

Young Farmers Survey

We are interested in finding out more about young or beginner farmers and your needs in land access, learning farm management and operational skills, and finding farming mentorship opportunities. What is your zip code?

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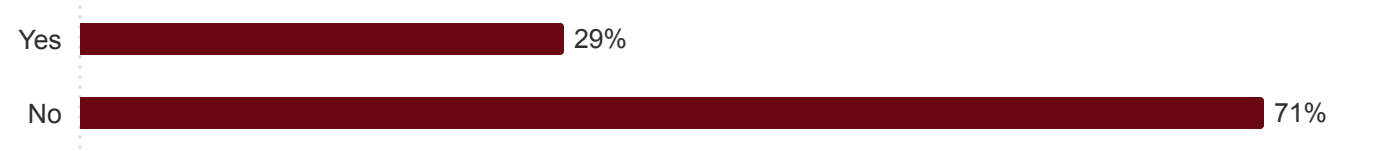
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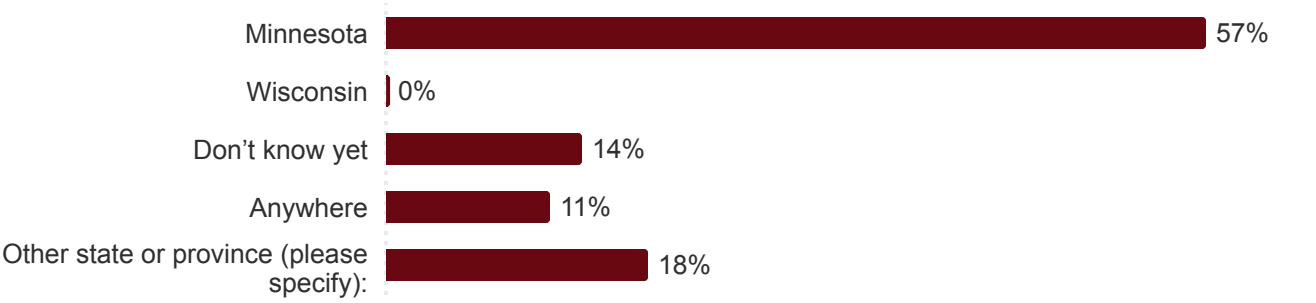
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Are you living currently where you ultimately want to be farming?



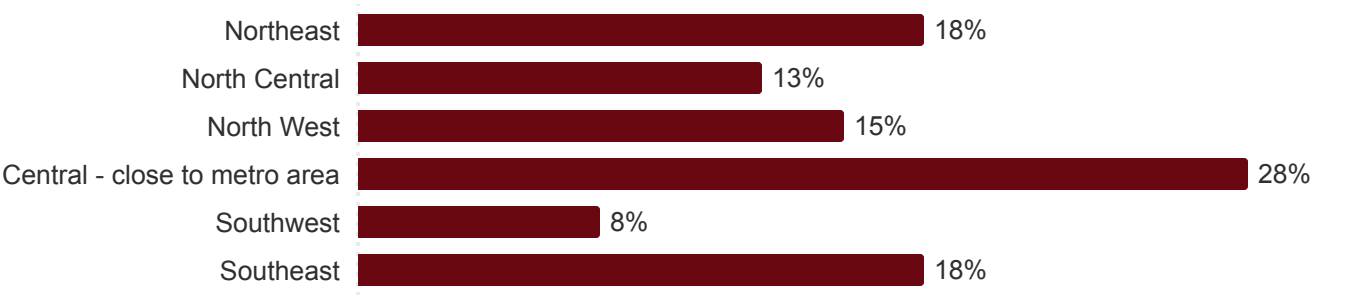
Where do you want to farm?



