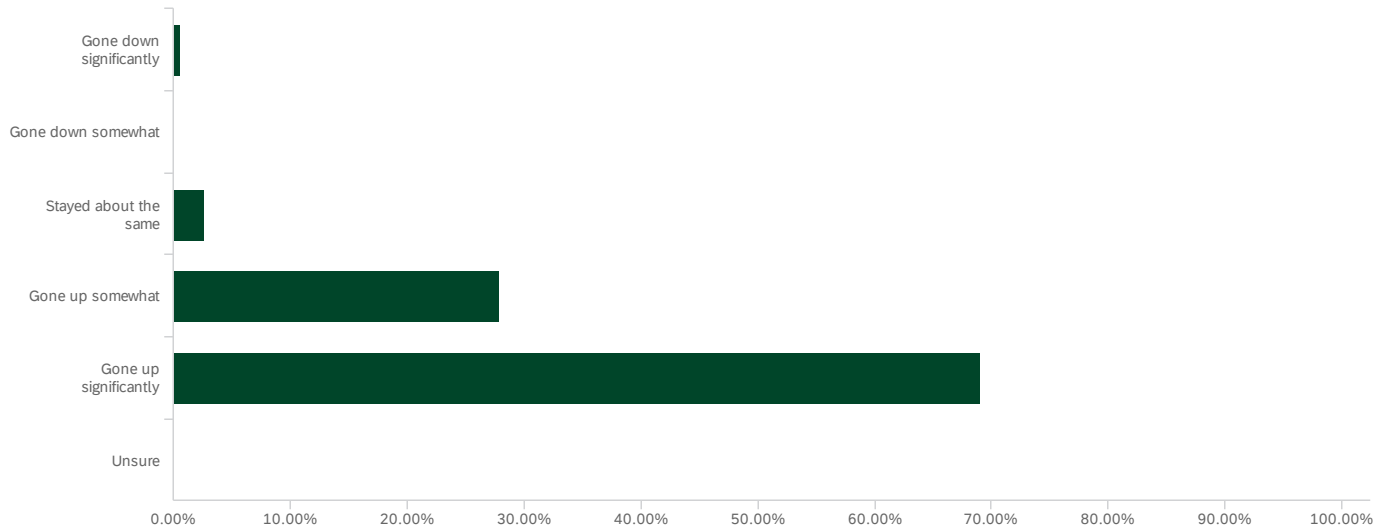
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Do you believe the current administration's tariff policies will help or hurt American farmers in the long run?	1.00	9.00	2.51	2.13	4.52	243

#	Field	Percentage
1	Hurt significantly	46.91%
2	Hurt somewhat	20.16%
3	Have no impact	2.88%
4	Help somewhat	20.99%
5	Help significantly	2.47%
9	Unsure	6.58%

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Q3g - Over the past year, have your household's healthcare costs - including insurance premiums, deductibles, and out-of-pocket expenses - have ...



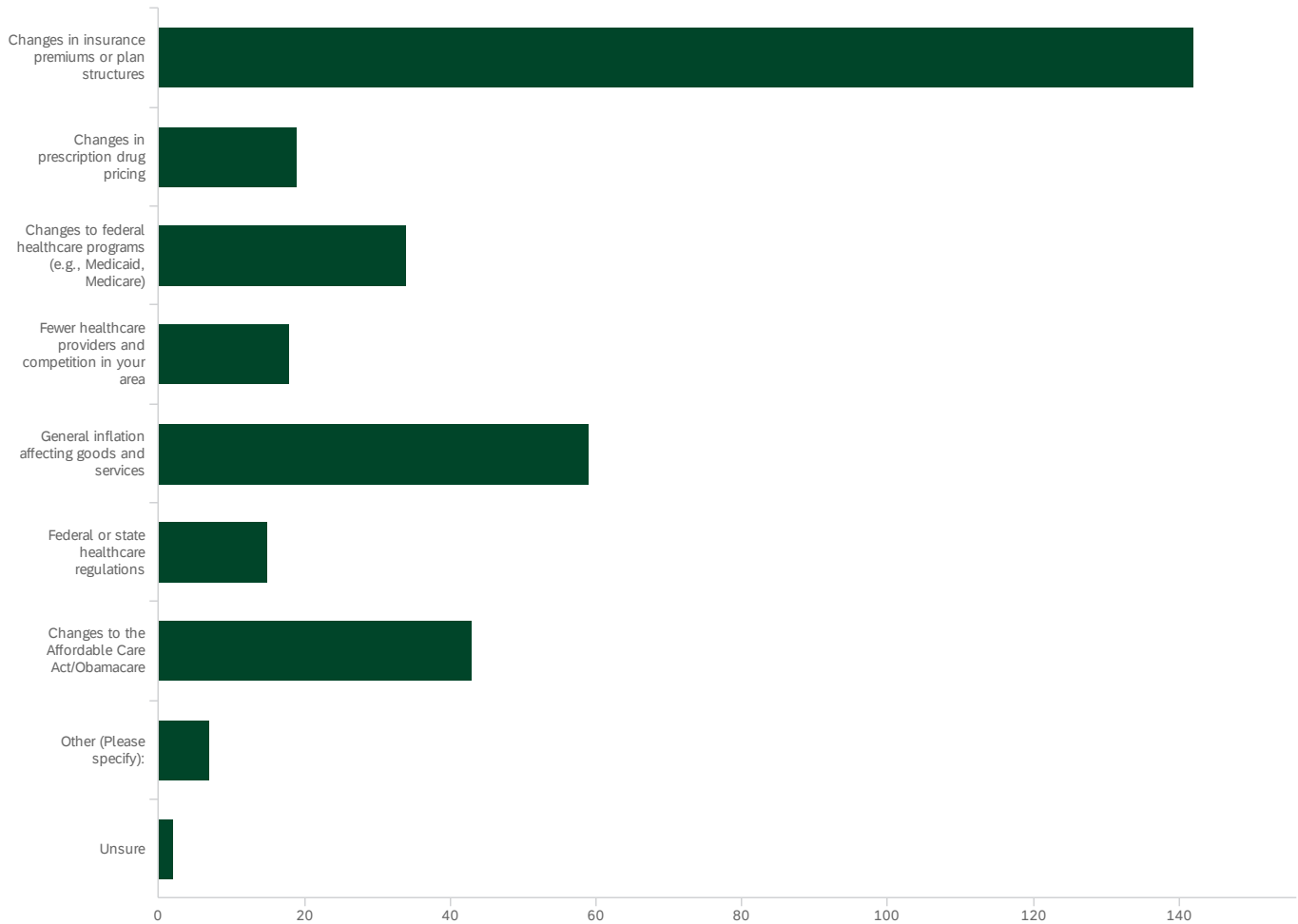
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Over the past year, have your household's healthcare costs - including insurance premiums, deductibles, and out-of-pocket expenses - have ...	1.00	5.00	4.65	0.58	0.34	194

#	Field	Percentage
1	Gone down significantly	0.52%
2	Gone down somewhat	0.00%
3	Stayed about the same	2.58%
4	Gone up somewhat	27.84%
5	Gone up significantly	69.07%
9	Unsure	0.00%
		194

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Q3h - Which of the following do you think has most contributed to changes in your

healthcare costs? Select up to two.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Changes in insurance premiums or plan structures	41.89% 142
2	Changes in prescription drug pricing	5.60% 19
3	Changes to federal healthcare programs (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare)	10.03% 34
7	Changes to the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare	12.68% 43
6	Federal or state healthcare regulations	4.42% 15
4	Fewer healthcare providers and competition in your area	5.31% 18
5	General inflation affecting goods and services	17.40% 59
8	Other (Please specify):	2.06% 7
9	Unsure	0.59% 2

Field

Choice Count

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Q3h_8_TEXT - Other (Please specify):

Other (Please specify):

Getting old and the sickness that go with it.

Political gridlock

US needs to move to a single payer system.

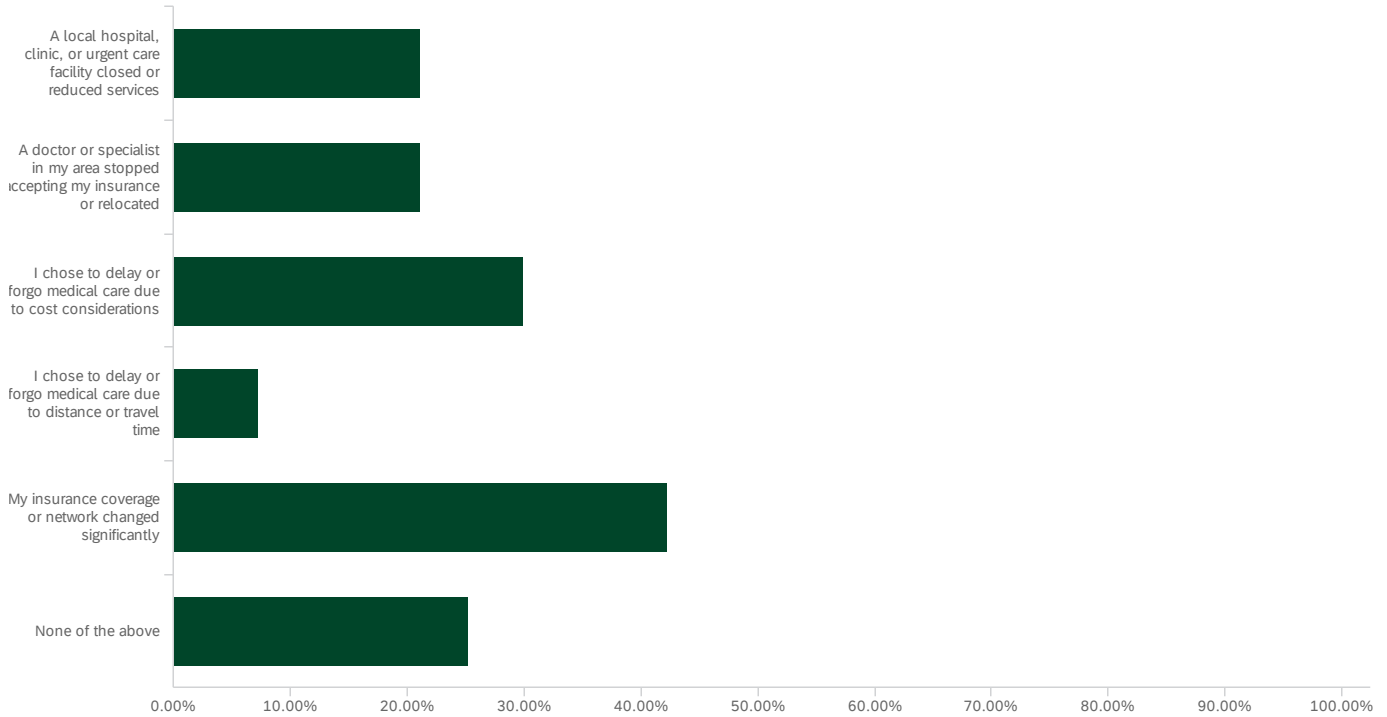
Democratic run government

Health care shortage of nurses

My health prescription needs

Paying for all the illegals health care

Q3i - In the past five years, have any of the following occurred in your area? Select all that apply.



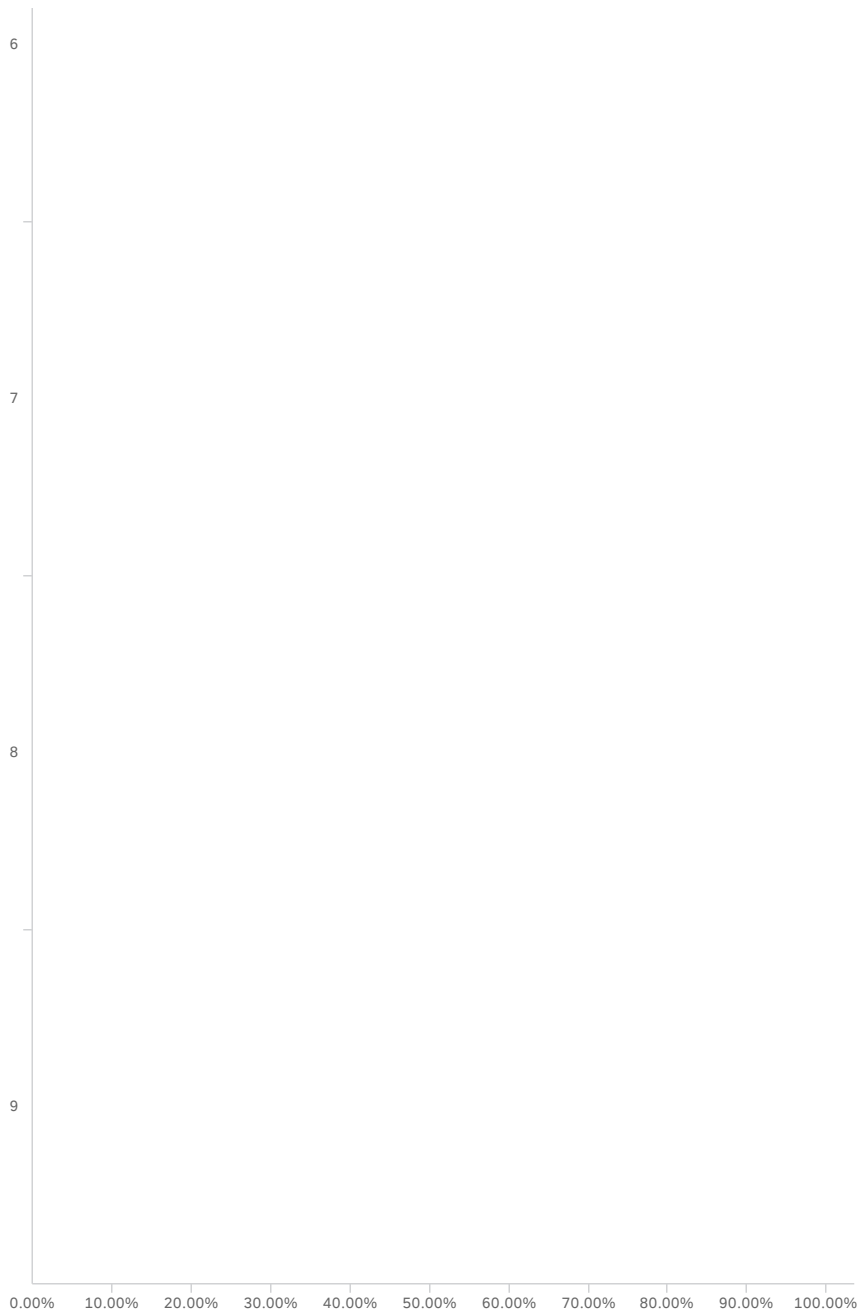
#	Field	Choice Count
1	A local hospital, clinic, or urgent care facility closed or reduced services	14% 41
2	A doctor or specialist in my area stopped accepting my insurance or relocated	14% 41
3	I chose to delay or forgo medical care due to cost considerations	20% 58
4	I chose to delay or forgo medical care due to distance or travel time	5% 14
5	My insurance coverage or network changed significantly	29% 82
6	None of the above	17% 49

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Q4 - Thinking about the challenges facing agriculture today, who do you believe is most responsible? Rank the top 5 where 1 = highest priority and 5 = lowest priority.





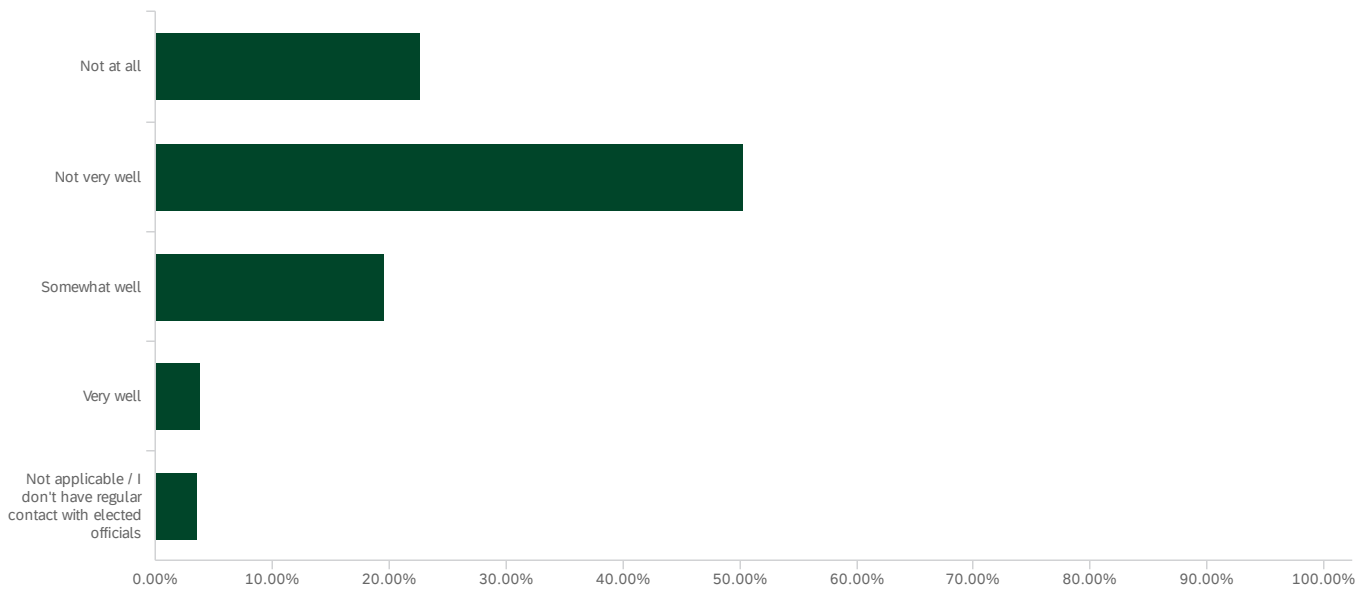
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Congress	1.00	5.00	2.68	1.27	1.61	804
2	The current presidential administration	1.00	5.00	2.50	1.55	2.41	549
3	The former presidential administration	1.00	5.00	2.63	1.39	1.93	660
4	Large corporations	1.00	5.00	2.84	1.33	1.77	742
5	Financial institutions	1.00	5.00	3.60	1.24	1.54	357
6	Absentee landowners	1.00	5.00	3.54	1.22	1.50	288
7	Food companies or retailers	1.00	5.00	3.59	1.22	1.48	512

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
8	Foreign trade partners	1.00	5.00	3.16	1.30	1.69	638
9	No one in particular / the nature of farming	1.00	5.00	3.38	1.71	2.93	320

#	Field	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Congress	19.40%	31.72%	22.01%	15.30%	11.57%	0.00%	0.00%	0
2	The current presidential administration	42.08%	13.66%	14.39%	11.84%	18.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0
3	The former presidential administration	28.03%	23.64%	18.94%	15.61%	13.79%	0.00%	0.00%	0
4	Large corporations	20.75%	21.70%	24.53%	19.14%	13.88%	0.00%	0.00%	0
5	Financial institutions	7.28%	13.73%	19.89%	29.69%	29.41%	0.00%	0.00%	0
6	Absentee landowners	6.60%	14.93%	24.31%	26.39%	27.78%	0.00%	0.00%	0
7	Food companies or retailers	5.86%	16.21%	19.34%	30.27%	28.32%	0.00%	0.00%	0
8	Foreign trade partners	13.48%	19.59%	22.57%	26.33%	18.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0
9	No one in particular / the nature of farming	27.19%	8.44%	8.44%	11.25%	44.69%	0.00%	0.00%	0

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Q5 - How well do you feel your elected officials understand the realities farmers face?

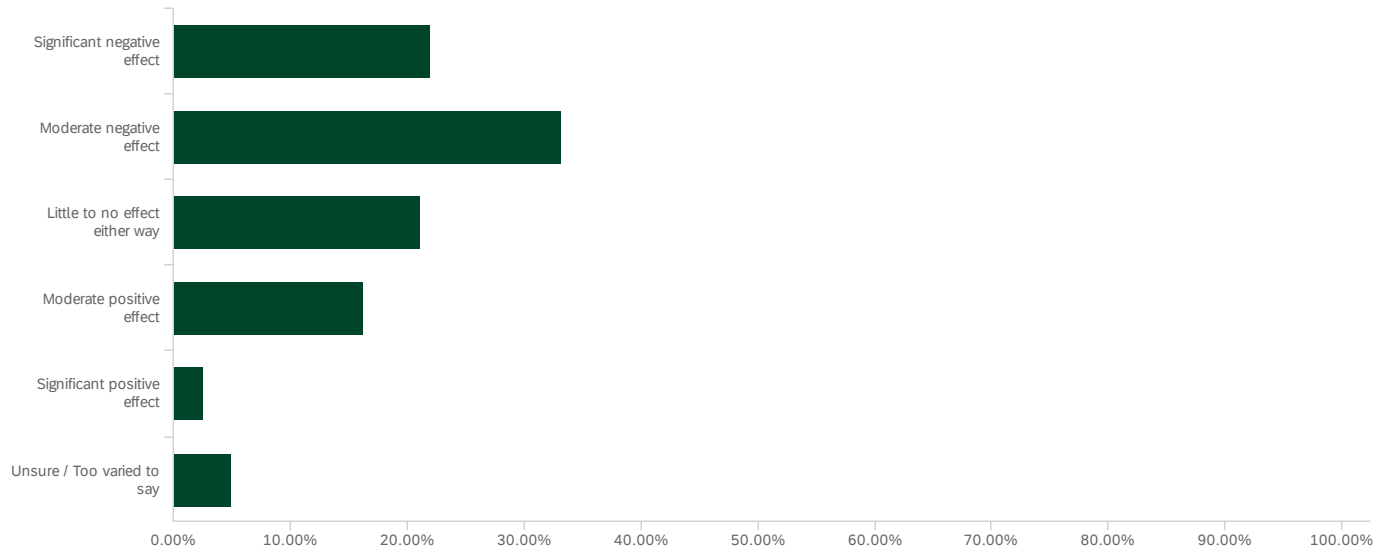


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How well do you feel your elected officials understand the realities farmers face?	1.00	9.00	2.30	1.50	2.25	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	Not at all	22.69%
2	Not very well	50.31%
3	Somewhat well	19.61%
4	Very well	3.80%
9	Not applicable / I don't have regular contact with elected officials	3.59%
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Q6 - How would you describe the effect of federal government policies on your farming operation over the past year?

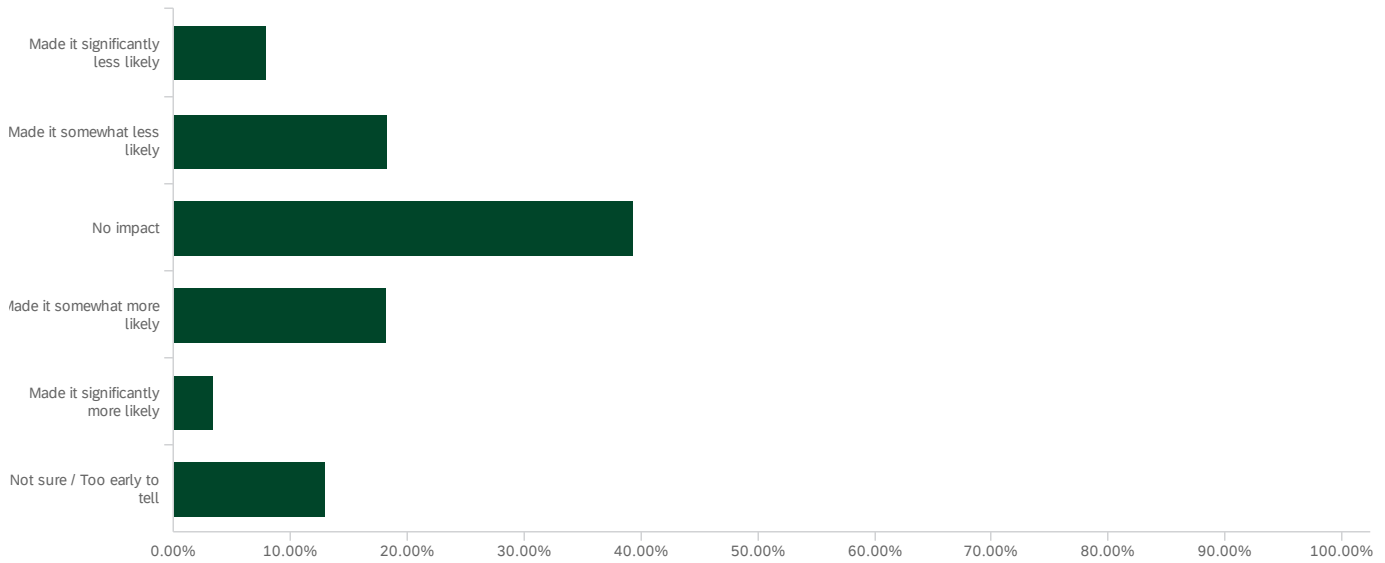


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How would you describe the effect of federal government policies on your farming operation over the past year?	1.00	9.00	2.74	1.78	3.18	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	Significant negative effect	21.97%
2	Moderate negative effect	33.16%
3	Little to no effect either way	21.15%
4	Moderate positive effect	16.22%
5	Significant positive effect	2.57%
9	Unsure / Too varied to say	4.93%
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Q7 - How have federal policies enacted in the past two years affected your ability to pass your farm to the next generation?

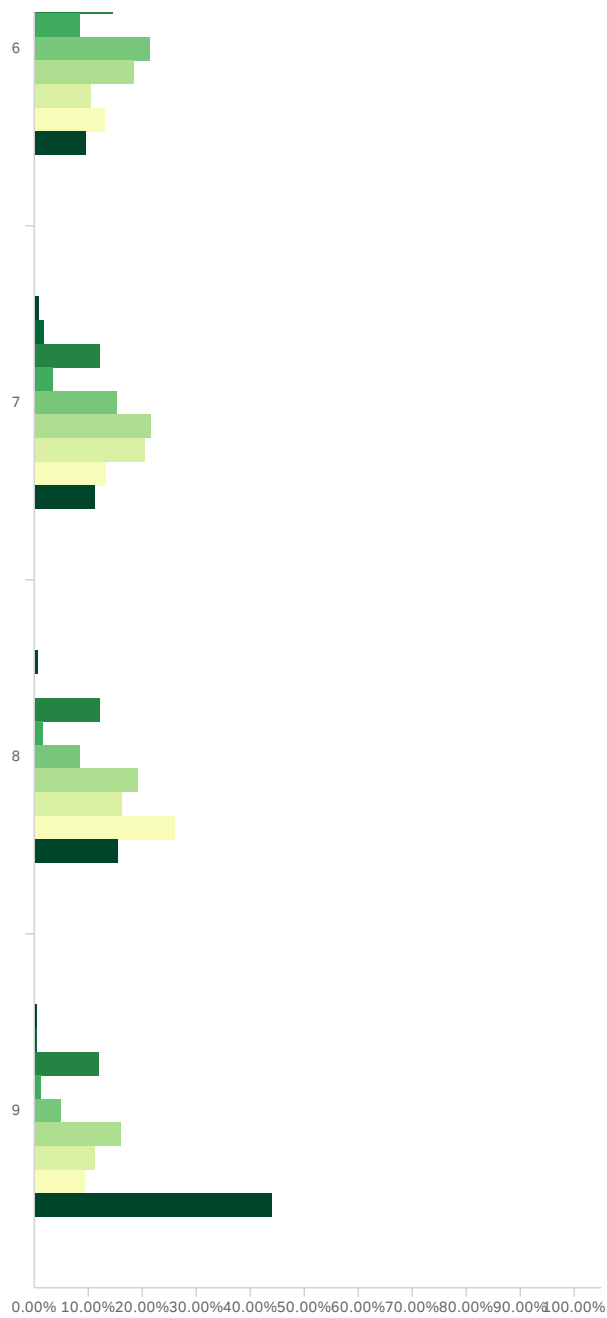


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How have federal policies enacted in the past two years affected your ability to pass your farm to the next generation?	1.00	9.00	3.68	2.24	5.00	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	Made it significantly less likely	7.91%
2	Made it somewhat less likely	18.28%
3	No impact	39.32%
4	Made it somewhat more likely	18.17%
5	Made it significantly more likely	3.39%
9	Not sure / Too early to tell	12.94%
		974

Q8 - Please rank the following issues in order of how much you think the current administration should prioritize them to support U.S. farmers. Please hover over the answer choices and drag and drop them in order of priority with 1 = highest to 9 = lowest.



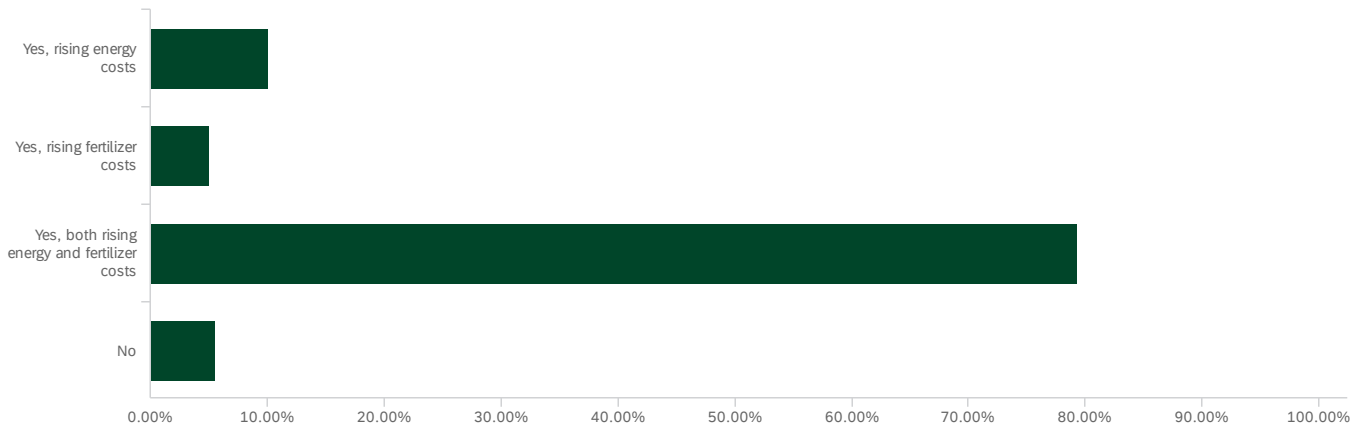


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Input costs (fertilizer, fuel, chemicals)	1.00	9.00	1.83	1.37	1.89	974
2	Trade policy and export markets	1.00	9.00	2.56	1.44	2.08	974
3	Labor/Immigration	1.00	9.00	5.54	2.22	4.92	974
4	Farm Bill programs	1.00	9.00	3.91	1.63	2.66	974
5	Direct Federal disaster assistance	1.00	9.00	5.57	1.70	2.90	974
6	Water	1.00	9.00	6.51	2.01	4.04	974
7	Biofuels policy (E15, RFS)	1.00	9.00	5.79	2.30	5.31	974

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count		
8	Interest rates and access to capital	1.00	9.00	6.00	2.20	4.85	974		
9	Voluntary federal programs that incentivize conservation practice adoption	1.00	9.00	7.31	2.06	4.26	974		
#	Field	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Input costs (fertilizer, fuel, chemicals)	57.39%	24.54%	8.52%	3.70%	2.77%	1.13%	0.82%	0
2	Trade policy and export markets	21.77%	38.50%	20.84%	8.83%	4.93%	2.77%	1.75%	0
3	Labor/Immigration	2.26%	5.65%	13.66%	15.61%	12.01%	14.58%	12.11%	12
4	Farm Bill programs	6.67%	11.50%	23.31%	26.59%	17.25%	8.42%	3.49%	1
5	Direct Federal disaster assistance	1.23%	2.57%	6.67%	14.68%	24.64%	21.46%	15.30%	8
6	Water	2.87%	3.08%	4.00%	4.62%	9.96%	18.48%	21.56%	19
7	Biofuels policy (E15, RFS)	3.90%	7.29%	9.45%	9.86%	11.19%	10.47%	20.43%	16
8	Interest rates and access to capital	2.46%	5.13%	9.45%	11.29%	9.86%	13.14%	13.24%	26
9	Voluntary federal programs that incentivize conservation practice adoption	1.44%	1.75%	4.11%	4.83%	7.39%	9.55%	11.29%	15

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Q9 - Do you think the war with Iran will have an impact on your farm/business?

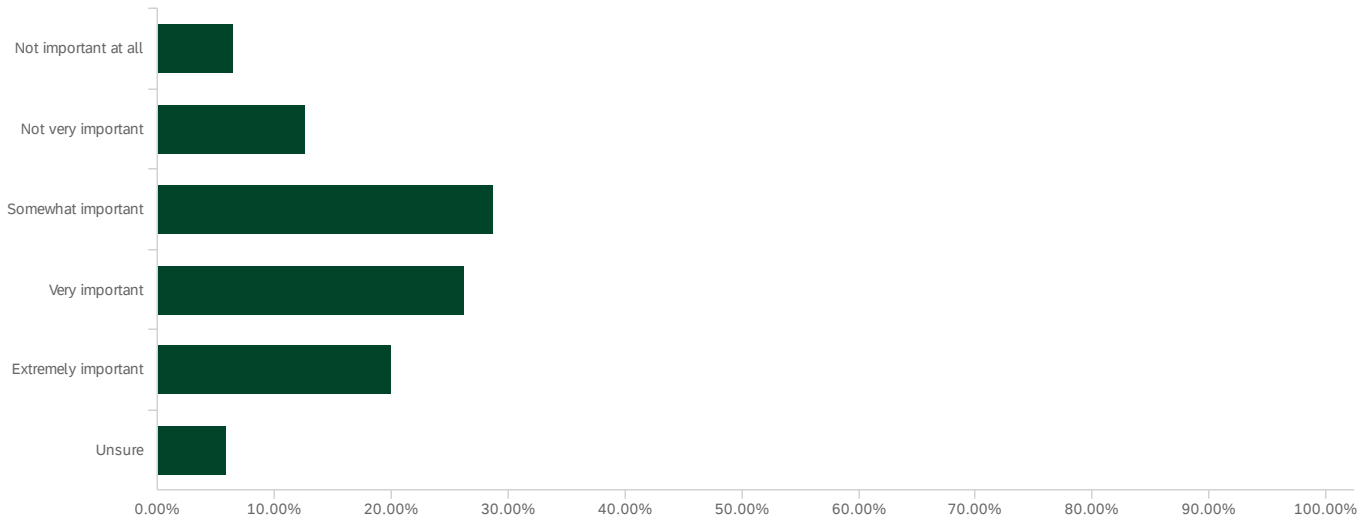


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Do you think the war with Iran will have an impact on your farm/business?	1.00	4.00	2.80	0.69	0.47	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	Yes, rising energy costs	10.06%
2	Yes, rising fertilizer costs	5.03%
3	Yes, both rising energy and fertilizer costs	79.36%
4	No	5.54%
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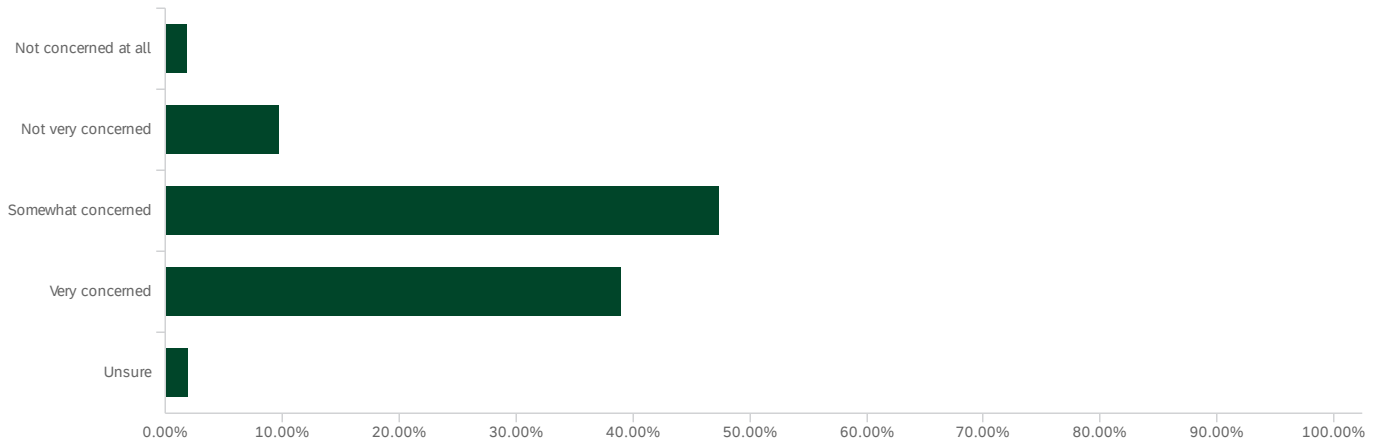
Q10 - How important is year-round E15 approval when deciding which candidate to support in the next election?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How important is year-round E15 approval when deciding which candidate to support in the next election?	1.00	9.00	3.76	1.73	2.98	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	Not important at all	6.47%
2	Not very important	12.63%
3	Somewhat important	28.75%
4	Very important	26.28%
5	Extremely important	20.02%
9	Unsure	5.85%
		974

Q11 - How concerned are you about competition from global agricultural producers (e.g., Brazil, Argentina, the EU)?

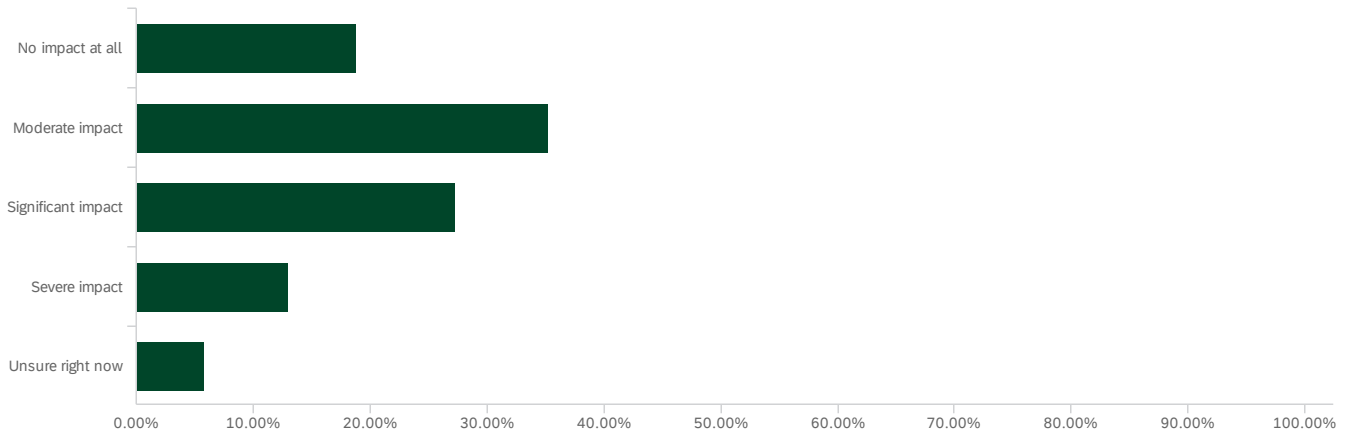


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How concerned are you about competition from global agricultural producers (e.g., Brazil, Argentina, the EU)?	1.00	9.00	3.37	1.06	1.12	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	Not concerned at all	1.85%
2	Not very concerned	9.75%
3	Somewhat concerned	47.43%
4	Very concerned	39.01%
9	Unsure	1.95%
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Q12 - To what extent has the recent increase in urea and anhydrous ammonia fertilizer prices affected your farm's purchasing decisions this season?



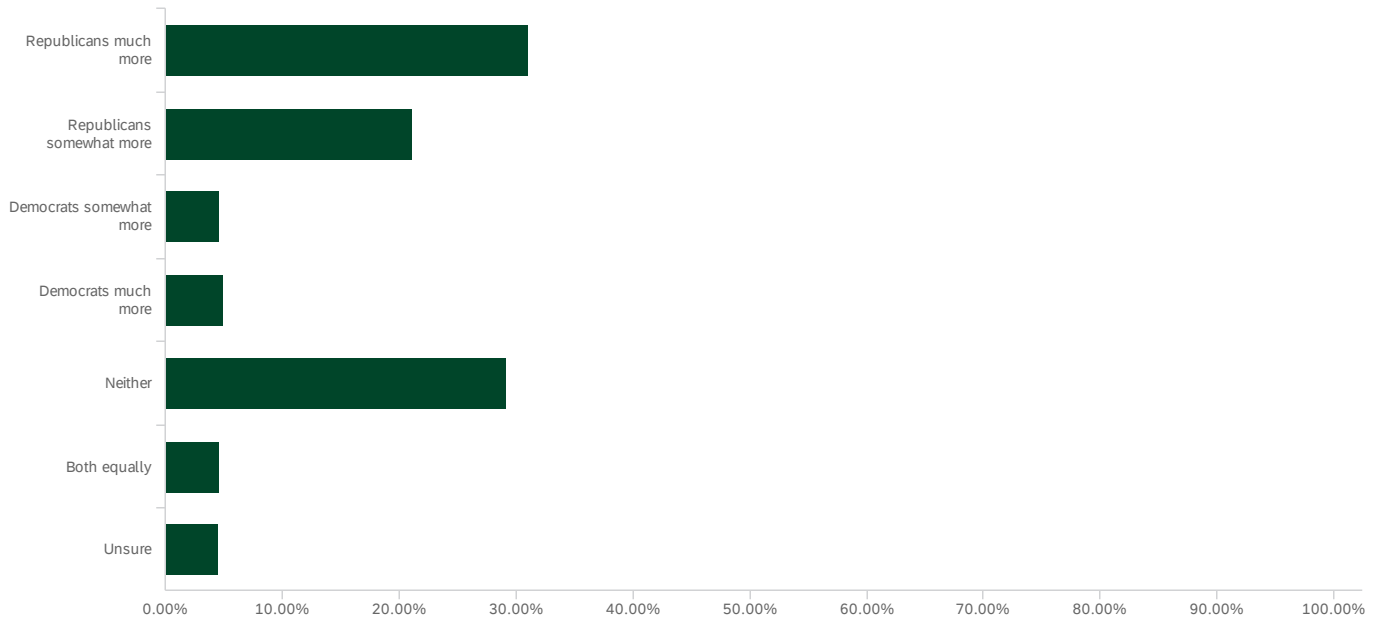
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	To what extent has the recent increase in urea and anhydrous ammonia fertilizer prices affected your farm's purchasing decisions this season?	1.00	5.00	2.52	1.11	1.23	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	No impact at all	18.79%
2	Moderate impact	35.22%
3	Significant impact	27.31%
4	Severe impact	12.94%
5	Unsure right now	5.75%
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Q13A - Thinking about Making farm input costs more affordable, which party do you trust

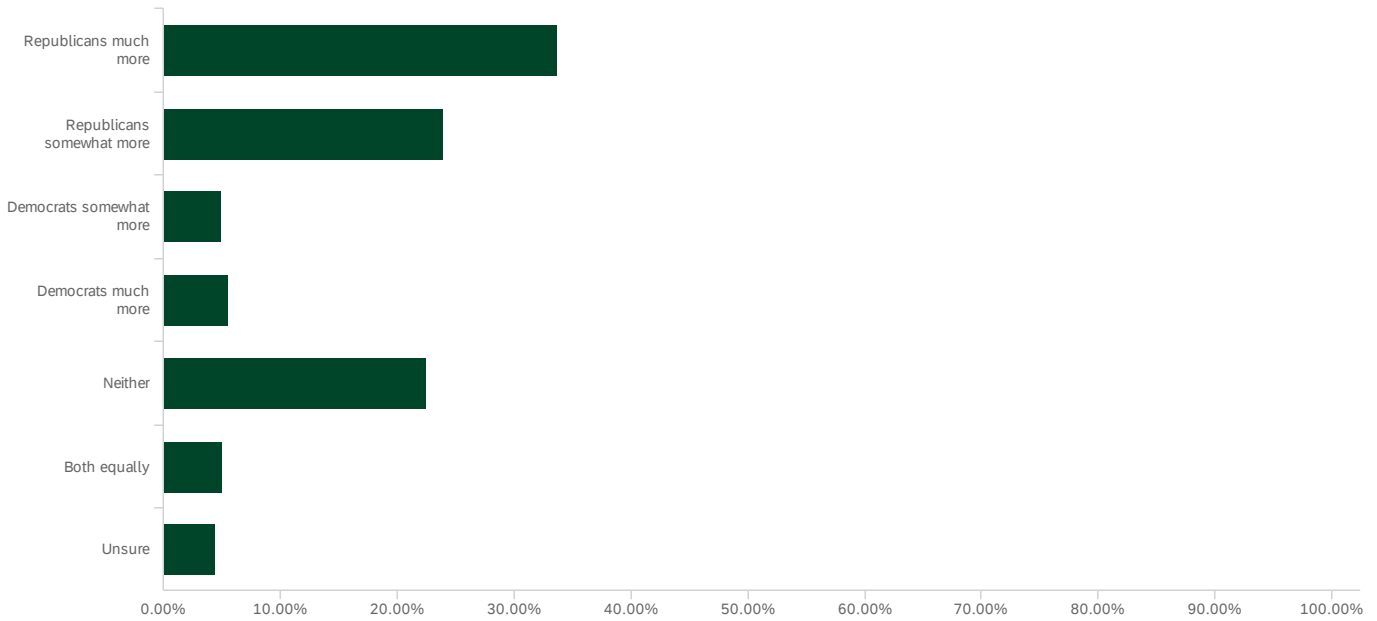
to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Thinking about Making farm input costs more affordable, which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?	4.00	10.00	6.12	1.95	3.79	974

#	Field	Percentage
4	Republicans much more	31.01%
5	Republicans somewhat more	21.15%
6	Democrats somewhat more	4.62%
7	Democrats much more	4.93%
8	Neither	29.16%
9	Both equally	4.62%
10	Unsure	4.52%
		974

Q13B - Thinking about Trade policy that expands and defends American agricultural exports, which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?



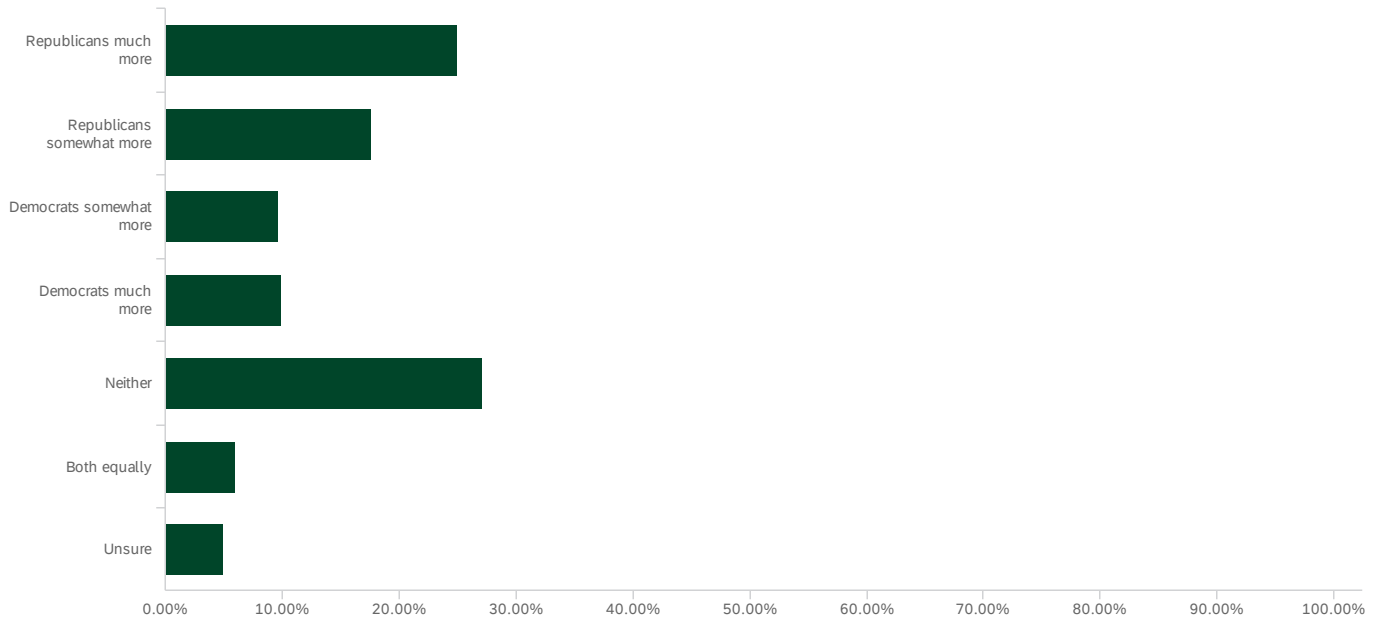
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Thinking about Trade policy that expands and defends American agricultural exports, which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?	4.00	10.00	5.92	1.92	3.69	974

#	Field	Percentage
4	Republicans much more	33.68%
5	Republicans somewhat more	23.92%
6	Democrats somewhat more	4.93%
7	Democrats much more	5.54%
8	Neither	22.48%
9	Both equally	5.03%
10	Unsure	4.41%
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Q13C - Thinking about Improving healthcare affordability and access in rural areas,

which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?