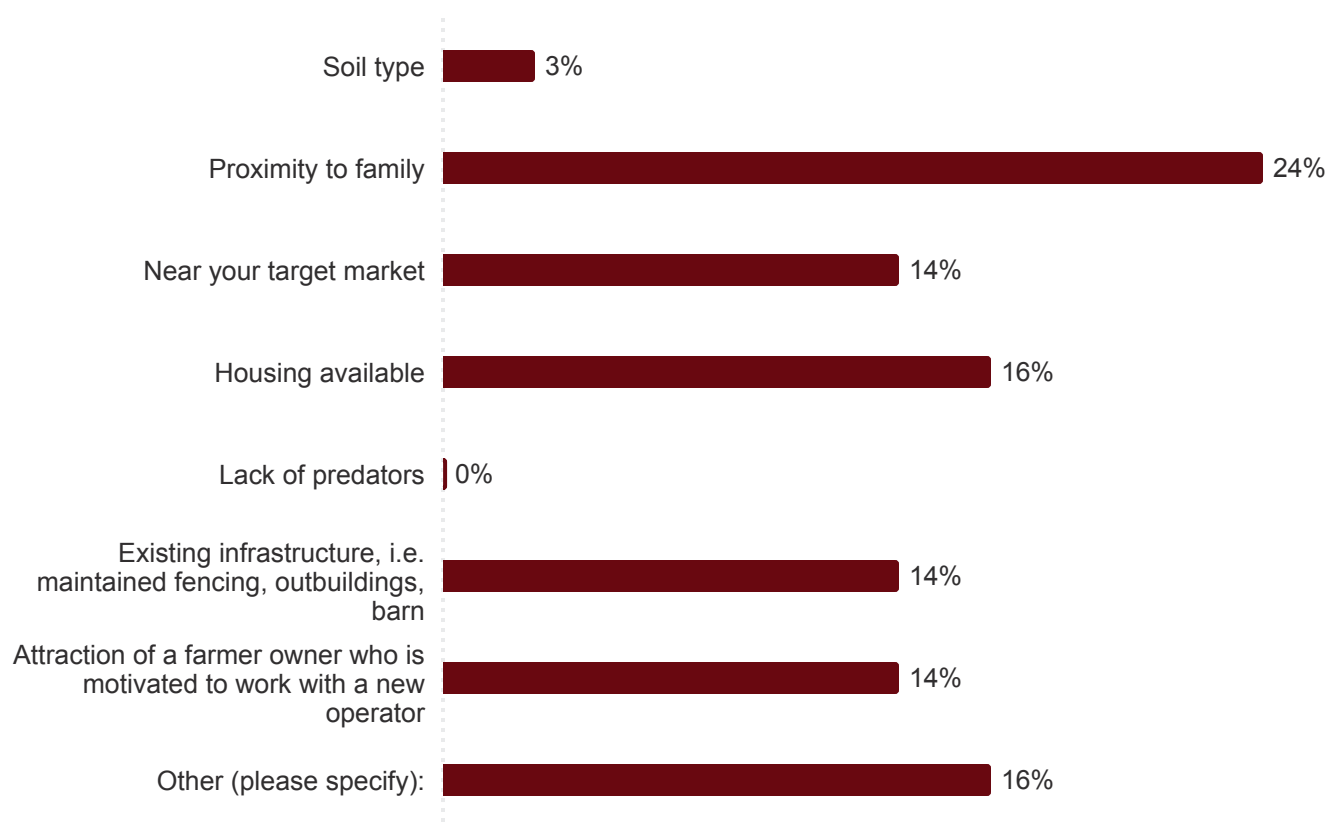
Other state or province (please specify):

- Midwest in general open to it
- Midwest
- Don't know - but a blue state
- MN or Wisconsin
- Minnesota or Wisconsin
- Illinois
- Most likely Minnesota but have considered MI, WI, MT, WA
- Either MO, OH, TX, or IN

Where in Minnesota do you want to farm?



Are there considerations other than geography that affect where you want to farm?



Other (please specify):

It's only letting me pick one, so I'll mention housing, existing infrastructure, and proximity to family and markets here as well

Several of these apply, mainly proximity to family, target market, and type of farming operation

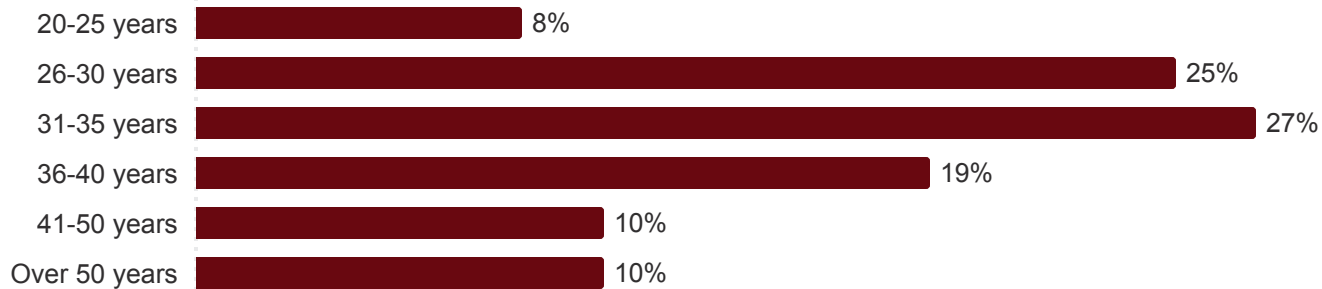
Local economy - ability to have a dayjob; within an hour of larger markets for sales; LGBT, women, and liberal friendly