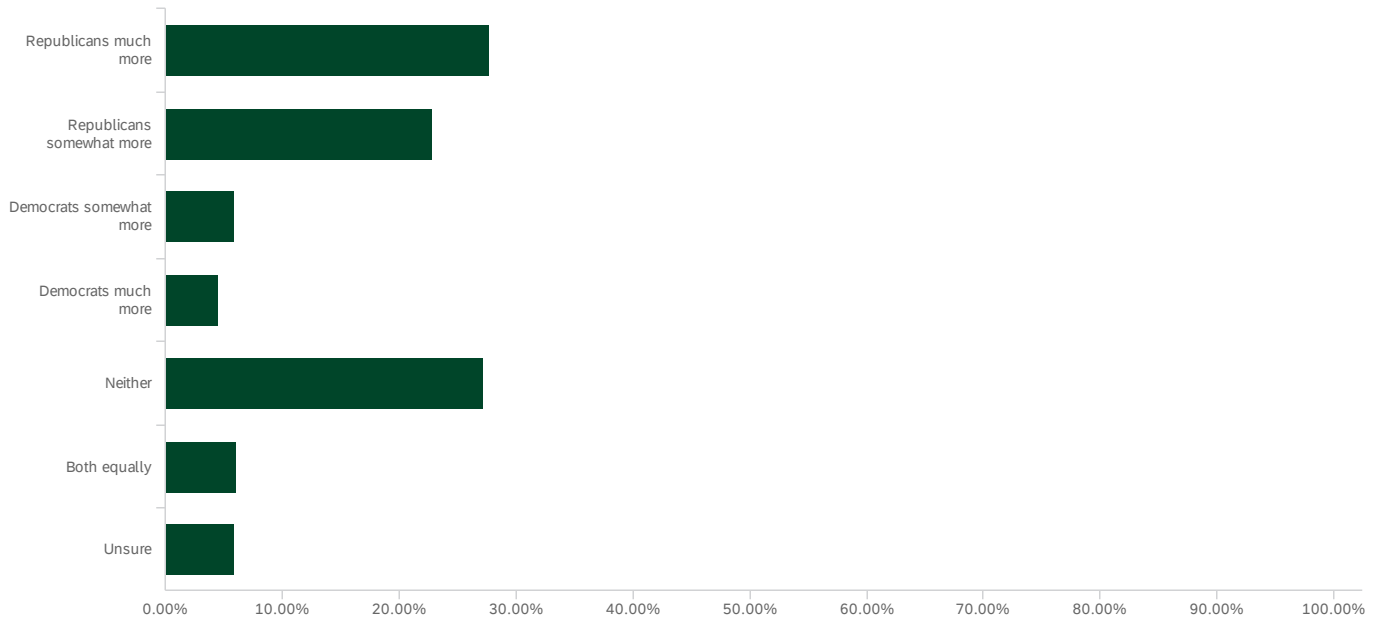


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Thinking about Improving healthcare affordability and access in rural areas, which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?	4.00	10.00	6.34	1.89	3.56	974

#	Field	Percentage
4	Republicans much more	24.95%
5	Republicans somewhat more	17.56%
6	Democrats somewhat more	9.65%
7	Democrats much more	9.86%
8	Neither	27.10%
9	Both equally	5.95%
10	Unsure	4.93%
		974

Q13D - Thinking about Supporting stable farm income, which party do you trust to handle

it effectively for farmers and farming communities?

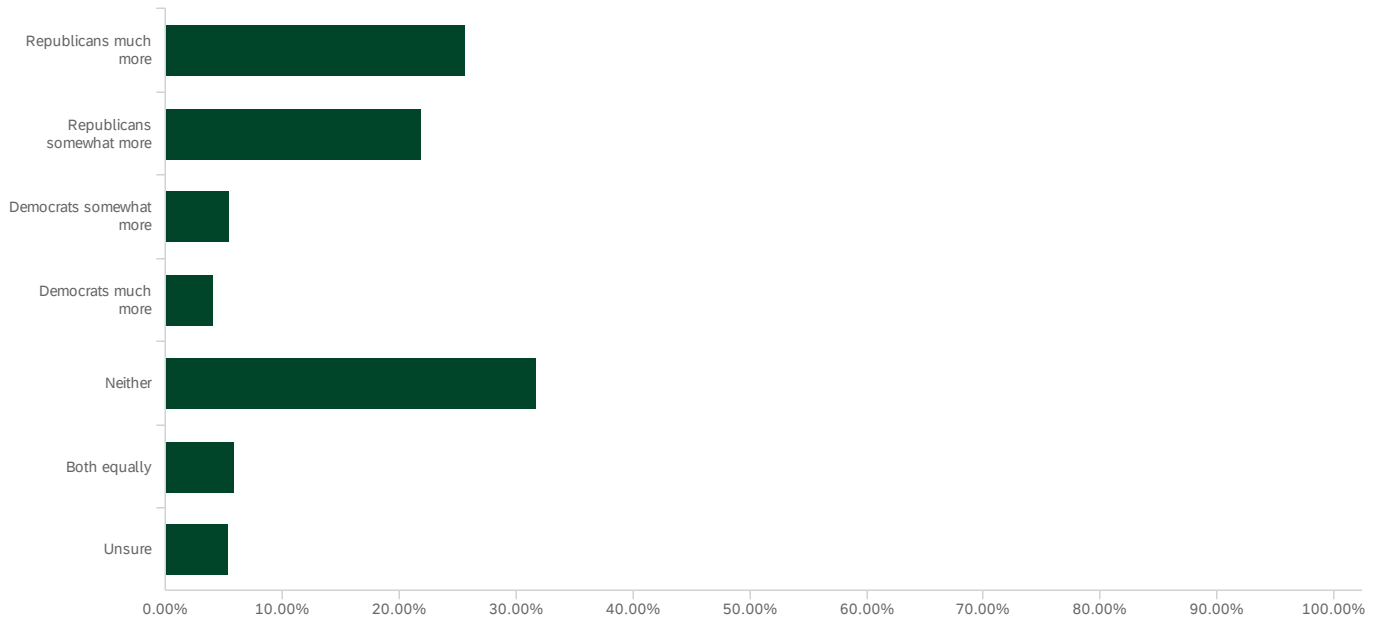


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Thinking about Supporting stable farm income, which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?	4.00	10.00	6.22	1.98	3.90	974

#	Field	Percentage
4	Republicans much more	27.72%
5	Republicans somewhat more	22.79%
6	Democrats somewhat more	5.85%
7	Democrats much more	4.52%
8	Neither	27.21%
9	Both equally	6.06%
10	Unsure	5.85%
		974

Q13E - Thinking about Commodity prices, which party do you trust to handle it effectively

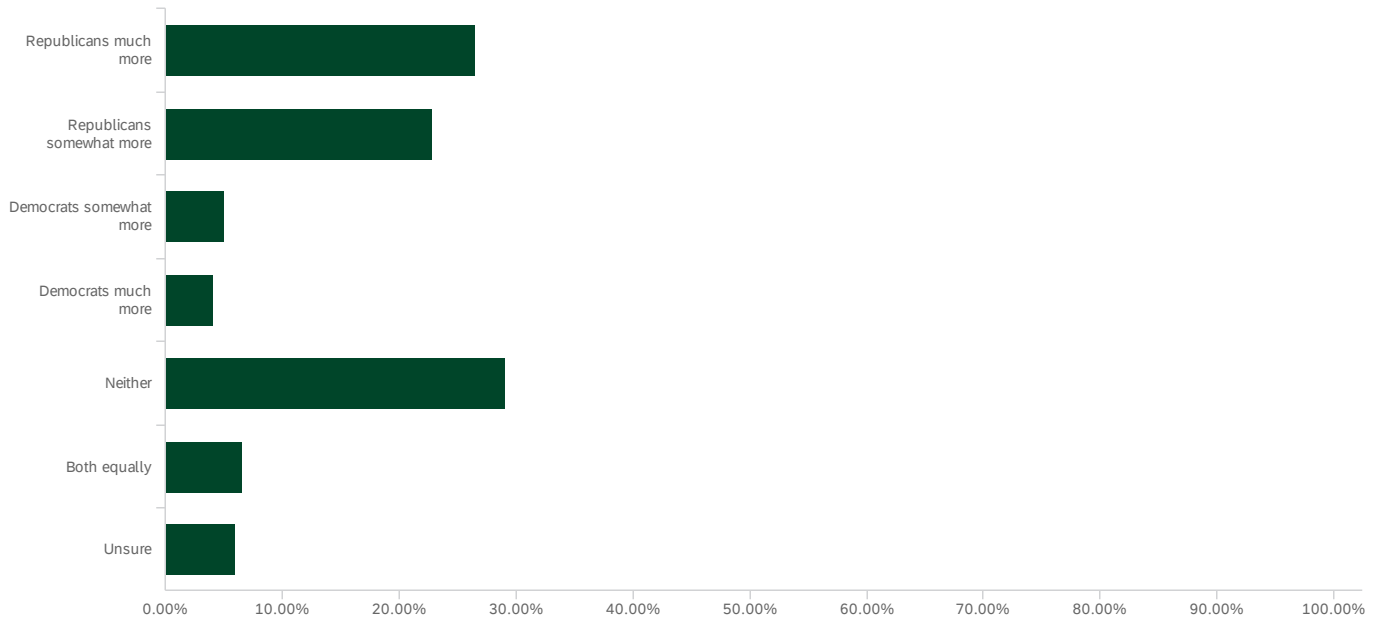
for farmers and farming communities?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Thinking about Commodity prices, which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?	4.00	10.00	6.33	1.96	3.83	974

#	Field	Percentage
4	Republicans much more	25.67%
5	Republicans somewhat more	21.87%
6	Democrats somewhat more	5.44%
7	Democrats much more	4.11%
8	Neither	31.72%
9	Both equally	5.85%
10	Unsure	5.34%
		974

Q13F - Thinking about Managing farm debt and interest rate impacts, which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?

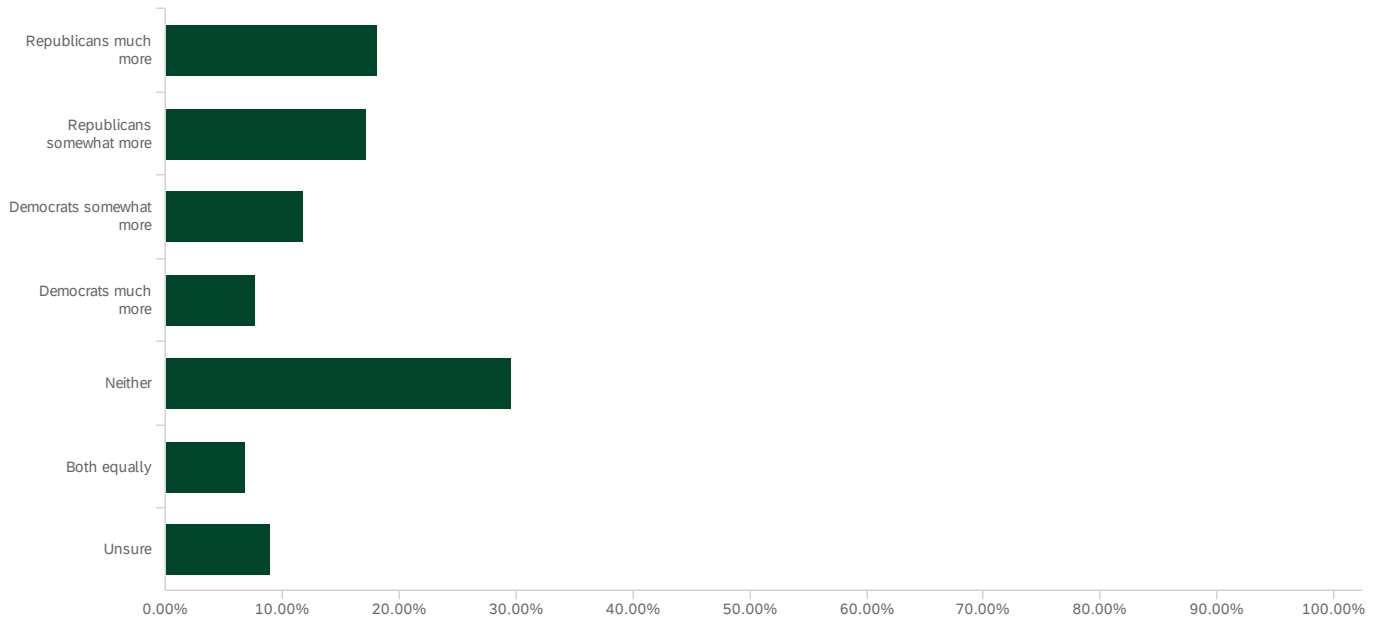


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Thinking about Managing farm debt and interest rate impacts, which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?	4.00	10.00	6.30	1.99	3.95	974

#	Field	Percentage
4	Republicans much more	26.49%
5	Republicans somewhat more	22.79%
6	Democrats somewhat more	5.03%
7	Democrats much more	4.11%
8	Neither	29.06%
9	Both equally	6.57%
10	Unsure	5.95%
		974

Q13G - Thinking about Ensuring an adequate farm labor supply, which party do you trust

to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?

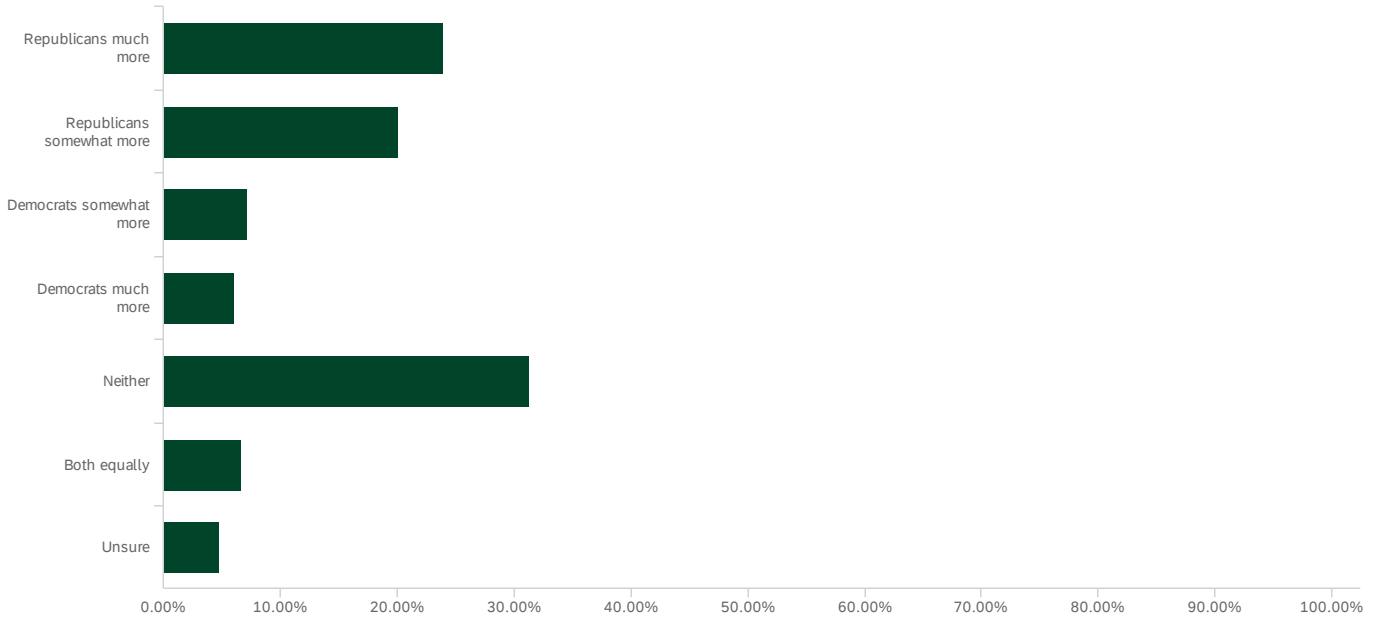


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Thinking about Ensuring an adequate farm labor supply, which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?	4.00	10.00	6.70	1.93	3.71	974

#	Field	Percentage
4	Republicans much more	18.07%
5	Republicans somewhat more	17.15%
6	Democrats somewhat more	11.81%
7	Democrats much more	7.70%
8	Neither	29.57%
9	Both equally	6.78%
10	Unsure	8.93%
		974

Q13H - Thinking about Representing the interests of small and mid-size farms, which

party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?

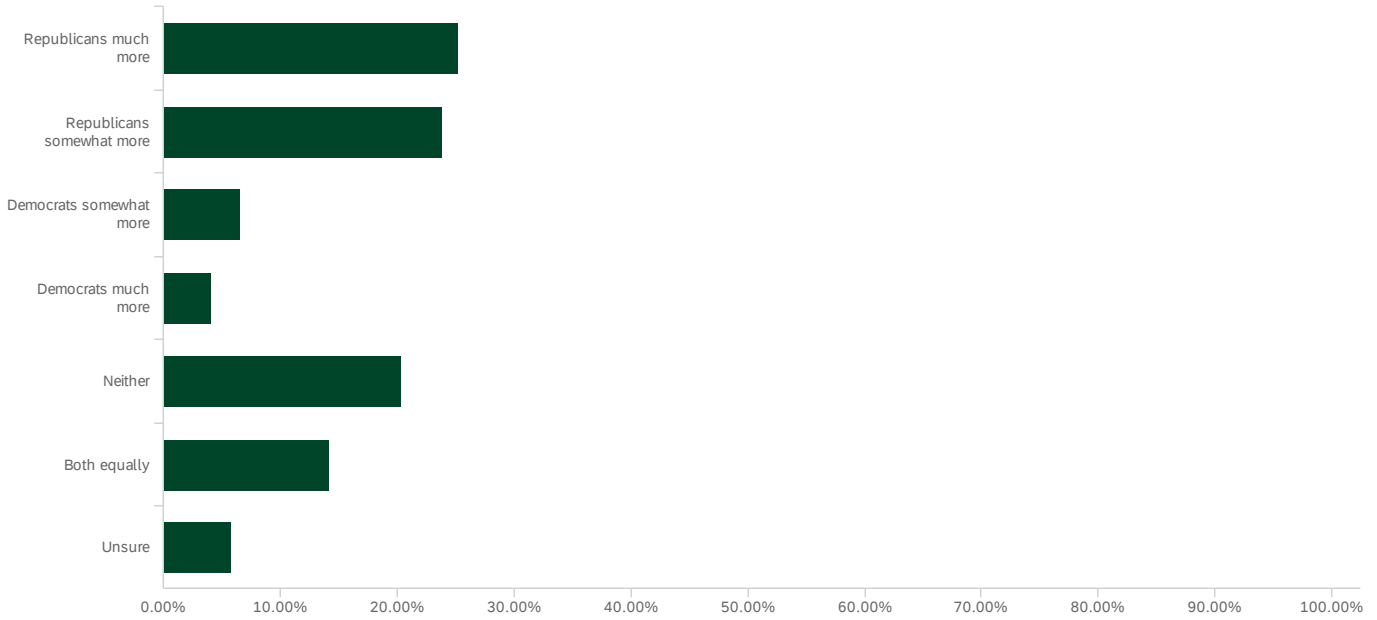


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Thinking about Representing the interests of small and mid-size farms, which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?	4.00	10.00	6.40	1.92	3.67	974

#	Field	Percentage
4	Republicans much more	23.92%
5	Republicans somewhat more	20.12%
6	Democrats somewhat more	7.19%
7	Democrats much more	6.06%
8	Neither	31.31%
9	Both equally	6.67%
10	Unsure	4.72%
		974

Q13I - Thinking about Access to affordable crop insurance and disaster relief, which party

do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?

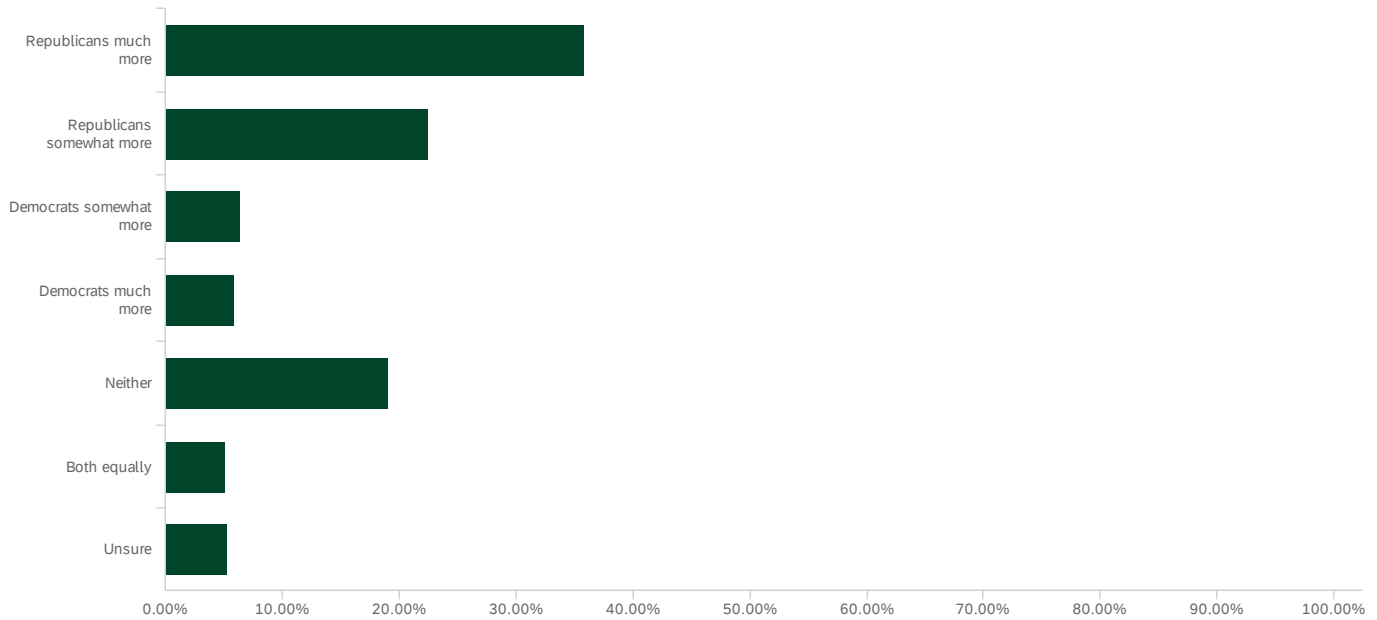


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Thinking about Access to affordable crop insurance and disaster relief, which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?	4.00	10.00	6.36	2.04	4.17	974

#	Field	Percentage
4	Republicans much more	25.26%
5	Republicans somewhat more	23.82%
6	Democrats somewhat more	6.57%
7	Democrats much more	4.11%
8	Neither	20.33%
9	Both equally	14.17%
10	Unsure	5.75%
		974

Q13J - Thinking about Managing environmental and land use regulations affecting farms,

which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?

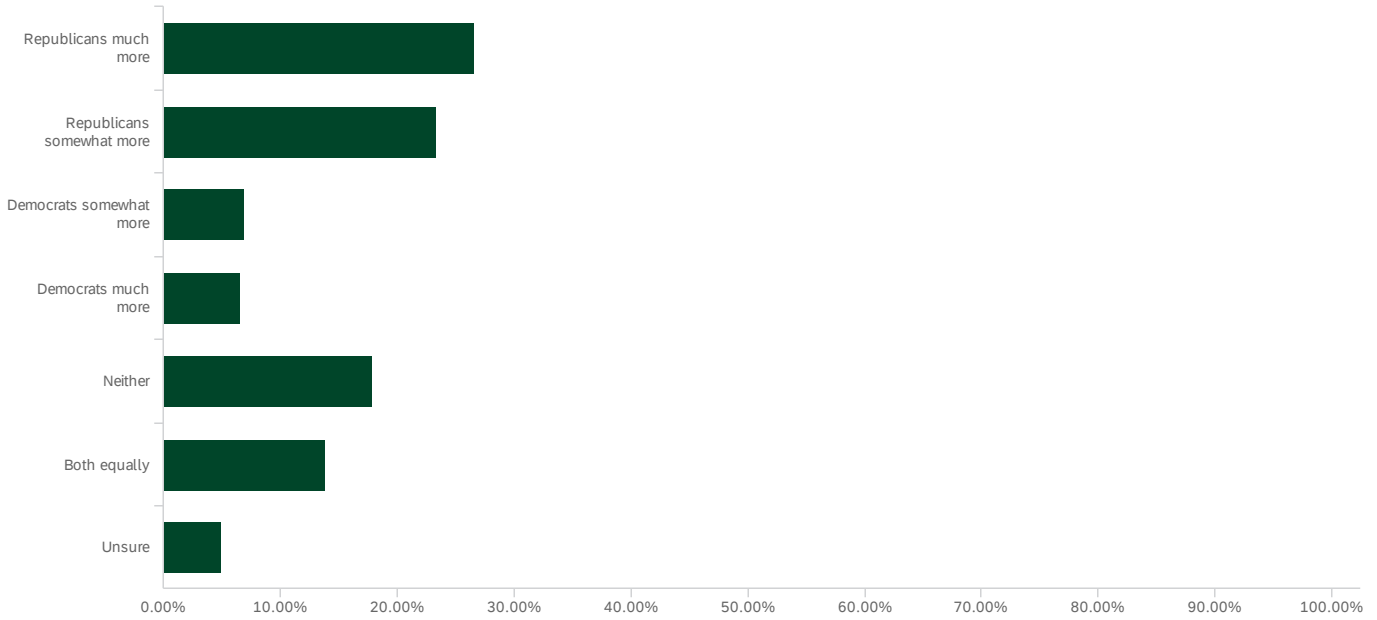


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Thinking about Managing environmental and land use regulations affecting farms, which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?	4.00	10.00	5.86	1.94	3.76	974

#	Field	Percentage
4	Republicans much more	35.83%
5	Republicans somewhat more	22.48%
6	Democrats somewhat more	6.37%
7	Democrats much more	5.85%
8	Neither	19.10%
9	Both equally	5.13%
10	Unsure	5.24%
		974

Q13K - Thinking about Supporting rural infrastructure (broadband, roads, utilities), which

party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?

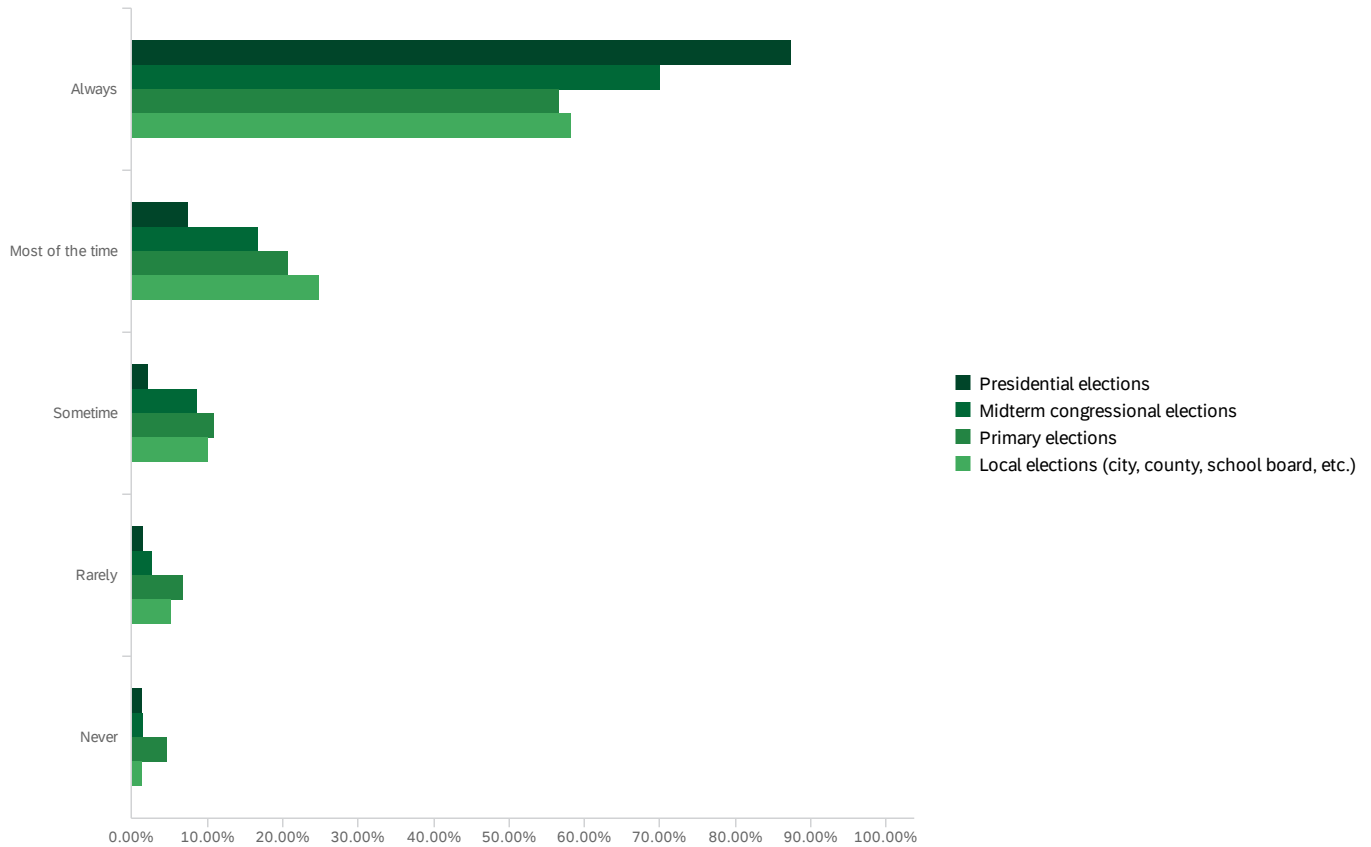


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Thinking about Supporting rural infrastructure (broadband, roads, utilities), which party do you trust to handle it effectively for farmers and farming communities?	4.00	10.00	6.27	2.01	4.04	974

#	Field	Percentage
4	Republicans much more	26.59%
5	Republicans somewhat more	23.31%
6	Democrats somewhat more	6.88%
7	Democrats much more	6.57%
8	Neither	17.86%
9	Both equally	13.86%
10	Unsure	4.93%
		974

Q14 - People participate in elections at different levels depending on the year and the

issues at stake. How often do you typically vote in each of the following?



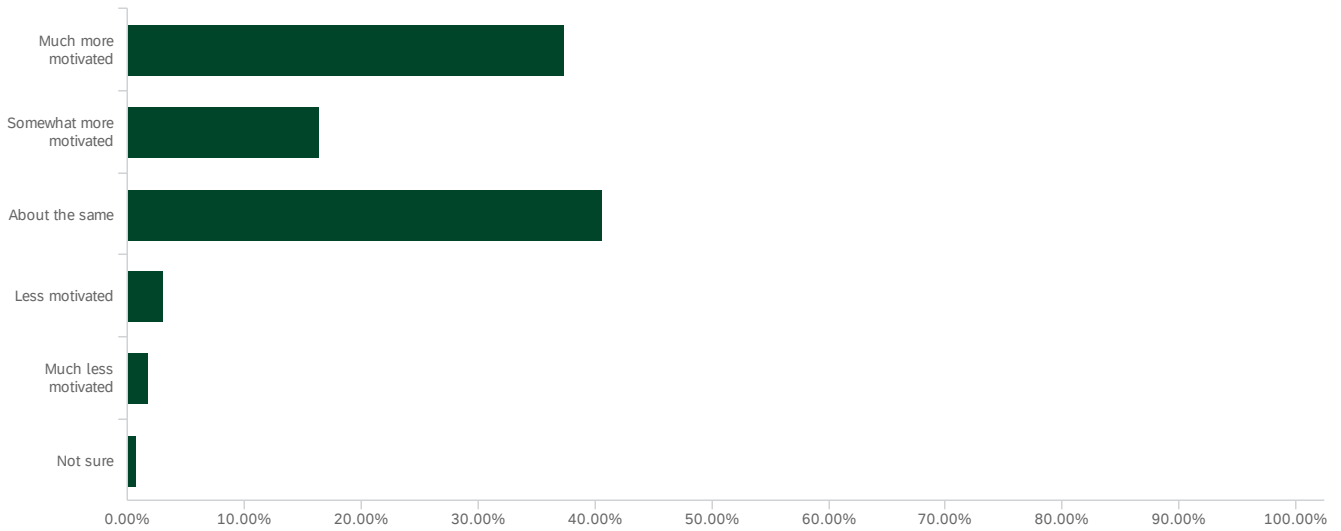
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Presidential elections	1.00	5.00	1.22	0.68	0.47	974
2	Midterm congressional elections	1.00	5.00	1.49	0.88	0.78	974
3	Primary elections	1.00	5.00	1.82	1.16	1.35	974
4	Local elections (city, county, school board, etc.)	1.00	5.00	1.67	0.96	0.91	974

#	Field	Always	Most of the time	Sometime	Rarely	Never	Total
1	Presidential elections	87.47%	7.49%	2.16%	1.54%	1.33%	974
2	Midterm congressional elections	70.12%	16.84%	8.73%	2.77%	1.54%	974
3	Primary elections	56.67%	20.74%	10.99%	6.88%	4.72%	974

#	Field	Always	Most of the time	Sometime	Rarely	Never	Total
4	Local elections (city, county, school board, etc.)	58.32%	24.85%	10.16%	5.24%	1.44%	974

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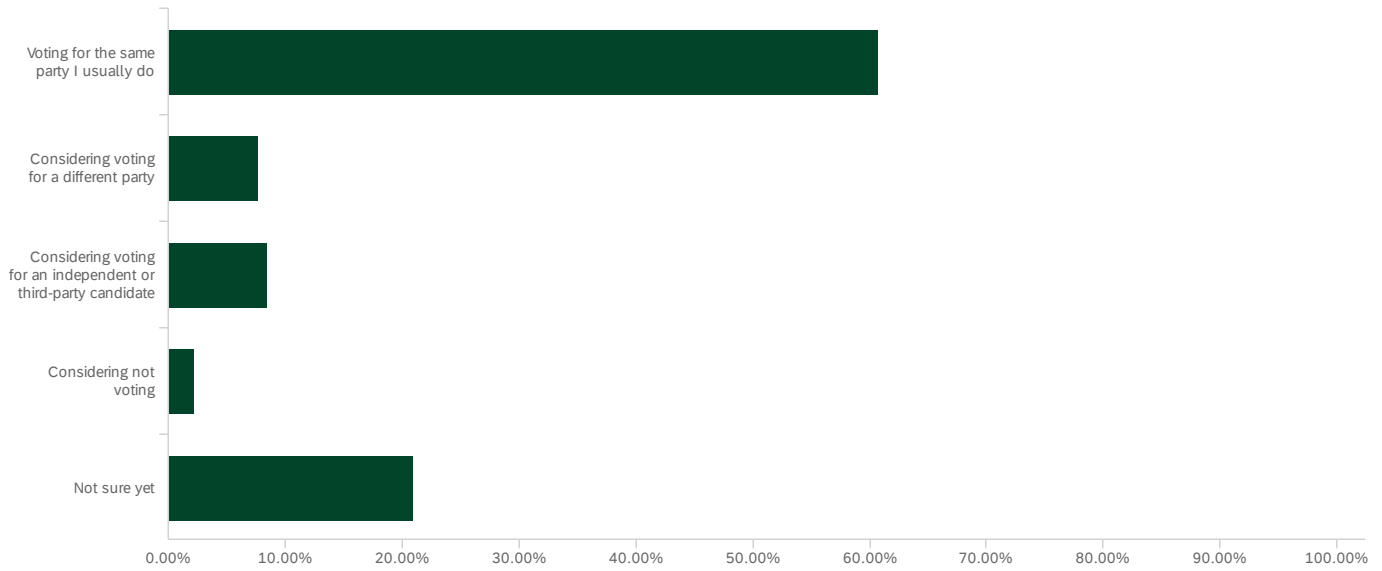
Q15 - Compared to the last election cycle, are you more or less motivated to vote in the upcoming midterm election?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Compared to the last election cycle, are you more or less motivated to vote in the upcoming midterm election?	1.00	6.00	2.18	1.07	1.14	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	Much more motivated	37.37%
2	Somewhat more motivated	16.43%
3	About the same	40.66%
4	Less motivated	3.08%
5	Much less motivated	1.75%
6	Not sure	0.72%
		974

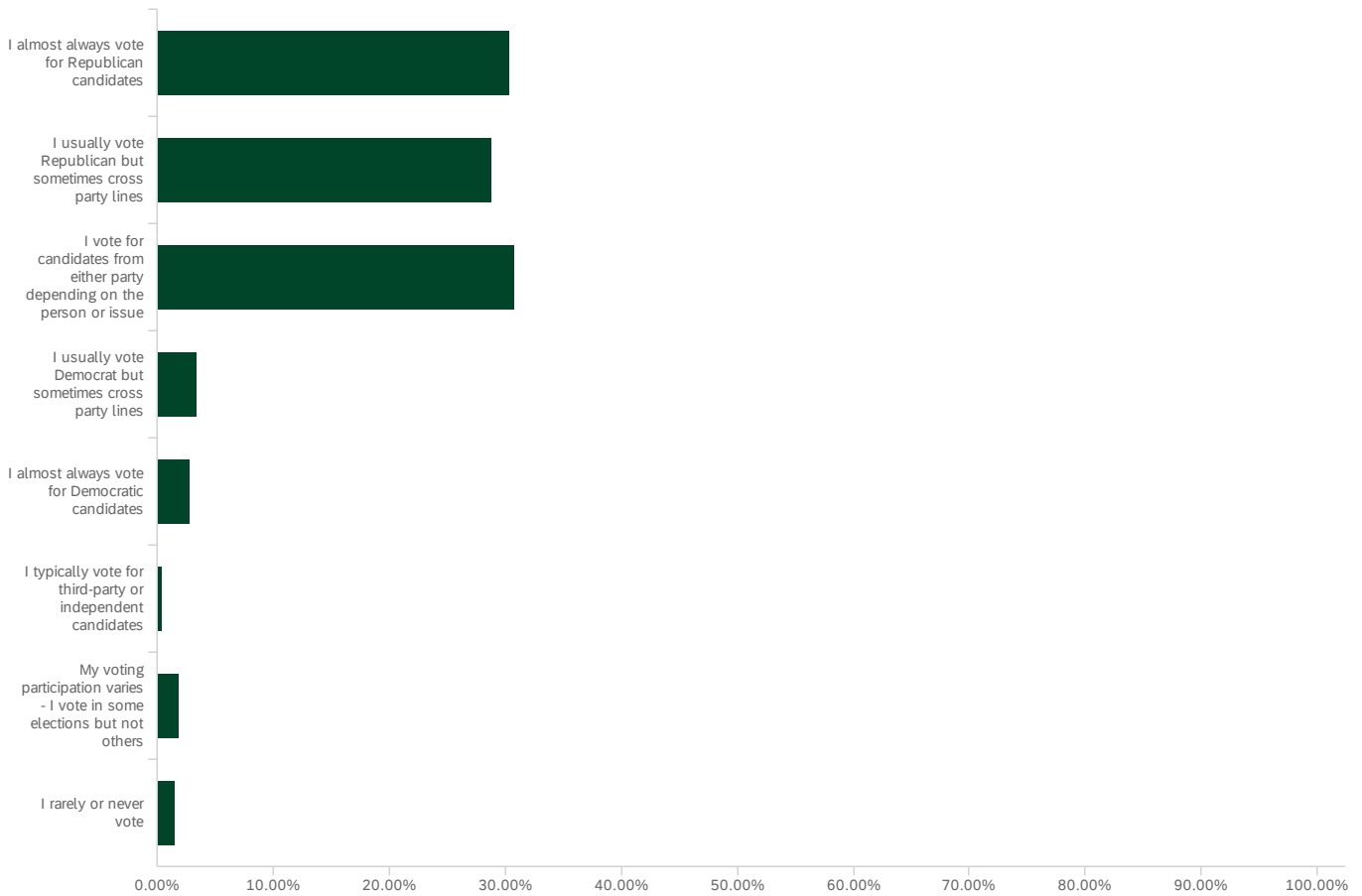
Q16 - Compared to past elections, are you considering voting for a different party in this upcoming election?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Compared to past elections, are you considering voting for a different party in this upcoming election?	1.00	5.00	2.15	1.63	2.64	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	Voting for the same party I usually do	60.78%
2	Considering voting for a different party	7.70%
3	Considering voting for an independent or third-party candidate	8.42%
4	Considering not voting	2.16%
5	Not sure yet	20.94%
		974

Q17 - Which of the following best describes your voting pattern?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Which of the following best describes your voting pattern?	1.00	8.00	2.36	1.40	1.95	974

#	Field	Percentage
1	I almost always vote for Republican candidates	30.39%
2	I usually vote Republican but sometimes cross party lines	28.85%
3	I vote for candidates from either party depending on the person or issue	30.80%
4	I usually vote Democrat but sometimes cross party lines	3.39%
5	I almost always vote for Democratic candidates	2.77%
6	I typically vote for third-party or independent candidates	0.41%
7	My voting participation varies - I vote in some elections but not others	1.85%

#	Field	Percentage
8	I rarely or never vote	1.54%

974

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Q18 - What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the past?

Type in a detailed response.

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

A candidate who would vote for the benefit of the people they represent and not the lobbyists or their self-interest. Someone who wouldn't leave office with millions of dollars more than they came into office with.

nothing

Nothing

Customer service

A candidate that truly has the same views as I do.

People who are willing to work together to find solutions! Not just blame everything on the other party! Compromise! And do what is best for the country!!

candidate

a candidate that I agree with

We just need some good candidates! Party lines wouldn't matter if they were honest, reliable and kept their word.

Increased ruling authoritarianism.

Don't think I would change

More support for small farms and less hand outs to big corporations that are stealing the small farms.

Will not

None

Nothing could make me vote Democrat

The candidate the espouses my values, position on issues and, as best I can tell, is honest.

Nothing

The candidates policies

If there was someone that is not already part of the "system" and would be willing to change the mess we are in

Nothing with the current administration

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

nothing

congress not controlling checks and balances, Trump not controlling his mouth

The problem we have are politicians. What we need are statesmen. We need people to represent the public interest, not their own.

If it's a Somali

Strong Christian view point and beliefs. If you follow Christ, you will do what's right!

If the candidate is in direct opposition to the way I think the country should be going, I won't vote for him/her.

Nothing

voting for the commissioners who are against data centers in our back yard

Extremes

some one that was not a stupid rich person

Nothing

Earlier E15 statement is biased in favor of E15. However, I would strongly support candidates who oppose ANY bio-fuel addition. E15 supports the corn & soy growers, to the detriment of those buying corn and soy. I'm not sure which candidate that will be. We are very fortunate to be able to afford the lifestyle we have when government continues to implement policies that increase the cost of living to all of us.

Would be hard to vote for someone that wants to fund private schools with public money by using vouchers.

I try to choose the best person not party. So I can't say that anything would change. Sometimes I vote against who I want not to win instead of the one I want best. That is typically if a race between the leading Democrat or Republican is close.

The person & stance on issues

Anyone raising taxes will never get my vote

Candidate who would work to find additional markets for ag commodities

Nothing

Would check and see what he or she was able to do and work with all of the elective people

Policy

Nothing

E 15 year Roy d or higher blend

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Biblical Christian morals and laws

I want candidates that truly put America first and are looking for ways to cut governance spending and be more fiscally responsible. Candidates who are not bought off by anyone and truly are trying to represent their constituents.

Honesty

Nothing at the moment

Anything to remove the current president and administration

I would vote for best person running

Need term limits and a qualified Secretary of Agriculture. Someone that is not a puppet and speaks up more with farmers and carries more clout.

Canadate for the farmers.

How situations are handled.

n/a

Not inclined to vote democrat unless there is dramatic change in democratic leadership of congress.

Nothing

None

Drastic support of immoral legislation

A good solid person for America. Not a party only person.

I always try to vote for the person who will be better for the country

Nothing. Democrats have become too liberal, socialist, and hateful.

extreme changes

Only if Trump take the attitude of his favorite dictator from North Korea and forces everyone to vote for his interests. And even then I would be throwing up in my mouth as I cast a vote for those vile MAGA interests while being threatened with bodily harm if I didn't vote

no

don't really trust either party

I vote independent of party and will continue to do so.

Trade issues

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Rrrr

Nothing

None

Someone with common sense

Scandals proven to be true

.

Nothing really just need time for the president's policies to work and get the democrats in congress to get out of the way so country can start moving forward instead of stalling

A better candidate that shares more of my concern

Nothing

Political common sense that's for the people and America. The parties need to work together for the common good

Vote for the candidate with the most common sense

Better candidate

I am not voting for anyone that has been supportive of Trump

Nothing. Dens have gone crazy!

If I would just see a change

N/A. I vote for the person's previous actions, not the political party.

Policies and promises of government assistance; more focus on agriculture and farmer wages

Keeping the campaign promises

If a republican that is running would stand up to the current president on issues

Farm trade policies

getting a absentee ballot more easily

They all think about themselves only!

Lies are not acceptable

I vote for the person that is most qualified

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

N/A

Talk of insurrection, importing beef from other countries, suppressing crop exports, uncertainty that grows daily/hourly, extended wars that raise fertilizer prices

if drastically different democrat is running for president

If the other party was able to provide more for agriculture

A candidate that I'm sure is truthful.

bad republican candidates

A person with a clean record and a good dose of common sense

Nothing

don't have a lot of choices in Illinois. its run bye Chicago and I am down state so my Votes does count too much in this State. Federally it counts only in House and Senate Elections

I vote for the man or woman that alines more with my way of thinking on local and state issues. In national elections almost always that's a Republican local elections sometimes they run in the party they are more likely to win which is Democratic and I would support the my choice.

Political parties need to come back to reality and work together

If you know that the process will get completed with each party, I would vote.

nothing

I vote typically on what I believe will be best for the country not just for myself

Trust

We need common sense leaders again. I would side with a candidate that common sense and doesn't just go with the party they represent

Continued inflation and devaluing of the dollar along with not bringing the people in the past administration to account for the injustices they committed.

If business is made to look evil. Anything remotely looking like socialism.

A more conservative candidate would most likely get my vote. The Republicans are too centrist

Farm economy

Fraud!!!!

nothing

I will continue to vote primarily Republican.

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Won't have an R vote anytime soon. Yikes

Go off deep end

Nothing.

The party who prosecutes both sides for fraud and misgivings where is needed that holds people accountable

Qualified and effective leadership.

nothing

4no

Unknown

Nothing would lead me to vote differently than I have in the past because it is important to get our government working again for the people. However, if I felt an independent (if one ran) might do better than either party I would consider voting as an independent.

Nothing, democrats are evil

Absolutely can not support the current governmental dumpster fire.

None

Nothing

Policies

Nothing at the moment

If Democrats would stop attacking ICE Agents, stop supporting abortion on demand, stop lying, stop being hypocritical, stop demanding to spend taxpayers money on green energy, stop inciting riots, stop voting against funding DHS, stop demanding allowing men in woman's sports, start to support the president on matters of national security.

Usda payments for small farmers taking china out of pork production

A candidate that has integrity. One who you can trust and that does not lie all the time. One that has intelligence and clearly understands the needs of the general population, not the elite. One that follows the law rather than thinking of themselves as being above the law and pardoning law breakers just because they contribute to their reelection.

Nothing

Nothing

I would vote differently if one of the parties were to field a qualified, moderate candidate. That said, just a qualified candidate would be refreshing. I think that we have had three presidential elections in a row with a choice between bad and worse

Seems that everyone that gets into office, is for the big Corporates not farmers

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

nothing comes to mind

right now there is no one that is running that I believe can do a good job. we need smaller government and quit having to many monopolies of chemicals and fertilizers. we have a government that is concerned or being manipulated by other countries. we need to worry about our own. As of right now I will vote conservative and who can do the best job.

Nothing

Follow up on promises and treating the taxed community fairly

The trustworthiness and effectiveness of the candidate.

don't know

personal opinion of the candidate

Probably nothing would change my vote

If the candidates disagreed openly with their and respect the opposition and willing to debate openly. Also like to see candidates who can talk about other things other than their tribes pre-scribed talking points and can't answer a question that hasn't been pre-screened with a "committee" approved response or willing to talk about

Farm aid so small farmers can get their farms back from big agricultural companies

If there is a candidate who supports my stance on a major issue.

No

The person would have to give detailed information how they plan to change this country for the better and not give a generic answer.

Loss of trade partners

I don't think I would change my voting pattern as I don't believe in what the democratic party stands for

If the republican doesn't get anything done.

unsure

An ideal candidate

While I lean very strongly to conservative preferences, I am open to voting for a solid candidate, regardless of party, which brings a strong knowledge and positive position to the table for the rural landscape in general and production agriculture in particular

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Clear unfavorable impacts to me or my livelihood

not sure

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Politicians have forgotten that their first priority is to represent their constituents not national parties.

Remove current administration

It would depend on the nominees points of interest that are similar to mine.

Someone who was actually competent, instead of the jokers we have had to choose from in the past

I started voting democratic when the republicans nominated trump. Was always a strong republican till him. His corruption and graft has been a stain on this country. I don't always agree with the democrats but until the republicans come to their senses I can't see myself voting for anyone but a democrat.

Nothing

An actual plan for healthcare and immigration and infrastructure instead of just words.

Better trade policy. Less Federal regulations and involvement.

Tired of any candidate that puts party above country. None of the republicans will call out trump on anything. Have some real idiots in cabinet.

If Congress could accomplish something

Not sure

What changes are made. How will it affect members of the community. Does it make sense.

No change.

Absolutely nothing

Depends on the candidate and their views on the issues

A better Farm Bill and more affordable fertilizer and fuel costs

Nothing

Nothing

If something came out on a candidate that was so out of the mainstream idea of thinking or just close proximity of corruption.

would not vote for a democrat unless the party changes back to what it was 20 years ago

If both major party candidates have view I do not endorse. I would consider a third party candidate.

The current US representative has not been effective in supporting recovery from Helene. The current Senator's race is choosing the lesser of two evils

I will always choose who seems most informed and qualified- that's how it should be!

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Not much. Have voted the same for years

Attacking the Water Crisis and more Govt programs to help the smaller Farmers

Strong candidate with a record of supporting the items that mean the most to me and my family

Dems focusing on bizarre/irrelevant issues (trans issues, attacking Trump no matter what is the issue, governing waaaaay to the left). So, extremely unlikely I would change my past pattern.

I would not, voting for the Democratic Party guarantees, everything will be more expensive and unnecessary waste.

I want to see less corruption and more action towards helping the helpless, i.e., unborn babies and trafficking victims.

Having a well qualified president, who is honest and trustworthy, would make a big difference in my voting

Based on if they stand on the same projects I'm working on or if they seem like a genuine person which a lot of politicals aren't. I want to know that once my business gets growing of planting and establishing myself from the bottom to the top I want to be known that they're going to stand tall with Farmers across all platforms and take a seriously that yes I understand people need people they are only arresting Mexicans Mexicans work hard they are labor in fort people I know that because I am Mexican. My mother my grandfather's my grandmother's and aunts have all picked on farms my brother was the fastest person on his farm that he was a Hired hand in high school but he was still one of the hardest working people that I know.

Nothing. Government is corrupt

Change in economic and immigration policies

A Food Emancipation policy

I think we should be trying to save our farmers not kill them by raising everything but their sales

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test

They seem to not do what they say they will when they are running for office

if Trump does not get things on the right track

the war in Iran, the high prices of everything

nothing

What best for the USA

Fuel prices commodity prices

There is nothing that would lead me to vote differently than I have in the pass due to the way the Republicans have made promises and have done total opposite regarding economy , health care, and the current war!!!

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What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

No

A moderate Democrat

An honest trustworthy leader

nothing

No

somebody that is sympathetic to farming

Personal freedom

I am an anti Trump Republican. I won't vote for anyone who aligns with Trump.

more honest information

I look at each individual and try to assess if they could be independently strong going either way

A strong support of pro-life, Christian policies

New candidates, not career political figures

Hhjk

Nothing will alter my pattern.

If a someone was caught in a lie and convicted before the election

If a democrat knew a man and women are different

A candidate that comes out with strong support for SMALL farm operations over "industrial" farms (over 500 Acres or more than 150 dairy cows), in order to secure the diversity of farm products. Such support needs to include tax incentives, access to low cost (low interest), financing and price support for produced products.

Nothing could convince me to vote differently than I have in the past.

If I really don't like the candidate

not supportive of lgbtq

The conduct of President Trump. I usually voted republican before Trump came on the scene!!!

Voting straight democrat until trump is gone. that assumes there is still a democracy at that point

An improved economy for the middle class people

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Until Democrats only show up in an election year in rural areas and disappear again, nothing will change my Republican vote. Words don't help, action does

If someone would support farming

Someone I know personally that I can trust

Farm bill.

would take something major

For someone who can prove to me that they will help the American Small Female Farmer!

None. Would still vote Republican

If I like the persons policies

current cost of living and healthcare cost

No, the positive party is most effective today. Trump has our best interest.

Right candidate for issues and policies that impact me and my family

If the Republican Party continues to pursue illiberal policies and abandon conservative and constitutional principles. I have not voted for either major party presidential candidate in the last 3 elections because we can't seem to find anyone qualified for the position and who supports the constitutional structure and rights our country was founded upon.

some one with strong focus on agriculture

happy with the officials I voted for

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Vote outside of Republican Party ONLY if they make significant departures from historical platform planks.

While I am registered with the Board of Elections with a party affiliation, that is so I can vote in primary and have a say in Local politics. I vote for the beat Candidate. Only in the last 8-12 years has it become where the candidates I feel will do the best job are only with 1 party. I have always considered myself independent. The one political party has become so extreme in their socialist ideology that I will never vote for one of their candidates until they return to supporting Capitalism and representative Republic.

A true moderate

I would not vote differently because the democrats support abortion and don't support traditional marriage.

Nothing

Policy affecting my farm

Need a competent, mentally stable leader that is not out for their own business interests and brand name. Whichever party that has a nominee with

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

those qualities.

Lack of progress from a candidate

Nothing

If I died . A lot of dead people voted in the last election for democrats. Other than that I will never vote for a Democrat!

Policies

not much they would have to change every vanidste across the nation

Whoever might get Congress working together and accomplishing something positive.

Someone with common sense ideas

I will vote for who I think will get something done.

Nothing

Swamp

N

Someone worth voting for...

A person with Ag knowledge.

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I like the officials I can vote for I don't like my state and federal government in general, I will continue to get any neighbors that need help to get to the poles.

I want a more centered candidate. Not the extremes we are seeing from the two main parties

Nothing

None

nothing really

Unlikely

Promises made and promises kept, or lack there of.

Continued lack of farm prioritization

Failures to perform and wanting a little bit of change.

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Ag support

None

i judge candidates on my own perception and not so much on their party but my views are more in line with the republican party than the democrat party

If the Democratic Party would actually be able to reverse the market and income costs trends in the next term. Not just offer relief money. And it would have to be someone that actually has a reputation for sticking to his word and also would need to have a background in farming

Knowing a person makes sense and will hold themselves accountable

A person with character would definitely be who I would be looking for. And not a person who just tells me what they think I want to hear.

None

Economic and labor concerns.

Do not know at this time

nothing

A candidate that actually does something, not just empty follow the trend words. Exhibiting an actual interest and knowledge of agriculture, not just at election time. Actually pursuing something badly needed, like TERM LIMITS! Actually work for the people, not treating winning an election as a retirement party.

Not much. the more i see and know the more i trust the party that i voted for the last few times

If they would actually quit raising taxes and giving out so many freebies and govt programs to ag and non ag... just too much handouts across the board.

Probably nothing at this time. Our state is run by democrats and it's a mess.

Nothing

Economy

Getting a farm bill passed

If they had a candidate not crazy and worth voting for

They are all a bunch of morons except for Turump!!

I will NOT vote differently

Nothing democrats ruined the economy there is nothing that will change my mind to vote for them

I always vote the a candidate who represents my conservative views and it doesn't matter what party.

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Nothing

Democrats would have to become a completely different party

I will not vote for anyone who supports trump and his lies

Nothing

the particular candidates position

a major change in either party

A major shift in polices and proven results, because they run on promising but delivering is a whole new subject.

Unsure in this unsettled political climate.

Not much

nothing

I vote for the candidate that I see best fit for the job. I don't care which side of the isle her she is on

Having politicians who do not keep kicking the can down the road. We are on the cusp in the next 10 years of our country falling into financial despair. There will not be money for programs if we do not start to watch spending now and not be cutting taxes in a time when we need to cut spending and raise taxes slightly to keep us out of a financial crisis by 2036

A candidate that is trustworthy.

A party that would come up with a good health care plan and get rid of all the tariffs that are costing farmers every day

Hard to tell. the swamp IS DEEEEEPPPP

Depends on several things

The different possibility would be that I would vote straight party ticket. Not just against the current administration, but all the Republican party enablers that knowingly supported a corrupt incompetent to control political power. Iowans used to split votes a lot. A liberal Tom Harkin with massive majorities, and a conservative Charles Grassley with the same large majorities. It was clear by the vote totals that there was significant crossover voting. The same was commonly true of the split between governor and the legislature. There was not an absolute trust to give all the power to one party, but it worked because there was an ability to compromise and function. Somewhere along the way it became about winning at all costs. Both sides had extremists that were not representative of the greater party, such as the John Birch Society and the Weatherman. While the radical left is still a minority, crazy has become mainstream for Conservatives. The media bears a lot of responsibility as chaos is news and was therefore monetized. Ronald Reagan may be viewed in name as a Republican icon, but if his speeches and policies were espoused by a current Republican they would be labeled a RINO. Unless people turn away from the alternate facts used to own and degrade, we no longer have a functioning government.

affordable health care

nothing

More crazy Presidential decisions, leaders that are out of touch with the average American. Policies and action driven by ego and personal wealth for

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

decision makers.

The current war

any body that would make congress print money and do away with the privately own system called the federal reserve system

A canadate that reasonably spent money and did not just give it away. I don't like using my taxes to pay for someone else's education, health insurance, or living.

Better health care. Lower insurance costs

depending on what happens with the Iran war, don't like wars, it costs human lives and disrupts everything

Fundamental changes

Nothing will change

Nothing

trade issues

Need some stable commodity prices

the demacrats would have to change there ways.

None.

War

If they actually gave a shit about us, I would

Eliminating or seriously reducing - gerrymandering of congressional districts, the influence of big corporate money and length of campaigns, and ability to vote a straight ticket. Increase access to reliable information about candidate's legislative records in dealing with current problems.

prices

nothing

Term limits

Media to tell the truth

nothing

Unsure

If any particular candidate would deny that we are constitutional republic, capitalist, society, or Judeo-Christian culture I would not vote for them

CHANGE from what we have now!!

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Might be how they handled higher fuel and Fertilizer prices.

Economy/military

More moderate less extreme

no

Whomever cleans up fraudulent spending

H

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Reduced taxes and regulations in illinois

nothing

A major financial scandal.

I don't think the candidate aligns with my beliefs

no comment

No comment

Not sure

No

nothing

no, im fed up with both parties, they are all crocks

The farm economy needs to be one of the main concerns for the US government before it's too late.

Nothing

I will be supporting the DFL because of the disaster this administration has got us into. Lies and criticism gets us nowhere Trump.

would actually like to see somebody spend a little less money on everything

The person who is most qualified and isn't a career politician!

None

Someone stealing my identity and giving it to an illegal to vote

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

I want govt tp get things done,to lower the debt no shut downs control immigration and change the game structure of how executives get compensated and let the govt even up the competitive advantage large farms have on lower imput costs do to larger buying power

I will always vote republican; nothing will lead me to vote for any democratic candidate.

I would vote against any person or party if I thought they were either not being honest or would not stand up against wrong doers.

The persons involved in the choice.

If the democrats pull their heads out of their asses and actually care about America.

N/a

if the war continues.

A candidate that has common sense about things and isn't far left or fee right

If we had just one Party that works for the Good of the LORD and the AMERICAN People. Instead of Democrats and Republicans who constantly try to UNDO each other's Agenda.

healthcare for all

Trump completely pulling the rug out from under us supporters and doing everything opposite of what he said he would do

Both parties are deeply flawed but I can not imagine voting for socialists/communists

No wars. Take care of people in need. Fix immigration system

Depends on if they put a dumb ass candidate on the ballot

Nothing. I vote for the best candidate that I think will do a good job and will take care of the American citizens including farmers and ranchers.

qualifications

Candidates who are more moderate. Not radical left or right.

no

A new person with reasonable ideas

Candidates that have extreme views and want more government control

A candidate that listens to the people and votes with common sense rather than a stance party voter. Such as Fetterman

Policy

Nothing

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Have those in politics actually understand agriculture and act on what is best for the farmers and not corporations.

If Republicans don't accomplish anything in Congress with full control

more incentives

trustworthy candidate

It would have to be a drastic change.

NA

I/m not sure right now.

A candidate that was authentic and honest

Nothing, I live in New York there is no way I would vote for a Democrat.

I would have to see a big difference

I think the war with Iran could have been handled differently. Now we're threatening to blow up there power grids which affects the people

Nothing

N/A

honest candidates

Who has the best ideas and follows thru

If I thought there was a better alternative.

I probably won't change how I vote. If you sound like you'll get the job done, are a good fit for the job, talk like an adult, and will make my family's life better, you'll get my vote!

I've always voted republican, but after the chaos and mess that Trump and the Republican Congress have made of things I will voting Democratic Party now.

Nothing

yes

Nothing, because Democrats are whackos.

not

What they stand for. I would not for for a Democrat at this time due to the way most have performed. Poorly. Fetterman is the exception.

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

The type of person

Not Sure

non

Trumps retribution activities are not policy or government. Trump and all of his staff are outwardly corrupt. Trump does not support minorities, farmers, or trade partners. Looks like his main policy is to get his family wealthy.

nothing

I vote for the candidate who appears to be an upstanding citizen and really cares about the community and country.

Genuine and major policy change in either party could shift my vote. For example, Republican support for elimination of Estate Taxes is key to my vote for them. If Democrats would adopt that policy or if Republicans dropped it, that would cause me to rethink everything. Frankly, the Democrats shift to woke ideas made them unacceptable for the last 10 years.

Nothing

Nothing

If the parties reversed their policy stances, that could cause me to vote differently. That is not likely! Democrats have gone way too far left on almost all the policies.

Democracy's becoming less crazy

A true an honest person actually ran for office

Not sure

a poor candidate

None

Integrity & Character of the candidate.

Nothing, they're all a joke and looking out for themselves. They don't care about us, just selling us out to the highest bidder

Trump

Im not sure any statement from a politician would sway my vote because they tend to lie or fall short of promises to get elected

I vote conservative only

I vote pro-life, pro-family, pro-Christ

If I could find representatives that are not jealous of there constituents, it would be a lot easier! The representatives seem to only want to help groups with large money, not the one with the money! The one who have steady money.... If I could find someone who actually likes the people they represent, no matter what side they are on.

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Nothing, I vote for the person and not a party

We have never had a decent president from the democratic party

i always try to vote for the candidate that I think will do the best for me

We need to get Trump stopped!

Making price we get paid for milk and crops profitable

The current administration doesn't care about farmers or the things we face. They have also caused great difficulty getting the help needed after Hurricane Helene.

We need term limits.

farm policies updated to promote new farmers

nothjng

Nothing

Nothing

Nothing, voting republican in Minnesota

Different policies

not a thing

Would vote for any candidate that is not controlled by Israel.

We need a new Governor in Illinois.

Someone that will do there job and trust

Probably nothing, but I can't predict the future.

I don't know right now. Both sides have absolutely no clue about farmers anymore

Nothing

Economy

Who ever can fix the fuel and fertilizer prices m

A legitimate viable truly constitutional candidate that will defend rural/farm issues

The impeachment of Trump and Vance

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Someone who is willing to attempt to shake up the god ole boys club.

I have been appalled by the majority of decisions made by Trump...and I voted Republican...and his chosen crew of inept advisors. I am 70 and never would've thought I'd ever vote Democratically, but this administration honestly appalls me with its total disregard for the average US citizen, and for farmers who work long hours 365 days of the year, who have become pawns to Trump's wacky, idiotic decisions. The guy is demented.

Congress showing courage to stand up to current administration and do its job

Loss of trust

The person running

I have been a pure independent voter all my life. But —this last election, I voted party line Democrat. (I, in my whole life, have never, in any election, voted party line before.) —I voted that way only because I dislike so much President Trump's authoritarianism, and his authoritarian control over Republicans in Congress. I do very much like the George Will type of Republicans. As soon as President Trump is gone I will revert back to being a pure Independent voter. I believe that authoritarians like Trump —and by that I mean Putin, Xi, and the Ayatollahs (yes, them)—are the greatest danger facing both we Americans, and facing the whole world today. These authoritarian type of leaders put themselves first and everything else, including their own countries, second. When I was young, Republicans and Democrats worked together in Congress. They seldom do now. We should start fixing this by getting gerrymandered Congressional Districts ungerrymandered !!! I can think of nothing else that would get our politicians working together for us, instead of working for themselves and against each other. Again, nothing else would get Republicans and Democrats in Congress to work together, instead of fighting all the time, than getting gerrymandered districts ungerrymandered.

If the Liberals got their heads on straight.

LABOR AND TRADE Big Ag rules

Nothing

Nether party is doing much of anything.

As long as Trump and his kiss up Republicans are ruining our country, I will not vote for them.

I would vote differently for a candidate who thought more of the US and its people more than lining their pockets. One that would not allow land to be sold to foreign individuals or countries. One that would sell American products, including medications, not foreign imports. A person that follows personal ethics, Christian beliefs, common sense. Applies that belief system to their position, not party rules or behaviors that others impose on them. No one should have to buy into a position in the House or the Senate. An individual that would feel comfortable in the presence of the men who wrote the American Constitution.

Not much

Candidates that actually care about the issues and want to work on fixing them rather than toeing the party lines. I really don't care which party they are in if they stand for the right thing. I would vote differently if a party stated that they want less government involvement and giving more power and rights back to the people, making government much smaller.

If my current conservative legislatures went wacko

Candidate responses to queries

At this point, thanks to the idiocy of the Republican Party, I could never conceive of voting for a Republican ever again in any election!

I would vote for the candidate that supports eliminating carbon tax credits.

A candidate that is not just a politician and willing to stand up for their beliefs if they align with my own values

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Would not vote for a democrat

Someone that would get term limits in affect and make less government a reality. Stop allowing large corporations to buy candidates

Rising property tax

actions of current administration

Nothing at this time

Economy

It would take a sea change in candidate policy and values - virtually impossible at this point.

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Nothing

Have better ideas

I don't vote.

The person

Better ideas

If the war is still going

I always vote for the candidate that has my best interests. No mater what party that they belong to.

A candidate that stands for the people and not their respective party. A candidate that will put the voters and their best interests first instead of their respective party.

nothing I don't trust the liberals

If the democrats would be America first before party

None at this time

Candidate

A party making a believable statement that supports what my interests are

opinions about certain issues related to agriculture

If Democrats would get a clue and actually provide some good to this country

Na

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Probably nothing

If a good independent party candidate ran.

A normal candidate

If the Democrats would come up with a worthy and reliable candidate

If the current conflict in Iran is unsettled and ongoing, it could change my vote.

A better plan on immigration and trade

Can't imagine any realistic scenario to change lifetime philosophy.

It would take numerous things for me to vote Democrat rather than republican. such as close the boarder. End d.e.i., the big corporations ramming down our throats changing sustainability. Farmers are sustainable and constantly adapting.

Not much. Vote who I consider is the best for the job

voting for a president who does farmers assistance programs

High input costs, tariffs causing volatile markets, loss of health insurance, frustration with SNAP causing decrease in demand locally, high interest rates, high fuel prices, timing of global conflicts that coincide with planting and harvest

Depends on policy

History

Balance the budget

Iran war

Some one with common sense!

Abandonment of farm issues

Nothing

Nothing, I think the government is all messed up and divided right now, even between both parties. I don't think one party is to blame, both are at fault.

Interest rates

I was a democrat voter, and they left me in the cold, and I will not support anything they do. They are the pits as far as I'm concerned.

Not having a person running that I think would represent my views.

Nothing

nothing

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

If I felt a candidate had good policy ideas and would follow through on the implementation of them.

Candidates

Nothing

Honest candidate that don't spread lies and propaganda

We need better choices

Would switch if current administration keeps hurting farmers like they have with Iran bombing and beef imports

Full scale war. Leading to more deaths

Less regulations for an open market. Farm plans only raise the cost of inputs, farmers never benefit.

nothing

I believe in less government not more. The Republican Party seems to have the same idea and I will go that way.

Help farmers

Start working together. Stop worrying about party lines

Nothing

Nothing could lead me to vote for a democrat

The candidates tell the truth. Stand up for our Republic. Take care of the deficit before we have a global debt crisis.

If the parties swapped views, I'd be inclined to switch parties.

will never vote Democrat again

Nothing currently

nothing right now.

Not sure

Nothing

Real,real,real good person.

Ending the Iran war shortly means by May 1

I will never ever vote democrat !!!!!

nothing

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Nothing will change my mind. I never vote.

None at this time

None

depends on issues and circumstances

Someone who could get both sides to agree

looking for a knowledgeable, qualified candidate from either party who cannot be bought and looks to the needs of his/her constituents.

The whole works in Washington needs to be replaced. I don't trust any of them. They are all there to fill their own pockets. 39 trillion in debt, when is enough, enough??

If the democrats grew a brain

Won't happen

nothing

A really worth while candidate

Better candidate on either side. Candidate that seems to address my concerns.

It's going to depend on the current state of affairs in the community, state, and the country to determine how I vote. It's also will depend on whose running for the different seats in the government.

Nothing right now

Nothing. The Democrats are a radical party that only care about power!

The person that best help our Rual Communities survive and hopefully thrive

Common sense WWJD (truly, not this not bigoted racist war mongeing Christian's)

What their record is on supporting ag and where they stand on the issues that impact the industry

Nothing

Nothing at this time

Common sense

Not voting

No

Just something different

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

If candidates would make sure dairy farmers got paid accordingly I cannot even afford to build fences to keep the cows in

Nothing. Democrats are worthless!!!

nothing

Nothing

As a farmer and as from a moral point of view I will always vote for a pro-life candidate no matter the party. I look at the party platform first and foremost. Three to four years ago when attending so many agricultural meetings the topic usually evolved to the question of "how are we going to feed the world". I never hear that anymore. Why? Could it be because we have aborted so many babies? As long as we have agricultural surpluses the farmer will always be trying to make ends meet. I will vote for the party whom I think seeks the moral high ground

The party that is more truthful and doesnt lie every word out of their mouth

A new candidate

Only my dead body would be able to fill in the circle to vote for a Democrat.

A candidate that I would trust.

Someone that would be more farm oriented

No difference

Policy changes

term limits

Nothing

I will tend to vote for new candidates this time. The current politicians from both parties are big disappointments. The party system just isn't working, we need politicians who vote for their constituents and not their party or president. We need some honesty, backbone and common sense.

If Republicans grew a spine and impeached and convicted Donald Trump.

No

Really good candidates.

having candidates that actually represent the people not just their party.

A better candidate

Keep the government out of farming

A strong independent candidate

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

A candidate that would make it their priority to save the small farms. Not supporting the mega farms. Mega farms are hurting our small family farms and our soil and water.

If democrats thought like republicans

More Trump-like Republican candidates would lead me to not vote or consider Democratic or independent candidates

Find a honest, genuine candidate

Because I vote for best representation, that seems replicable as hopefully two-party system fades

Nothing

Not much, I have a pretty clear idea of what I'm looking for in candidates

A candidate that actually has the interest of their constituents in mind, and reflects policies that are relevant to me.

any more wars or trouble

If a candidate had zero ties to all the big money.

I've had it with this MAGA crap,we've been lied to constantly

Continued support for ALL farmers, especially SMALL farmers!

more qualified and common sense canidates

Strong Independent candidate that is a farmer

We need to vote Career Ploticians outa office. Both parties

A clean well presented campaign that doesn't resort to petty tactics. I want issues addressed by mature and well researched thought processes. I would like vision to exceed term lengths. And tax dollars used as the people intended and not as riders on unrelated legislation.

Not a good candidate

Better choices

I would vote as always

Nothing. Finally have conquered Bidenflation. We have abundant energy policies. The Iran nuclear threat is being neutered. Economy is on the upswing. All positives.

Nothing. Republicans are not trustworthy

Nothing would change my mind. My best years of owning farmland and marketing my crops have always been under Democratic leadership!

A complete flip in either party's policy.

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

I wouldn't vote differently!

Nothing would change my mind

Depending on there background & support farmers & small towns

Presidents behavior

Nothing

If Trump doesn't end the war very soon and stop lying all the time. I'm fed up with the U.S financing other countries when our farmers are going bankrupt. This is B.S. our politicians need to do their job and do everything on a bipartisan level!!!

A moderate candidate from Illinois

Elected officials on local issues concerning property issues. Acquisition of ag property for clothes commercial use.

NOTHING

If the Republican party went 100% stupid like the democrats have, then yes Id have to change.

nothing

Nothing

I will always vote republican. Democrats can't do shit...

Candidate ideas and platform policies

Just decisions being made

Both parties are corrupt and out for themself

A candidate for the people. Not chasing the dollar.

The truth

Someone with common sense that does what the people want not what their lobbyists say

A new candidate that strikes my interest.

I've lost trust and faith in Republican. Can't vote for republican as they seem to be following bad leadership.

I have no reason to vote for a Republican, as they seem to bend a knee whenever Trump asks them to. They are afraid of him, and that is not at all a sign of leadership. I'll keep voting for the Democratic and Independent candidates.

energy costs

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

High rates

The support e15, bio-fuel, that are American grown

Values

Inability of congress and senate to move America forward

If democrats were more moderate I might consider changing.

The actual Candidates on the Ballot and their known character and Integrity.

If candidate understood the issues and had ideas to help small independent producers and break up monopolies

Nothing

nothing

If I could find a way to believe that were going to do or at least try to do what they said they were going to do

Depends on the person running

Continuing war with Iran

Someone who runs on the basis of helping the citizens of the United States instead of tax \$ going to illegals like the Illinois Governor!

I don't know

Nothing

Immigration reform.

Honesty and congressional term limits. Life time representation in congress needs to be abolished. Lifelong congressman become more corrupt the longer they are there. It some not be their some of income, go serve and then return to your primary career

election fraud

Support of the American farmer

Nothing

Abc

Nothing

If we could finely get a 3 rd party to work more moderately to the center of both partie platforms,no more electric vehicles,less money for airlines,if government is shut down senators,legislators share in the lost wages for the general public

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Nothing

A candidate that understands and will represent rural residents.

If a Democrat was opposed to abortion and LGBTQ non-sense, then I would not object to voting for a Democrat. I will not vote for a candidate that supports those 2 issues.

The actions of the democrat party over the last 12 years

If I particularly like one person's agenda.

A good democratic candidate

Adherence to constitutional norms and commitment to reduced domestic and foreign conflict with the exception of support for Ukraine.

Personal knowledge of candidate

They would have to abandon the core beliefs of what it means to be conservative

I would rather not vote than voting for a democrat.

It would take some drastic event or major corruption scandal to make me change the way I typically vote.

Nothing

We need less divisive leaders that are more interested in the people's well being and rights than their own well being and wealth.

A candidate who would work to help his electorate rather than only supporting his party platform.

A proven change for the better

nothing

25 years ago, I did vote Republican but haven't in a long time and likely never will again

Democrats are too liberal and want to give everything away for free which makes people lazy

not sure

No. I vote for the person not the party.

An actual anti war candidate

The government spending on fraud

It would be nice if someone actually understood the farming industry, but most candidates are so stupid they struggle with basic social service and math.

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Health care

An independent candidate

If a candidate seems to genuinely take positions based on logic, and not extremes of party doctrine

Proper people

Democrats would have to be more conservative and business and tax friendly.

I don't know if there is anyone that can straighten out USA. So far, every politician is out for their own agenda. More concerned overseas than our own interests. Both parties

Nothing different

Would Have To Be A Major Situation

economy

Someone that understands rural people and the ag way of life.

Time, family, work and farming.

Dispite being a registered voter, I never vote by party only. I review the candidates position on issues and make my voting decision based on my priorities. I feel it's important to choose the best qualified person to represent my farming situation. So, I probably would not vote differently.

It almost seems like it doesn't matter anymore who you vote for because politicians vote wherever the money tells them to.

nothing except a major change in direction

Nothing would make me vote for the Democrats, they allow to much fraud

I am done with Trump leading the Republican party. Republicans need to get back to their core values and not blindly follow Trump.

N/A

War

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NOTHING

Trump

Just having the right person come in and be able to do the job.

Vote the same mostly republican

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

A change in current agricultural environment

A very moderate candidate

Positive issues with no false answers

A trustworthy candidate.

none

Not sure

Nothing

Bad candidate

This administration's screwed up foreign policy.

Depends on the situation I guess it's a rotten world out there either president would have struggled

Nothing. I always vote for republican because we would be worse off with a democrat.

A worse downturn in ag economics

I vote for the best candidate I feel is suited for the job

Increased Support for Chinese markets

If democrats would turn to God I'd consider voting for them but the ungodly agenda that they support like abortion and LGBT makes me puke

Proof that they have acted in what they say

Loss of trust in elected party due to lies and exposed criminal acts.

Nothing. I don't support a party that supports a convicted felon/pedophile/war criminal as its president.

Experience

not really sure

A lack of movement on issues related farming economics.

nothing really

Nothing. Both parties in congress are not effective in doing anything but increasing burdens on the citizens.

Stop the continuous chaos we've had the past couple of years

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Democrat party would have to change and not so radical and liberal.

not sure

Proven leadership skills and somebody who cares more about midwestern states and uses common sense solutions.

The candidate's beliefs. The candidate of bashing the opponent.

Voting Republican is the only answer to move forward the United States, especially if this country wants to continue to move progress forward in any way, shape, or form!!!!

The war

Trusting person

All the republican candidates die

No

Nothing

I am leaning towards more new candidates rather than incumbents

I would always vote for a republican.

nothing rifgt now

More Tariffs would lead me to vote in another way

Weapons of Mass Destruction

If there was a candidate that wasn't completely full of shit and constantly lying to the American public. 99% of politicians appear to be scum.

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Nothing

Candidate platforms

Nothing

A candidate who convinces me they understand the issues farmers face, and are willing to fight for them not just their party

Money

Nothing

None - vote all republican across the board. Lower taxes, less government oversight.

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Nothing really, I vote for the candidate that I think will be the most effective for the job

The complete disconnect that the current administration has with needs of producers.

I vote depending on the person's position on the issues important to me. No different now than in the past. Usually REpublican, but not always.

How the candidate presents themselves and addresses the issues at hand.

Issues concerning the wellbeing of my family farm.

A candidate or party that truly wants to balance the budget and reduce the national debt!

Qualifications of the candidate.

The disastrous effects of tariffs, trade wars, and the damaging war in Iran. Congress refusing to stand up to the president's harmful policies.

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I would vote for a candidate that I felt is more trustworthy and honest

Nothing

Farm policy

A good viable third party candidate

N/a

Nothing really would change my mind.

The long term ag outlook

Term limits

Nothing I'm pretty much set

Not much, they all are a bunch of liars. At the end of the day the people that truly run this country aren't on ballots to be voted in

None

If democrats were more moderate

What I think

An actual decent human being running for an office

Na

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

The republican party would have to cease to exist

Nothing

Nothing I vote for the person.

nothing

nothing

na

I will vote the same way I always do

An individual candidate might

Nothing

fram bill

better canidate

It would probably be a more local candidate that I would trust

Nothing

If the new candidate would help with the insurance problems we are facing and the outrageous costs of DR.s and Dr. office costs!

If I thought a candidate could or would actually represent the farmers and not just their own interest

nothing

I would vote for anyone running against Trump

A pro Christian, pro life, anti trafficking platform

The democrats don't have a platform. They are too worried about mutating our children & allowing men into women's sports. They also want to allow criminals to be set free for horrible crimes.

Better candidates

I don't approve of alot of the things that President Trump is doing.

Need to find a competent person to run for office and lead, regardless if Republican or Democrat

If the government gets out of farming; (let free market determine) so candidates that support that.

I feel I voted for the right person

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

If I truly believed that the candidate would use common sense and support the people of their district and not just to support their party for their own personal gain.

Politicians who will actually do what they say

Improved trade negotiations to help move commodities to foreign countries.

A moderate candidate that was reasonable not extreme

to find someone who will actually work in Congress and be truthful

Anyone not supporting TRUMP

Bad Republicans

Not sure I like Trumps approach on issues.

If we lose all our trading partners and market assess.

A better candidate

Thecandidate

economy

none

Passing a great farm bill that helps everyone.

A candidate that had agriculture, Social Security, and Medicare as high priorities to maintain or improve current programs.

I will support a candidate who supports term limits for Congress, and a forced retirement for Supreme Court Justices at a certain age.

A truly strong candidate that really understands the issues and has a decent track record would get my vote.

what they stand for

They would have to bring something to the table and a clear path to get there to make me want to vote for someone liberal

More agricultural support and better and more sustainable markets

The liberal ideals of the Democratic party have made voting for that party or siding with their ideals very difficult.

The answer to the question "Are we better or worse off since the ;last election?"

always conservative

nothing will change

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...
it depends how Trade Tariff rules end up looking like.

An inspiring third party choice.

Outside influence from big money donors

None. Vote based on candidates

if corruption was found in this admidstrion

None

Definitely don't vote for anyone the media likes

If I suspected a candidate of lies to gain votes.

Might think another candidate would have better ideas

Nothing

War in Iran

A person that is willing to do things that others in office are not.

I'm not caught up on a "party", more so feel if I can trust the candidate to do what they say they will do, if either one seems "iffy", what's the difference? Just more politicians wasting our time and money, makes no difference in my mind, try to pick the lesser of 2 evils. Every once in a great while we get a good one, but rarely on the federal level. Like any other state with rural communities, the "big towns/cities/population centers" own the vote and are rarely concerned with what goes on around them.

If the Democrat presidential candidate was as dishonest and self-serving as the Republican president.

if someone actually had a plan.

Trump Not in Prison.....

Nothing at this point!

If the candidate was a farmer and understood the lifestyle

Anything but Trump will be a improvement He's a asshole

Unsure

Nothing

If I feel the candidates aren't representing my interests well enough.

Someone who will stand up for what is right and not be a liberal whack job.

Probably nothing

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Information

i prefer a candidate who believes in putting his constituents and/or america first. Am not interested in non capitalist candidates.

Someone who has the courage to admit that they themselves or their party made a mistake and will try to fix the program/problem rather than throw more money at an already broken program. Also, someone who doesn't search for support from any kind of media organization. Whether it be a news network or some Hollywood or Broadway actor. Someone who asks questions of people and what concerns them without a camera or reporter tagging along for documentation to help make them look like someone they're not. I don't know if someone like that would even be given a chance in today's environment, but I would give them my vote just to help keep the whisper of the idea alive.

Democrats would have to abandon their anti-Christian woke agenda. They would also need to put more people back to work and reduce entitlement programs.

Republicans would have to mess up for me to vote Democrat.

If the war would impact input or crop prices.

unsure

If I feel they'll do a good job

Nothing. Democrats are crazy.

How the candidate responds to questions.

Nothing

No democrat

a major change in farm policy by a party

Nothing. I'm more of a middle of the road type of person.

Seems to be more crooked politicians being exposed

I would consider all the issues like I always do.

The way things are heading I probably will keep doing what I'm doing.

If Republicans started to support communism and become antichristian or if Democrats were pro capitalism and conservative I would switch my vote

nothing

I need to dive deeper into who is running

Nothing, I would never vote for any republican candidate

DEMS WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE FREAKING CRAZY

corruption in a candidate

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

For a candidate that was willing to clean the corruption out of Washington DC and stop all the big company lobbyist money from holding back change.

Excessive dishonesty in a party or government leader

If I saw an agenda that was going to help me.

Undecided

Taxes

Ethical concerns

issues and candidates

policy and who the candidate is

Find an independent, honest candidate

Local politicians

Nothing voting democrat means wasting money, so I'd rather not do that money

If Trump continues what he has been doing that hurts farmers - hurting our export markets & price, as well as making input costs soar unnecessarily. And things such as giving Argentina 40 billion but can't spare that much for us in the US. We regret voting for him.

A candidate who has moral values no matter which party they are.

Better candidates

Nothing.

No

Corrupt candidates

Take away gun rights

A good knowledgeable candidate

nothing. depends on the person, not the party.

None

If the candidate seems better or more sincere about the issues I find most important, they will get my vote.

If I felt the candidate was corrupted or incompetent

Neither party ran a decent candidate for the presidency this past election. Hopefully both Democrats and Republicans will start to work together for

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

the good of the country rather than working for the good of the party. Whichever party would say they would work across the aisles I would vote for.

If the other party have a more relatable person running.

Solid stance on a particular topic

Only the issues

Nothing

I may vote different if a candidate has a very strong stance on a particular issue that affects me and that I feel confident they'd stand behind.

Someone running who truly cared about the environment, climate change, and rural people/life in America - and not just lip service; with real action or a record to prove they mean what they're saying.

Would depend on the candidate and their past history of voting on farm and small business items

Better candidate

For either party to demonstrate that they can work with the other party and that they will support the u.s.constitution and the american public.

If the democratic party selects more individuals near neutral rather than far left.

Our president is a idiot

Nothing

Nothing

If, the economy had total shut down. I may vote differently.

nothing that i can think of

Clarity in the honesty of said individual

E15, Biofuels, and expanding international trade, more open markets

Full financial disclosure

Help the farmers

I have voted for the other party a few times because they had a clearly better candidate who was proven to do a good job.

A good candidate

A common sense republican .

Nothing. Democrats are insane and only care about Trans and illegals.

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Na

Can't think of anything at this time

because of Trump i will not vote republican. I will vote democrat or third party.

Full support of ethanol up to 20%, limit farm Gov't payments to a hard maximum of \$100,000 per year person (including any all affiliates that person is tied to),& end any global warming discussion.

a new party

Policy issues contrary to my views

Probably the war

I might vote for an independent if they were a better candidate.

Nothing

Need to stop monopolizing businesses

Leadership in bring a stable economy, better education, more jobs, help to working class people and the elderly

None at this time

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Most likely nothing would change my mind

Can not think of anything at this time because the current administration is not going to change course. Like any new administration, they feel like they know better than past administration. The hubris of new people in control.

The quality of the person running

Absolutely nothing. Democrats are insane and only care about trans lunatics and illegal immigrants. Republicans aren't perfect but at least we have a chance at getting something positive done. Democrats are obsessed with being the opposite of Trump, no matter what the consequences are. I will never, ever, vote for a Democrat - they are all the same.

Depends on the candidates and what they represent.

Trustworthiness of candidate.

If a candidate arose that really seemed genuine about the struggles of farmers and issues facing small town America. I really have no faith that our representatives are truly doing the job for the people. I feel like most have lost their way and they are consumed with petty differences and in fighting with little to nothing to show for it. For everyday Americans it's frustrating situation.

probably nothing

A strong democratic candidate that isn't as extreme with the woke mindset most democrats have. I want them to debate Healthcare and cost of

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

living prices; not how many genders there are or how many people can be allowed in to sway votes

Life is very short and the choses we make every day means more as we get older. I listen to what each party has to say and know which one wants our country to become what our founders wanted us to be. The Dems. hate our country.

Nothing

Not changing my voting philosophy.

Epstein files

Nothing

nothing

No idea

I vote for the cantedate that will work for me and my beliefs

Total disrespect for working, taxpayers US citizens

The GOP has turned into cowards and lickspittles. Ain't no way I will vote for them again.

I don't foresee any scenario that would lead me to make any big changes.

Probably won't vote for any Democrat-they offer no solutions, all the time put up roadblocks.

Democrats have lost their minds

How the party supports farmers

The care factor for US Farmers

Not voting differently

Nothing

Would not vote for a Democrat

If the Democrats had change in strategy and defend American citizens and not illegals and stop their desire to spend taxpayers money on unnecessary programs like LGBT and foreign aid and reduce overall government spending and encourage obedience to the law starting with themselves.

If I felt there was a candidate who truly was more concerned about the American people and not their own power grab and didn't take to social media to fight like a teenager and got back to traditional values AND decorum and remembered what our country was founded on...hard work and family and God.

Death

I believe that I voted correctly the last time and will do the same again

What, if anything, would lead you to vote differently than you have in the...

Nothing

If the party I generally vote for would harm my family and I's livelihood that we have worked hard to achieve over many generations.

Non politician

peace and calm

A poor track record

Feeling like the candidate is stable, grounded, speaks intelligently and isnt extreme (left or right).

Nothing. Both parties are two wings of the same bird. Right now, no parties work for the collective interest and freedoms of their constituents.

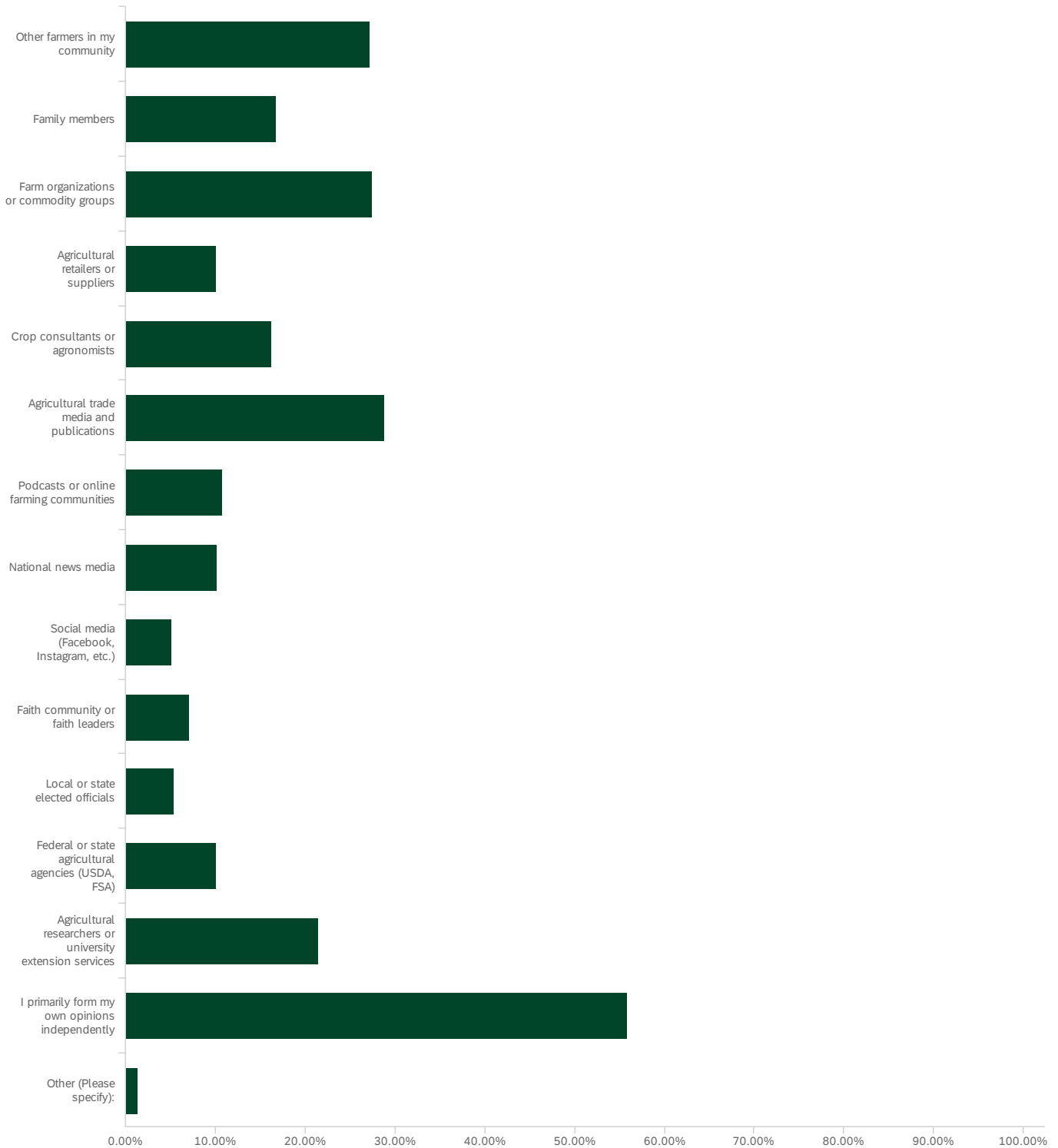
Common sense, true rural interests, working with regulations to make sure family/own operator places can survive. Compensation for return of wolves and apex predators.

If I really did not approve of the prson.

less corroption from a political party

The political views of conservation, row-crop farming, and trade will sway my voting decision.

Q19 - When forming your own opinions about issues affecting agriculture, which of the following do you most rely on? Select up to three.



Field

Percentage

1 Other farmers in my community

10.72%

#	Field	Percentage
2	Family members	6.60%
3	Farm organizations or commodity groups	10.81%
4	Agricultural retailers or suppliers	3.97%
5	Crop consultants or agronomists	6.39%
6	Agricultural trade media and publications	11.37%
7	Podcasts or online farming communities	4.25%
8	National news media	4.01%
9	Social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)	2.02%
10	Faith community or faith leaders	2.79%
11	Local or state elected officials	2.10%
12	Federal or state agricultural agencies (USDA, FSA)	3.97%
13	Agricultural researchers or university extension services	8.46%
14	I primarily form my own opinions independently	22.02%
15	Other (Please specify):	0.53%
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Other (Please specify):

Online searches

Independent experts

Cow guy

The Wall street journal

the Bible

Candidate performance in the past

Wsj

On partisan economic publications

Income and expenses

Other (Please specify):

Fox news

None

Experience is a Good Teacher

friends

Q20 - In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing farmers today? Type in a detailed response.

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Market uncertainty on inputs and outputs (grain and livestock) The system contracts when policy is made and then reversed by a judge day after day.

trading on fair terms

In our area, Farmers are selling land to companies and housing development.

Taxe

Input cost, herbicide, fertilizer, fuel, machinery.

Crazy politics!!

input costs, land prices

High inputs, Low prices

Getting qualified labor easily.

Probably mostly the weather

Unstable prices

To many large corporations gaming the system and pushing out the small family farms which used to be the backbone of the country. The government makes it impossible for smaller farms to succeed. Things need to be tilted to the smaller farmers not the big corporations.

Prices at selling And at planting

Prices

Input costs

Reasonable input costs and commodity prices

Increased input costs Weather Low commodity prices

Stable government policies.

In our area it is Climate/ drought and no interest in young generation to take over farms. Farms are being sold for development . Once farms are gone where are we going to get our food?!?

Tariffs, Input costs, Large Companies purchasing of farm ground

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

input costs

Fair crop prices and affordable inputs.

exports into our country and huge corporations

not enough control of our own destiny.

Inputs, machinery costs, land value, crop prices

Input Prices!!!!

The challenges of higher inputs and machinery costs is huge. Farmers, by and large, want to provide the world with safe and dependable food. They also want to make a profit and provide for their families. They also would like to see farming continue for generations to come to help feed the world.

Market access, infrastructure, lack of cooperation between houses of government

high inputs and labor

Input costs and commodity prices

The far right and the far left are fucking it up for everyone in the middle.

Fertilizer and fuel prices

Increasing government intrusion in the financial aspects of farming. We used to not have FEMA, and the government weather insurance programs, and farming did just well. We need more folks to get into farming, as the USA has been a world leader in farm production; more so without government involvement.

High input prices.

Inflation. Land prices and equipment prices and input prices all keep going up. The price we get for the commodities doesn't keep going up or be adjusted for inflation. The price of regular household goods and healthcare and insurance just keeps going up. A lot of business will do a raise each year of 3% or so for inflation. We don't get that raise in farming. I'd like to be able to afford more land but I can't see that happening. I can't figure out to make it pay for itself within 30 years and that's without a loan. It just isn't adding up. Pricing is way out of the scope of what can be earned from it by farming.

Input costs and lack of profitability

Ability to create a profit, lower prices and rising costs

Price squeeze between input costs and commodity prices

Riverview dairy

The extra cost for repairs due to the tariffs

Rising input costs with commodity price uncertainty

Surviving to farm another year

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Margins are to tight

Machinery and land prices

The cost of entry into farming is extremely high. I don't think that the consolidation of farms is a good thing overall for the health of our country and food supply. I think the diversity is needed so that we do not have such a hive of mind.

The farmer that works and pays their bills doesn't seem to get ahead, then the farmer that files bankruptcy every few years gets to keep going.

Input costs to grow a crop

Input costs

Rising inputs and machinery costs leaves no profit

Tariffs, Iran war, wishy washy government officials, little trust in the Department of Agriculture on reporting crop totals and those in higher society don't care a lick about agriculture.

Crop and fertilizer prices.

Input cost

weather, age

Land grab by billionaires and other entities, including large farms and cities.

Input prices and low commodity prices

Trump

Passing machinery to next generation

Lack of profitability.

Energy prices and labor shortages

Higher property taxes and increase in health insurance premiums

out of control fertilizer and fuel prices

Trying to market in an environment where fortunes can change by one idiotic tweet.

commodity prices

The continued expansion of farms. Maybe I'm old fashioned but it sure seems it was a lot better when there were a lot of smaller farms

Land, equipment and input costs specifically, inflation generally.

Input costs

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Eeeee

Price of inputs

Cost of inputs and prices of crops

Labor, health care

Wild markets that show no pattern and are influenced by social media that makes the market move extreme from day to day

Inputs

High inputs across the board and low commodity prices

Profitability

High land prices

Taxes, input cost, weather, machinery cost and repairs

Input cost and weather

The government

Access to foreign markets and high input costs along with low commodity prices

Input costs

high inputs low returns

Age

rising costs to maintain growing crops organically, as well as urban growth;

prices

High input costs and a sagnet commodity market

Finding labor that understands ag

Low commodity prices

High input costs.

Cost of inputs

Input cost and low return

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Financial support

Terrific and rising input costs, especially fertilizer

the democrats did alot of foolish spending and more worry about fiinding something wrong with trump just forget about it and worry about what you can do for american citizens

The input costs are far outweighing the selling costs.

Input costs.

input costs

Over regulation at every level

Rising costs and lower crop prices

High input prices and low Commodity prices

high input costs, ferilizer chemicals and machinery costs are just way too high and commodity prices don't cover these costs even with above average yields. I don't row crop anymore but I farm Pecans and cattle. We do alright on the cattle but Pecans need better prices.

Higher inputs and lower commodity prices

Input cost with very little return for the commodity.

taxes and weather

Profitably

Understanding

Price stability in everything from inputs to what they are selling

Devaluing of the dollar and inflation.

Rules and regulations. 98% of the population have no idea about agriculture.

If you didn't prepay or book fertilizer, that is most definitely the top concern right now. Otherwise, looking at what's happening in the middle east, looking at the long term gain will be worth a little pain right now.

Tariffs and war

Taxes and exports/ imports.

the unknowns - government fighting between the 2 major parties

Fuel costs as well as fertilizer costs for row crop farmers.

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Poor

Expenses

The most pressing challenge right now are the lowest crop prices in 30 years crop and the highest crop input costs ever.

Health insurance cost and healthcare in general

Economic stability and market effectiveness.

Input prices, trade affairs

Trade relations

N/A

Climate change and the environment are at the top of my list since farmers are so dependent on the environment, weather and trying to figure out how to deal with the issues we are dealing with because of the climate.

Costs. Inputs, machinery, labor insurance

Generational level loss of international market access.

Water, Fuel and input costs

Input prices

Low commodity prices, higher interest rates

Money management, working with the unpredictable weather and markets, working with teams to maximize materials and labors too many want to only run their own show

In our area is access to sufficient irrigation water.

China not buying

The ability to make a decent income and be able to stay on their small to medium size farms.

High inputs.

The volatility of the market, input costs, and the weather.

I am afraid that we are losing our place as the world's lowest cost producer making it tough to compete long-term. More programs and payments just drive up land and other input costs

Low prices on commodities, very high input prices

uncertainty with government policy creating extra uncertainty in the markets, programs, interest rates and input costs.

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

rising costs in fertilizers and chemicals along with commodity pricing of crops which are low.

Stability

commodity inputs and fair pricing of product produced

The pressure is closing in on farmers from all directions. We feel as though we have no real advocates for us in elected positions.

money to do it

Labor

Input costs and lack of trade with foreign countries

The fact that it is controlled by big corporate entities in combination with Government lobbying and funding of the main stream legacy media in a joint way of getting the most from government programs for their own pockets whether through lobbying, selling supplies to individuals who receive lower levels of government funds, and controlling media by buying ad space and controlling the news that is broadcasted

Wall Street buying farms

Secure and reliable export markets for U.S. goods and services, coupled with the need for reasonable and steady pricing for farm inputs (ie- less volatility).

No

The price of grain and the input cost. Farmers just want a fair price. Plus the cow/calf producers work so hard and finally are getting a good price for their cattle. There are so many things they have to deal with to get a feeder to market. If it was so easy everyone would do it. Some days a person feels like quitting cause so many things can go wrong.

Low grain prices and high input costs

Rising input costs

Weather

employment

Cost of production below breakeven

Lack of knowledge and support from the general public. The harsh reality of our world in the US is that so few people have any direct tie to the production side of agriculture. They anticipate their food showing up in plenty to the store and supermarket, but have no real concept of the farm/ranch side and what is needed. This lack of connection pushes them to be more receptive to the anti-farming movements, and to pressure for increasingly difficult laws for farmers to navigate due simply to a lack of understanding and personal experience to guide their perception.

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Input costs (especially fuel and fertilizer), and trade constraints

Trade and the war

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

The biggest challenge is the expense side of farming continues to increase while revenues remain flat.

Current administration

rising input costs with low commodity prices leading to negative returns year over year.

Having enough income with such high outputs

High input costs and erratic commodity prices and an administration that is very erratic and unpredictable.

Developers

Financial cost of farming vs selling it all to a developer for houses or solar panels.

Input costs and land costs.

Low commodity price and high input prices.

Finding new export markets

They are aging and no one to fill the gaps

The price of diesel fuel.

Costs.

A crazy president destroying our whole economy and all of our previous sources of support. Massive reductions in USDA and FSA staff.

Fuel and fertilizer prices, Currently. While labor has been an ongoing issue that needs to be addressed

Cost of seed, fertilizer, and fuel and lowering ROI

Massive consolidation at the retail level. The inability to pass on legislative cost increases such as labor. We are price takers instead of setters do to having a perishable crop to market an large market share of major retailers. Large imports from Korea Mexico an Peru have hurt our domestic farmers in many crops.

Staying in business

The lack of fair competition for their work in which forces them to grow/ consolidate for ever shrinking margins. Although that is what is happening to all family businesses weather it's farming or the local business.

high input costs

Access to resources, whether its water, inputs, or capital

Mega farms smothering out small farmers

High input costs with skyrocketing interest rates and weather issues

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

High agricultural land cost. Young people can't afford.

Water

High input costs with limited market availability causing low commodity prices

Impact of worldwide tensions/issues on world trade, and its impact on profitability

The rising cost of everything.

Land that used to be farmed is quickly going away and the older generation is unwilling to pass on operations in a sustainable way.

The current administration is Creating havoc for the farmers

Right now which I think is the highest thing that is going on through my own body and my own head is deportation of immigrants

Out of reach for younger guys. will be mega farms in next decade

Cost-price squeeze

Big Ag/Big Food corporate capture of our representatives

Cost of input

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Price's and intrest rates and imput costs

high land cost, cause by off farm ownership

the high prices of fertilizer and parts for machinery

rising cost

High cost of inputs and machines today to do the job

Commodity prices

The cost of fuel, fertilizer, labor, and general cost of living are all pressing challenges facing farmers today!!!

Staying in business

Ever thing is so high can't buy new tracker and part

Profit. High costs low relative market s

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Throw out current administration

costs/=returns

Grain Markets

lack of stable markets thanks to an idiot of a president who pisses off everyone who isnt in his pocket

Young people getting involved

Breaking away from the conventional and government policy supported methods that result in soil degradation, nutrient scarce food. Creating a regenerative model that the next generation will want to come back to.

higher grain prices

Way Way to much input costs the last 3 years now add unheard fuel costs along with poor commodity prices

An aging population of farm/ranch owners that are unwilling to hand over the operation until it is too late for the next generation to make it work.

Access to affordable rent or land purchase.

Prices at cme

tariffs, tariffs, tariffs

Variable markets and input costs

High health care costs

Industrial agriculture is NOT farming. Consolidation of tillable farm acreage into huge industrial ag producers magnifies the inherent risk to production of food staples in both financial, crop disease and production cost risk. More needs to be done to protect and promote smaller farm operations.

How to make a profit when production costs are higher than commodity prices.

The cost of inputs and uncertainty of milk prices.

labor

President Trump!!!

They vote against their own interests and then can't understand why their livelihood and quality of life is declining.

Commodity prices compared to input costs

Depends on state and crops. Each come with its own challenges. In CA, water issues and regulations are killing us, but the cost of all my inputs that has been rising in the last 5 years is unsustainable on a year to year basis; especially with no increase of market prices.

commodity prices and input costs

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Input costs and land pricing

Brazil crops - input costs - commodity prices- nobody wanting our commodities

prices, economy, trade, iran war

Lack of proper succession planning measures. Lack of succession will be the pandemic to American Agriculture.

Being able to make it a sustainable business. Managing Costs of Labor and input costs with true market optimism returns.

Lack of water

input cost

Price for our product in other countries.

Rising cost while commodity prices swing

Government interference with free markets, trade policy, and preferential policy towards "favored" groups- regardless of which major political party is in power.

input cost

commodity prices

Black swan events (war) causing significant, unpredictable hikes in input prices.

For Grain farmers we currently are unable to make money because the grain markets are too low for the current level of input costs. The other major problem is solar and Data Centers destroying Farm Ground and making it impossible to acquire any more ground to expand or grow the farm. Farming can't compete. Those things will push the small farmer completely out and continue to reduce the number of people growing our Food, Fiber, and Fuel

Input prices

Input costs and end prices of sale of crops.

Commodity prices / inflation of inputs

uncertainty

Access to markets and increase in biofuels. If the US can increase demand with homegrown biofuels I think farming would be way more attractive. As it stands, I can't, in good conscious, try to pass the farm on to my children. Why would I punish them? A recent article I read indicated that on farms, "nobody wants to work anymore." That's so stupid. Nobody wants to work on farms anymore for piddle squat and struggle to make ends meet and then suffer with mental health issues. I don't know who these idiots are, but they need to get a real job!

Rising costs of inputs vs. lower commodity prices, lack of foreign trade interest

Interest rates and fertilizer costs

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Inflation. We still have inflation built in the system from the previous administration . Inflation has elevated the costs of everything.

Prices

labor and commity prices and not passing a farm bill

Lack of adequate commodity demand in the face of growing supplies stemming from increased production capabilities.

Economics sustainability

Input costs, land costs, interest rates, equipment costs and commodity markets

Input cost

Input costs

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Input prices...

High cost of inputs

ROI

Getting up to speed on AI in marketing crop growing practices hedging and any other issue to cut cost and maximize cash flow.

High input costs, shrinking labor market, poor government

Input costs

Input prices

increasing input costs

Corporate control

Market uncertainty and global trade uncertainty

Ridiculously high inputs

Agriculture cannot sustain paying for everyone else by bleeding ourselves dry to say "I'm a farmer". We pay taxes, insurances, inputs and just about everything else and nothing changes but the amount we bring home. It's sickening to see another \$0.04 shaved off of the food dollar in the last three years to the farmer. We've gotta change something and quick before farmers can keep the land. And when I say farmers I mean a diversified group of people not just a couple companies and large families. But you can't blame those that have gotten larger as the system has been set up to reward those that are larger.

High inputs vs low price commodities

None

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

the cost of new equipment and input costs compared to commodity prices and yields the biggest imbalance by a wide margin in our history.

The most pressing challenge is the high input costs and markets that are in the dumps. Where year after year I just keep working on digging my grave deeper.

Overproduction of common crops. And almost no competition on input costs.

The political climate in Washington. The inability for the current administration and congress to work out compromises to get the nation's work done

Low grain prices

Lack of income

The low commodity prices

market volatility

Labor and input costs. The over whelming obstacles for young people to create a life on a farm. Unless you inheirt or marry it, starting from scratch is nearly impossible for young would be farmers. As our population ages, fewer young people want the endless grind, and physical labor, of a farm. Few young people want to make that sacrifice. Farming isn't an occupation, it is a way of life.

prices of everything has gone way up vs the income

Access to land, machinery cost.

Failed government policies and disappearing rights

High input and equipment costs. Low grain prices.

Cost

Commodity prices

Low grain prices with high inputs and cost of land

Enough income just to survive and not to had to sell out and sell my land !!

unity

The most pressing I see is the price of nitrogen and other fertilizers

I believe that the congress members both the Republicans and Democrats are to blame for what is going on in our Country today. The lying and blaming that's going on instead of just working together the far left and right. Aren't they to represent their constituents? Not themselves, or their pocketbooks, Its time for term limits.

Rising input cost

The cost of inputs including land and equipment

high input costs and the war in Iran will make them worse next year also

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Commodity prices

Trump as a dictator

insurance costs

Rising costs of inputs and equipment prices.

Aging of our farmers and ranchers.

Tariffs and war

markets

Input costs

I feel that farm programs are what is destroying agriculture. While short term pain would occur, when the government hands out money, all our inputs go up and the biggest one is land rent. Landlords I deal with were going to lower some rents this year, but did not, some actually raised them more. The said the government gave you X dollars per acre so we know you can make it. Machinery costs go up, fertilizer goes up. Government subsidies in the long run kills small farmers and allows inefficient farms to continue in business when maybe they should be out of it. We need commodity prices to match input prices and that does not work with government subsidies that artificially keeps input costs up. What happens when one day we don't have the money to print or we have print so much it is worthless to an extent? That is when the real pain will happen in agriculture.

Decision-makers that have no clue about farming!

Tariffs. They raise the cost of everything farmers need and cut the profit on what they sell because of fewer markets

LOW Prices for grain. High input costs. Too many people in the hands in the cookie pot in government

Input cost

Quit voting against your own interests. The governors first attempt at private school vouchers failed because rural legislators, mostly Republicans, saw it would harm rural districts, and many joined Democrats in voting against it. They took a lot of heat, and in the next term buckled and passed it. Party purity votes in order to own the other side are too common in Iowa and elsewhere. The hypocrisy of pushing for limited government as a campaign slogan, and then passing state legislation to eliminate local control for minimum wage had nothing to do with the stated objectives. These were in some of the wealthiest counties in the state with higher cost of living. It was about control. The Republican party that I could use to balance power is dead. They may use the name, but I have even lost respect for Chuck Grassley, something I didn't think would happen. We have a mess.

high input costs

Illinois estate taxes. They are killing small farms.

Continued war in with Iran, Continuation of tariff policies for this admin

Low commodity prices and high input costs

young farmers start farming

Weather, poor grain prices, high inputs.

High input cost

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

lower commodity prices and increased input costs, and depending on where you're at, I'd also say labor availability

Inputs are rising faster than commodity prices

Keep inputs low enough to make money.

Taxes taxes taxes

trade

Input increases

money

Other Dumb, Stupid Farmers.

High operating costs

A government that is trying to convert us from an independent country to a surveillance state. From normal ag to chemically processed and managed by the big elites

Maintaining consistency in markets and trade policy will greatly influence the predictability of both input costs and prices achieved for our products.

input costs

high land prices and a pessimistic mindset

Corporations controlling everything every single aspect of farming. Seeds are never the same genetics, new chemicals are sent out every year with more toxicity than last, fertilizer is rarely made in USA, we can't even repair our own equipment anymore it requires special computers for these overpriced tractors. Modern farming is flawed to the core and the average man doesn't stand a chance.

Rising input costs cheap commodity prices

ageing farmers

Input costs

Land prices, and locally the inability to use my farm as I see fit. Specifically, we are not allowed to have Wind farms nor solar panels on our ground in Montgomery County, Indiana.

costs and trade labor

Low Grain Prices, and High input cost, Fertilizer, and Application cost.

Input cost, raise a quality product (grain). Young people taking over.

Greedy corporate world

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

young farmers need access to capital that is affordable Old farmers like me have bought land years ago cheaply by todays standards and have it paid for

Cost of producing with a shrinking labor force

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Rising inputs costs and little increase on corn, beans & wheat.

making a living

Over regulation by the government.

Keep getting too many govt payments which keeps fueling high rent, land costs and other input costs

no comment

Environment people don't what therearetalkadout

Marketing

South American expansion of farm acres

rising inputs vs low prices for all commodities

cost of inputs

Very LOW prices received for products we produce, and EXTREMELY HIGH prices for EVERYTHING we have to buy to keep farming.

Input costs compared to international competition

Foreign markets

costs on everything including seed fertilizer and land

Marketing and input prices

None

Price

expansion aforability the lack of long range planning by govt economist and consolidation in farms . one primary example is the cattle industry old guys quit and young guys don not take over espically cow calf

The most pressing challenge is farm sustainability for the future.

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

High fertilizer prices combined with high energy cost.

Donald Trump!

Commodity price volatility and the consolidation of small farms into larger operations.

Input costs

cost to young people to enter farming.

Machinery costs are getting really high for the average farmer

Input Costs and Equipment Costs vs. Commodity Prices

trade and healthcare

Rising fertilizer and energy costs, absentee landowners

They represent such a small portion of the voting population

Low prices and having to rely on govt bail outs. Expand crop insurance to a product that as a farmer if I want revenue protection I buy it. Bridge disaster payments etc go away blanket payments make no sense when people with big crops still get a big payment. If you want protection buy it.

input costs

Volatility in the markets. Americans can't afford to pay some of the prices for beef and the increase in inflation could cause some to stop buying the products.

weather

Tariffs. Government regulations. Environmental regulations related to machinery. Newer machinery much more expensive and much less reliable than older machinery.

price of fertilizer and low price on commodities

High input cost and low commodity prices

Too much supply and not enough demand for our products. The demand curve is restricted by poor. Demand would potentially increase if economies had any financial resources available to purchase our products

High input cost and low crop prices

Lower Commodity prices paired with higher input costs

Commodity prices

Trump and the GOP stupidity and zero knowledge of how agriculture works in this nation.

High input costs

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

weather

large farms competing for family farms

Large corporations taking over farming and the costs associated with farming being more than the income made.

To High Inputs and out of control

Farm land being bought for solar, wind, housing, road expansion. Farm land isn't being made anymore, if someone can't stop the buying of land at an outrageous price then the average farmer is going to be going out of business pretty quickly.

Net income

I would have to say energy and taxes. But there is also the useful idiots out there that don't have a clue about farming but just react by emotion only.

Grain and input prices

Export marketing and high input cost mainly fertilizer

Property taxes, input costs and grain prices

Lack of world trade to sell our products.

commodity prices and market volatility

input costs and machinery costs and weather and fuel

Input costs.

Low commodity prices. We don't need handouts.

Wealthy farmers voting against their best interests and expecting the government to bail them out. The farming community has grown entitled and expecting those farm bills so they don't innovate or change farming practices.

Consolidation of agriculture

bad press from the media and low education farmers

Rising cost to raise crops and livestock across the board and the continued depressed prices in all crops and livestock.

input prices

Costs and markets.

Inputs cost

Democrats

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In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

trade policy, expanding foreign markets, expanding local use of corn and soybeans, expand the use of bio fuels/bio based fuels.

increasing the prices for my products

High input costs and low commodity prices and high land prices. It wears on your mental attitude and farmers feel very underappreciated. How are young people supposed to get started in farming? Why would they want to farm?

Absentee landowners buying land primarily as a recreational investment has driven land prices too high for ranchers to compete. Misguided ag and wildlife tax exemptions benefitting the absentee owners only encourages their behavior. As ranches and ranchers and farms and farmers are lost, so goes the local services and infrastructure that makes agriculture profitable.

Fertilizer cost in relation to commodity prices

Input cost

Keeping up with technological change.

Cost associated with Big ag

Trying to make a living.

Rising input costs, market volatility, and land costs

weather

Trade disruptions

Cash flow, cash flow, and CASH FLOW!!!

Outside interests, rising costs, and renewable energy. Government cares more about their agenda than the American dream

Moisture

High inputs and Inflated land prices. Increasingly high competition from south America

Weather, input cost, commodity price

competition, safety, next generation involvement, losing sight of what matters most in life

Between rising input cost and poor markets at harvest, is the leading challenge. But, equipment, not only purchases, but maintenance is getting worse!

The incompetence of the president and his manipulation, the fear of Republican congress members of the president's disfavor and the dismantling of agricultural systems of support via the loss of over 24,000 USDA employees

Price increases

The current economics of agriculture

Trump policy

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Input prices and prices we get paid for milk and crops

The most pressing challenge facing farmers today are the high fuel and fertilizer costs caused by the war in Iran. Equally as challenging are the tariffs being placed on goods and the beef that is being imported.

profitability

input costs and commodity prices

commodity prices are way to low compared to other occupations

Costs

Input cost vs market price

Inflation

Energy prices

cost of everything

National debt and idiotic foreign wars.

The extreme high prices for land.

Input cost and interest rates fuel prices

The rising costs of inputs: taxes,insurance,fuel,fertilizer,parts.

Survival of the family farm

Volatility

Farm inputs

Input prices

Excess consolidation in markets on both sides of the farm. Consolidation of input suppliers is driving up costs and limiting competition and choice and consolidation in the processing and food company space is limiting options for how farms can market crops and livestock. Those more concentrated markets are helping drive farm consolidation to their favor and increased profit margins in most cases to the detriment of the farmer and making it easier for those same companies to lock into their own market share.

The do nothing congress

Inflation, in everything. Land, labor, healthcare, machinery, supplies. It is all double what it was 5 years ago.

My (deceased) husband and I raised five kids on a 70-cow, 425 acre dairy farm. We worked extremely hard and the kids learned how to work and be responsible. This was a commonplace thing in the seventies and eighties and in earlier decades. It is now an anomaly... my county has gone from literally dozens of small farms to two, and, and the other two dairy farms have grown to thousands of head of cattle apiece. I don't need to say that this has happened everywhere, in every county and state of the country, but this has totally changed the foundation of rural America and we've lost our way. At one time we all worked together as a farming community, and loaned help, shared equipment, lent a hand whenever needed, and all

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

that has been dumped by massive small farm buyouts, followed by every hedgerow being deleted, water sources being polluted with massive runoff, and cattle that live and die never getting off concrete. This is supposed to be progress, but I fail to see the gain. I cannot speak for the most pressing challenge of the huge farms, but for small farmers like me, it is a challenge to supposed to be able to compete with these farms when they now set the bar. This is the local challenge... on a larger scale we are pressed by constantly rising prices and costs...fuel, fertilizer, parts, labor, repairs... pretty much everything... while having to simply accept/ absorb the prices we're handed down for our products. We're supposed to figure out how to continually pay more money out while accepting whatever dribbles back down to us for income.

Global and policy instability

Export markets and competition with other ag exporting nations.

Our price we receive not rising fast enough to keep pace with all the rising inputs.

China: They are helping Brazil to: -push back the rain forest to plant more corn and soybeans. -and are helping Brazil put in more railroads. -and are helping Brazil with Amazon grain port terminals. -and are helping Brazil with more farm to market roads. And: China put in the Chancay Megaport north of Lima, Peru -on the Pacific side of South America. It is designed to be a primary logistics hub for trade between South America and Asia. Partly because of all this help, Brazilian corn and bean acres have doubled in the last decade-driving our prices down. If a couple more railroad lines get thru the Andes to Chancay, our crop prices and profitability will be permanently hurt even more. We got a railroad thru the Rockies in the 1860s —we are fools if we don't think China can get rail lines thru the Andes to Chancay today. Antagonizing China is just incentivizing them to reduce their dependence on us. And, thereby, reducing our profitability! To repeat: Antagonizing China drives them to reduce dependence on us. And has already hurt our profitability, —perhaps by 40%. And will permanently hurt us even more.

Input costs, interest rates and radical weather

labor and cost to produce high interest rates

High input costs and lower commodity price

Out side big money get involved.

Lack of governmental support to allow farmers to earn a living. Republican agenda does not support farmers.

The ability to continue farming. Facing loss of farm land. Sky high costs. Lack of ability to make a decent living. Manipulation of plants, seeds and animals via genetics and science. Change of weather conditions. Potential for change in water supply. Use of non food products & chemicals posing as food. Lack of concern and understanding of farming by a large portion of the population.

Prices-regulations

The most pressing challenge to farmers is the inflation of every single input of their livelihood while the prices of their products are stagnant. Cattle prices are high, but grain prices are currently at the same prices as 50 years ago. Land is far too expensive; the average farmer can never get a return on investment just from the crop or beef production on that land compared to the price they will have to pay. Fertilizer, fuel, seed, chemical, equipment, etc have all skyrocketed without a similar increase in grain prices. This is not sustainable.

The stress of working with elder parents as their memory declines, physical ability lessens but still think they can do a good job. Also stress of non ag people buying up farm land

Inflation for equipment and materials

The stupidity of the rural electorate

The government trying to help.

People not having any idea where or how their food has been produced

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Price volatility

Being lied to by big ag.

Rising input cost

prices, costs, actions of administration

Increase in expenses

Economics

Soaring costs

Trump and his BS

Input cost for this short time then they will resume normal or close to normal cost .

Input costs, crop prices

Commodities are WAY to cheap compared to tractors,cars,you name it. Farmers are selling at wholesale prices.

The price of seed fertilizer and parts

Property tax's and insurance

Inputs

Input expenses right now!

Having enough income to survive, weather and new farmers coming along to replace those of us aging out.

consolidation both farm size and ag inputs

Democrats input costs low commodity prices

Supply

High costs in relation to production income

Trumps tariffs

interest rates

Being able to sell our crops for a fair price so we can earn a living without getting handouts from the government. Its also getting hard to afford parts and labor to fix our equipment, they have become so expensive.

Commodity prices & competition for land from solar and data centers

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

High input prices and low commodity prices

Rising operating cost concurrently with lower crop returns

High input cost

LOW commodity prices and high input prices ... how do we make a profit???

Pricing of inputs and commodities.

Inheritance taxes, input costs and marketing is tied to funds

Political uncertainty.

Regulations

High input cost and low crop prices

high fertilizer prices high land rents

Negative profit margins

Inputs

Taxes

Input prices

Land prices; can't afford to compete for land. Land being lost to development.

Elected leaders

Rising input costs.....

Corporate farms

Hight energy prices, and overall high input costs. Market prices for crops are also very low right now, ii think due to export market.

Succession

Foreign markets and the stock market.

Environmental issues

Farmers themselves tend to overpay for land and buy more machinery than they really need and then expect the government to bail them out.

input costs

Developing fair trade policies and promoting more farm to table opportunities.

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

We need to be self sufficient as a nation. More checks and balances and not so much corruption on all levels. Federal, State, and local. Accountability! Everyone is out for themselves

Democrats

Uncertain markets and volatile input prices

Input prices too high

Input costs rising and competition with corporations for land use

Input costs are much too high

Succession planning, loss of land

input costs depressed markets

The constant printing of money has diluted our buying power and made things more expensive added to the fact that interest rates are staying high because we are concerned about world economies is also a problem.

Markets

Low prices. High expences

Staying profitable enough to continue farming.

Land prices

Costs are out of line for our prices we receive. Inflation if not checked will destroy the country.

Input prices that have gotten out of hand, consumers who think our home grown food and fuel are in abundance, and a shortage at the same time- and believing that synthetic and/or fossil fuel derived alternatives are better.

Equipment cost . Seed and chemical cost

Trade wars/oil/fertilizer

fertilizer costs always increase and never come back down.

Cost of inputs, makets to sell the crops

Cost of land and interest rates, small farmer being run out by big time operators!

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Hi, input cost low grain prices

Weather, water, liberals !!!!

input cost

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Corporate farms taking over the smaller farms.

Demand

Tariffs

labor

Input costs!

Profitability, plain and simple. Farmers cannot continue to pay such high input costs and have low commodity prices to be sustainable.

Input costs versus commodity prices. Not enough competition between fertilizer suppliers. Meat packers are in the same boat.

inflation and cost of fertilizer and the price obtained when selling crops

Interest rates and low crop prices

Commodity Prices

inputs

Huge farms pushing the rest of us out.

The most pressing issue facing farmers today is the fact that there is less than 2% of us farming and the other 98% doesn't realize that they need us for food! Farmers need to get a bigger share of the dollars used to buy food. A safe, vibrant, and prosperous agricultural sector in the US is national security!

The rise in fuel and fertilizer prices.

Equipment costs and interest rates

Input cost! We don't have a corn and bean price problem we have an input problem and it's getting worse with the war in Iran!

World trade & markets.rather than government handouts

Rising input costs and uncertainty in value of end product.

Input costs are to high compared to grain prices.

Price of crops, not keeping up with inputs

Governmental policy

Weather

Hi fuel and fertilizer costs, high taxes on farm land

Sky high equipment costs. Inflation

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Low milk prices

Democrats

weather, cost of inputs, reduced markets for products because of bad trade policy

Input costs

Simply put. OVERPRODUCTION

Having a market for our crops with South America expanding their crops so much and the Trump tariffs that have taken away much of our exports

Input cost Fertilizer land chemicals

Fertilizer, chemical, machinery and seed are supplied by a monopoly and have no competition to lower costs.

High inputs, low prices.

High input cost

Profitably

Need support for E15 and Biodiesel

Input materials being held by a few companies.

Trade

Politicians and the current administration.

Lack of profit.

Labor

High costs of everything.

Washington DC

Input costs

We need a stable government

Farmers buy everything at retail, and sell everything at wholesale, and from a sustainable business aspect that does not work!

Small farms selling out. Price being paid to farmers for milk are not keeping up with inflation at all. This generation and the next generation can't afford to keep the farm going. Interest rates should be very low through banks for farmers, not just FSA loans. Need to put a limit on mega farms. Prioritize keeping small farms going. The people want small farms around and not the mega farms.

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Increasing prices to farm with lower market prices

Input costs Land costs Commodity prices Trade disruptions/tarrifs

Profitability and direction of this country

Finding margins for sustainable family provison without needing to scale large and less-innovative and flexible- which is how current system rewards and directs

Cost of production and the market

Ca regulations and water restrictions

Open markets and eliminating tariffs on inputs.

high input costs from all imputes

The reality that everything can't be made out of corn and soybeans. The market will fade and farmers will have to change or quit.

We cannot continue to have current ratios and continue to farm long term,without trade American agriculture is done...

Reducing Property Taxes on farmers...some services provided go to non-property owners...needs to balance out better or create charges for those non-property owners there-by reducing taxes on farmers!

rising prices of everything farmer have to purchase and not recieving anything in return

Fuel and fertilizer costs

Our Goverment. Works against us.

Rising input costs and decreased market access.

Marketing

Technology and weather

Agricultural prices

Breaking up fertilizer monopolies. Thankfully I bought my fertilizer needs and seed last fall so I'm in great shape this year. Hard to contract to sell 2027 grain when inputs can't be nailed down.

Lack of local interest

Trade, input costs, real estate taxes

High input, equipment, and land costs.

Good prices for crops !

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Weather

cost off inputs going forward

Debt

Getting fertilizer

Low prices, high input costs and imported grain from other countries. These are all very negative aspects against the American farmer today. Stop giving our money away to countries who will never respect us!!

Commodity prices

Input costs.

INPUT COST

Rising costs of everything

price of crops

Market

Input cost, China, and Democrats.

Increasing input and rising equipment cost and equipment becoming too complicated just to pass emission regulations

Farm bill

Production cost

Farm programs biased towards large corporate farms pushing small farms out of business

Talk to much

Prices of inputs and commodities/profit margins

Vertical integration.

Medical insurance costs. Medicare for all might be better than what we have now.

Lack of good export markets for grain and ethanol/soy products

rising inputs

High land costs

New uses for corn and soybeans, and using corn and soybeans for fuel . The USA needs to be 25+ % on ethanol in gas

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Equipment cost Land prices Interest rates

Unnecessary Over regulations

High input costs and low commodity prices. Smaller producers are getting squeezed out and rural communities and small businesses suffer.

Trying to get Commodity Prices back up to a Level to cover all costs of Operations, including Debt Service and Depreciation. Need to be above the cost of Production (All Costs Included).

Land prices.

Marketing

Labor and prices

Cost of inputs

High input costs, low commodity prices, not enacting higher renewable fuel rates, new machinery prices

Low commodity prices

Land cost and input cost and volatility.

input costs

Selling low so retailers can sell high

Labor and commodity pricing.

Input costs. Fuel fertilizer and machinery.

corporate farming

High cash rents

Grain prices

Everything

The increase in land prices

To few farmers to many big farms, farm equipment is getting to big to go down the roads and is getting to expensive, maybe to many discounts for large operations

Government

Large corporate Ag producers

Negative cash flow stemming from multiple years of input costs being higher than crop revenues.

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

only making 6 cents for every food dollar. with rising input costs

Rising cost.

Exports. Need more access.

Lack of profitable market demand for commodities and national policy that addresses the US farmers' ability to almost always produce surpluses.

Commodity prices and expense volatility

High inputs with no sign of relief

High farm input costs and high land value

The combination of low commodity prices and high input costs is the biggest challenge. That gap seems to be wider this year than before.

Return on investment

Low Commodity prices and increasing input costs.

Current farm economy

Land prices

cost

Low commodity prices, high input costs, and lack of export markets

Input cost and price of land

fuel and fert cost

Prices of inputs and prices of crops

Govt meddling

Input costs and government regulations

Lack of understanding of the industry among policy makers.

Competition for land

The prospect of Democrats gaining control of congress and getting back in power.

Inflation, inflation, inflation.

Prices

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

To much government interference and regulations.

Competition with corporations.

High input costs

Marketing Strategies

input cost

Prices of land and interest rates, also being pushed out by larger corp.

Managing inputs, navigating equipment pricing and land pricing.

Commodity markets are very unstable making it much harder to cash flow. We really need to be able to plan ahead to make good financial decisions. We have little to no control of the price we receive for our products. We need to secure better trade agreements.

Everything is so expensive and commodity prices aren't high enough. The big farmers keep getting bigger and the smaller farmers go out of business.

solar and data center gobbling up land

Input costs Fuel and fertilizer

Margins are extremely tight with rising input costs and little to no appreciation in commodity values.

Interest rates and paying off debt

Volatile markets

Low commodity prices

POOR CASH FLOW

Trump

Interest rates and crop inputs to high and crop prices to low.

Fuel machinery and all input costs

High input costs

Energy and commodity pricing

Low crop prices and high input costs

Input cost

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

costs of inputs

Immigration labor. Make it legal in some way.

High input cost and low commodity prices

Low prices for our product.

The uncertainty in government policy and its effect on markets.

Input costs are a bigger that's all there is to it just to high

Rising costs of everything. Land. Machinery. Inputs.

Prices are not high enough to offset cost of crop production

Rising costs outside ag

Lack of international Grain. markets

Foreign country land ownership

High input costs with low commodity prices

Police departments engaging with criminals to destroy profitable farms in order to keep peace with the new entrants into the industry who cannot pay their bills or speak with the same individuals as the established operators.

Donald Trump.

Labor availability and lack of consistency in rules and regulations.

High inputs. low price

Rising input costs

Financial situations

Lingering low commodity prices precipitated by poor choices offered by Congress through the farm programs. I have not participated in farm programs for at least 15 years. The programs have nothing to offer me except paperwork.

Commodity prices and rising inputs

Commodity prices and government regulations.

trade war and the Iran war

Stupid rules and regulations that make no sense .

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

The ability for small family farms to survive.

Continued rising input costs no matter which enterprise you are involved in.

Rising costs of operation

Being profitable

Urban sprawl, land costs

Big corporations squeezing the farmer

Machinery and land costs

low commodity prices

Cost of production is out of control without stable commodity prices.

we need to get rid of Trump

The inverse price of inputs verses the prices of commodities

Maintaining enough usable cropland because developing agencies are acquiring numerous acres for various types of construction (roads, buildings, and homes to name a few)

Finding a market for our products

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Crop prices and input costs

Fuel costs

Weather

Water, equipment costs especially as it relates to climate mandates, energy costs

Sleep

Taxes

Low commodity prices. High input prices.

Input costs that don't have correlating commodity prices to sustain them.

Input costs and foreign trade.

loss of farmland due to urban sprawl, sales to hunters/retirees/recreational users/ investors: a lot of land is leaving ag uses.

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...
Prices and the volatility.

The cost of inputs are too high while commodity prices are too low.

High cost of machinery and repairs!

High costs with lower commodity prices.

The lack of certainty in the trade markets, and constant chaos coming from the White House. The loss of small and middle sized farms is hurting rural America. The sky high cost of inputs has gotten worse under Donald Trump, because of chaotic trade wars and harmful war with Iran.

Lack of commodity prices high enough

Rising costs

High input prices Low milk prices

Energy costs

Inputs costs

Input costs

Too many corn subsidies are in place..drives prices up by bring in too much corporations

Volital prices of imputs and commodities.

Making a profit !

Operational cost

The prices on all it needs to plant land up to takeoff

High input prices, high land costs, financing that's getting harder to acquire

Current president

Labor

New

Costs are much higher than returns. Everything is so expensive. Metal health. It's about over

Rising costs

Rising input costs

Input costs and low grain prices

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Showing a profit.

low prices for corn,soybeans,milk

Aging of the general farm population and the general wealth transition that will take place in the next 15-20 year period.

foreign trade

High costs of inputs and especially equipment

raising costs

Incorrect government reports

high inputs

fertilizer prices

Input prices are crazy and commodity prices don't support it. And as a younger farmer access to land and land cost and rent cost when competing against larger, more established farmers.

Profitability

Insurance and health care costs!!

Self serving politicians trying to use the government machine for their own benefit

debt

The changing environment and lack of government response to help.

Aging producers who do not want to see change or let go of ownership/management

Weather always plays a huge role in any kind of crop. Finding people that actually want to work. When you can get a job flipping burgers for \$20 per hour. Farmers can't afford those wages.

Trade wars

The high input costs.

Financially if able to keep farming and especially, if trying to get a young family member to take over, due to high cost of machinery and crop inputs and volatility of grain markets

Government interference.

Large farming operations

Keeping more of the next generation on the farms or at least involved in agricultural related occupations. Land, equipment, and overall costs make it difficult for many operations to grow and support more than one generation. Without enough farmers and supporting businesses many of our

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

communities are declining in population and services.

Sustainability in a country where farm ground has become a hot commodity for industrial/AI use what will the world do when the farm ground is gone

High input cost and low commodity prices will bring a negative influence on the ag economy thus affecting rural economies.

Volatility in everything from crop inputs to grain prices

absentee landowners who do not know what is going on with commodity prices or trade

Rising costs to all inputs and uncertainty as to what end results I will get.

Rising prices

High input and land costs.

Rising costs of everything.No competition,foreigners owning land ,packing plants,controlling fertilizer,oil companies controlling votes.

Input prices and trade policies

Government,climate change

markets

inflation interest commodity prices equipment costs

High fertilizer prices

High input costs, health insurance and Medicare, the lowering or loss of Social Security. We farmers tend to never retire until death so all of the above are important.

loss of export markets due to Trump policies and competition from South America.

Poor margins.

the war going on

High inputs, low commodity prices, High cost of equipment. The big get bigger because they can push out the smaller ones and more and more consolidation takes place. Our model for production ag is broken.

Volatile markets and societal skepticism of agriculture

Equipment prices, crop prices governed by those not in the agriculture business, fertilizer prices, land prices skyrocketing, state and local land taxes.

Loss of market share

government overreach

We went down and taught Brazil how to produce crops, now their seems no end to their expansion

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Profitable Farming.

Input prices

lack or replacement farmers for an aging group of farmers

Rising cost of family living expense

inputs are controlled by too few companies

What the average person thinks about farmers

Ever increasing costs and lower returns

Input cost vs market prices.

Cost

Input/machinery cost in relation to what we are getting for our products

Ability to continue farming with low commodity prices

The cost to do business. Input prices, machinery, land costs, labor are all high while crop prices are low.

Starting from personal on up would be cash rent/land value, most small-mid size farms cannot compete in the market of large farms farming just to farm (even if they lose money) and with the "urban developers". Lots of houses being put up where they shouldn't be (great farmland) and we will never get that back. I have told my son, maybe at some point when his kids are trying to farm the world will change and they will be bulldozing those "country mansions" to regain the farm ground and capping wells once "poop" hits the fan decades down the road. Just because mom/dad lawyer/doctor slapped up these 30k per acre-10 acres parcels with a 2.5M house on it, doesn't mean the kids or anyone else can afford to live there or pay the taxes-tax hike they have created. The tax hike will bleed onto us as farmers surrounded by this, so never fault the big farmer paying the premium in cash rent, as he is actually protecting us unbeknownst to him/her/them. Plenty of other market challenges with fertilizer/fuel/crop prices at this moment/year/etc that we always deal with, but as said above, what's hurting the most is land/rent prices. It's impossible to compete unless you have millions laying around to prove a point. Myself, I hate to put my children in debt for the rest of their lives (assuming they or 1 of them would take over the farm) just to pay off 80 acres. Expansion is near impossible for a small-mid size farmer here. So personally I take what I have and try to farm/treat/fertilize the acres we own to ROI better than some that farm 2-3-6x as much as we do. With fertilizer at all time highs, that's also a difficult thing to do, so yes it forces me to explore other ways/avenues of farming (which I'm open to to an extent), but that also requires different or more equipment and investments which I'm not real comfortable with if the fertilizer price drops back down, even know I was proactive in farming "different", I'd have to go back to a somewhat typically way per ROI and I'd be the one in financial trouble trying to sell what's now "less than desirable equipment".

Difference between cost of production and equipment and income from agriculture activities

Their own greed.

Nonstable inputs and sales of products....

Economic uncertainty with prices of fertilizer and fuel and then the President threatening tariffs to countries who purchased our crops.

The prices of everything needed to grow crops and sell at a profit

Fuel prices. Low milk prices, labor shortage, unprecedented weather disasters

Input costs

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Markets

Competing with lower cost producers/countries around the world. We are pricing ourselves out of the world market.

Currently it is the extremely high costs of inputs and machinery.

Commodity prices

Positive production prices. Lowering input costs

Corruption in local, state, and federal government.

The lack of work ethic in people under 40 years of age. If it can't be done from the tractor seat with an auto steer button or flipping their thumb across their phone searching for an app, they aren't going to do it. It's pretty hard to raise livestock when you have that kind of mentality. They also want to live like their city friends, checking out on Friday afternoon and not coming back until Monday morning. I know there are exceptions to this theory, but they are becoming few and far between.

Access to land is my most pressing challenge.

Currently the rising price of diesel fuel will be a huge challenge especially as we head into spring. It will hit farmers from many different angles.

Input costs & low crop prices due to other countries crop growth

rising fuel and fertilizer costs

Rising costs to run a farm

Farmers get 6 cents out of every food dollar. Buy retail and sell wholesale. Who else is forced to sell products less than their cost of production.

crop costs inputs

Government

Survival

the cost of inputs and low commodity prices

Government

Input costs from cattle to crops with no guarantee on future markets which change daily

Input cost and the cost of machinery

The ability for the small to medium size farmers to be able to compete with larger corporations and larger farms

Capital intensive with thin margins

greed

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Tariffs and China not buying our soybeans

Surviving the current administration's insane actions. Every single market and input cost has gotten so messed up by the Trump administration in both of his terms in office. I think he might completely destroy American farms as we know them!

High input cost low crop prices and farm machinery cost get rid of damn def shit off everything farm related

land costs going up making it difficult getting started, leading to ultra large operations taking over more and more farm land.

Cash flow ability. Land prices have doubled in past 5 year. Inputs have not adjusted lower with crop prices. Equipment cost continues to increase faster than its worth in efficiency. Interest has doubled in past 3 years. If my boys want to farm someday, I will have to give them my entire asset base so they can survive. So many people subsidize with off farm income. They work all day, then come home and lose what they made farming at night. And yet our market prices are way below even a break even. What a broken mess. No body wants to get rich, however we all deserve to make enough to take care of our families and put some away for retirement/rainy day after a hard days work.

Big money is crushing family farms also corporate farms and rich investors

Increasing costs and stagnant or downturn in commodity prices.

Input cost versus income

Having enough land

Niche markets. Commodity prices.

rising costs and markets being shutdown, we don't store we sell out of the field

rising land cost

High costs on all inputs: equipment, parts, insurance, property taxes, seed, chemical, fertilizer, energy

Input and equipment costs

Inflation

We barely broke even last year due to rising input costs and price decreases. Being a small farmer, we cannot afford to compete for more land that would help us spread out costs of equipment more at least.

Low commodity prices.

Making a profit. Machinery prices are so high that improving our machinery line is almost impossible. Machinery companies are building such big machinery that a farmer with 800 acres can't afford to buy the big machines and there isn't midsize machines available. Midsize machinery parts are becoming unavailable.

Input costs as rising fertilizer costs and chemical costs along with interest rates and equipment costs present a very pressing challenge to farmers.

Lack of work on commodity demand

Crop prices

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

State and Federal regulations

Wotus

input costs and harvest prices.

Costs!

Ever rising input costs but ever negative returns is a common theme in my community.

Profit. Input costs verse commodity prices

People in government that know nothing about farming, passing ridiculous regulations to affect the farmers

High land and rental prices and input cost.

Inputs

Young people need to step up. America needs to get back to a nation of strong FAMILIES!!!!

Input costs

No permanent fix for the relationship between crop input costs versus commodity prices. The government has stepped in to provide some assistance after-the-fact but it shouldn't need to be that way. Even if commodity prices are high I know the input costs will automatically rise the next year with no good explanation from anyone. There's no chance to build and grow on a farm income alone.

Climate change

Input costs that don't adjust to the value of commodities, high input costs with low commodity prices.

Input costs and government regulations

Trade tariffs and cost of fuel, fertilizer and seed.

Monocultures and lack of flexibility for changing final outputs.

Markets and fertilizer prices

Government regulations

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Increased prices for seed, fertilizer, equipment, & fuel

Ability to maintain profitability due to high input costs and low commodity prices

Chemicals associated with health

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Input/fertilizer prices

Need updated farm bill

Taxes insurance fertilizer and seed corn

High input cost because of large corporate monopolies

Commodity prices

Th current administration having no common sense .

Interest rates and the cost of doing business.

Rising input costs

High input costs. Losing market access due to rapid expansion of South American production. The continued separation of society from the farm, which leads to fewer elected officials with knowledge of farms, and a general public with no idea of where there food comes from.

Input costs.

Government corruption and large corporate farmer and input suppliers.

Large monopolies controlling costs and holding agriculture hostage away from true free markets

Input costs

Insurance cost health and farmstead insurance

Crop prices and crop input prices.

COST OF PRODUCTION

Extremely hard for someone to start farming. The cost is way too much, and it takes too long for a return on investment. Famers aren't buying land anymore in my area. The money coming from the cities is keeping the prices up. We have to make enough money to live - not just pay our bills.

Costs of products to feed livestock when drought is occurring, sale of livestock at cost effective prices, and overall cost of land production

Volatility in commodities

Ongoing increases to input and machinery costs and repairs.

Government regulations, rising input costs

The price of everything, to expensive for the young to get started, and for those close to retirement the ability to afford upgrades to the operation. It has now become a hobby with off farm income unless you are a large operator. It is a trend that will be hard to stop with that being said local and online marketing would support small producers .

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Everything associated with Agriculture. Our government and business are setting up small farmers to fail. The USDA is also a huge problem with the market manipulation they do with the fake numbers they come up with

High interest rates combined with foreign and large corporation ownership of what land is available.

Probably the weather but that's out of our control

Ability to make a living, not just survive.

Finding people who actually understand rural America and who will represent and fight for our needs and values.

input costs

Extreme high costs which can only be made up for by high yields. Without the high yields, we're just working to get by for another year.

We won't work together.

Rising input costs and machinery

Government Fraud and Federal Trade Policies

Commodity prices

Climate change

Weather and fuel

Neighbors

Corporate farming

Continued increase of costs compared to return

Lack of courage of GOP to stand up to a deranged president and corrupt Cabinet

Low commodity prices in conjunction with higher input prices.

Farmers are such a small minority any more, don't seem to be able to change things.

Government

Economy

Free trade

Uninformed people

Cost of everything and interest rates

In your own words, what do you see as the most pressing challenge facing fa...

Price volatility

Availability of water for irrigation.

Mega farms and the outsourcing of farm products to foreign countries.

Passing on to the next generation,

Cost-price squeeze is pressing for crop farmers. As a cattle farmer I am most worried about managing for the price declines which are inevitable down the road

Input cost

Input costs of farming and the price of our commodities.

Government trying to get their hand in everything

volatility of markets, trade and weather.

The public is getting tired of subsidies for farmers with taxpayer dollars and doesn't understand or care where their food comes from as long as it's cheap

Subsidies creating a moat for larger and more established farmers preventing small/young/growing farmers from being competitive to grow.

Lack of protections for America's prime farmland. Solar facility moved in next door, promised the land could easily be reused for ag in the future, no bulldozing, nothing, then promptly dropped off 14 D10's and proceeded to bulldoze the topsoil into the low areas. America values energy production more than food and we're headed quickly on a path to no longer be self sufficient for food. Not in our lifetimes though but the damage is irreversible. Impossible to compete with \$3,600 yearly rent that we were offered to put our highest production farm into panels. Soon they'll wake up and realize nuclear was the solution all along and all those solar fields will be used for subdivisions instead of farmland.

Cost of equipment, fuel, and wages with no compensation program and pay for presence.

Rising costs.

high input cost

Fundamentally it's a two part answer. We have an input pricing issue that needs fixed. And on the output side we absolutely need E15 year round, one to show consumers that the federal government believes in biofuels, and also to bolster our domestic security.

End of Report