Multiples, proximity to family, housing available, and existing infrastructure

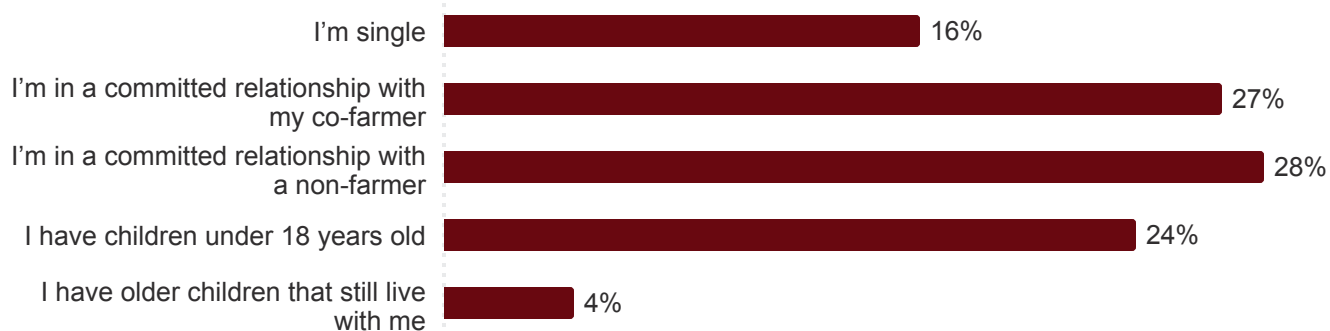
Infrastructure, Soil, mix of trees/meadow, water availability. Not all necessary but need right combo/price point to start with

All of the above

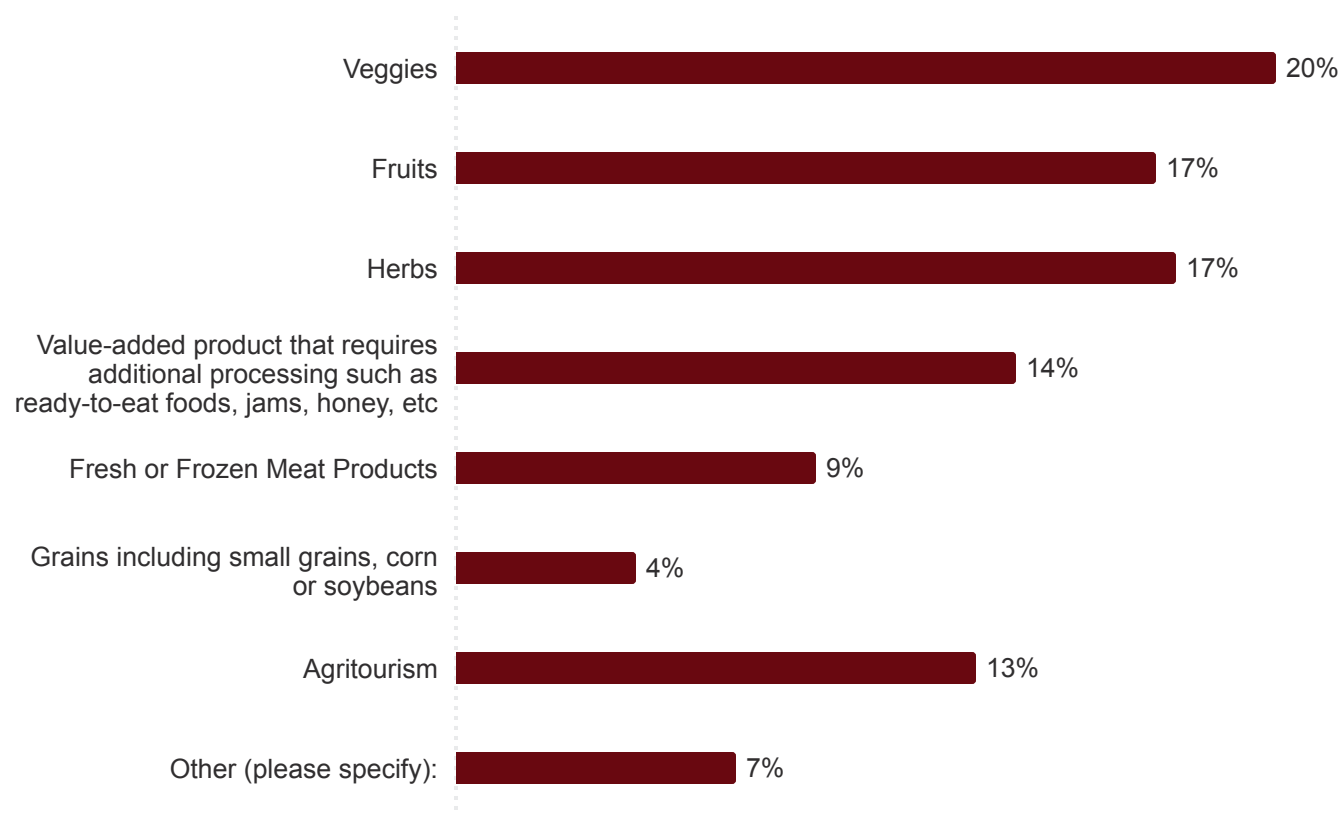
How old are you?



Tell us about your family. Select all that apply.



What kind of agricultural products are you interested in producing? Select all that apply



Other (please specify):

Flowers

Mushrooms for health & eating

Show Animals

Flowers, seeds for sale

Flowers

Mushrooms

My current main interest is regionally-adapted seeds, but am interested in these other avenues above to diversify

Some limited dairy, mushrooms, educational gatherings

Cut flowers, specifically dahlias and would love to expand to peonies

Flowers,

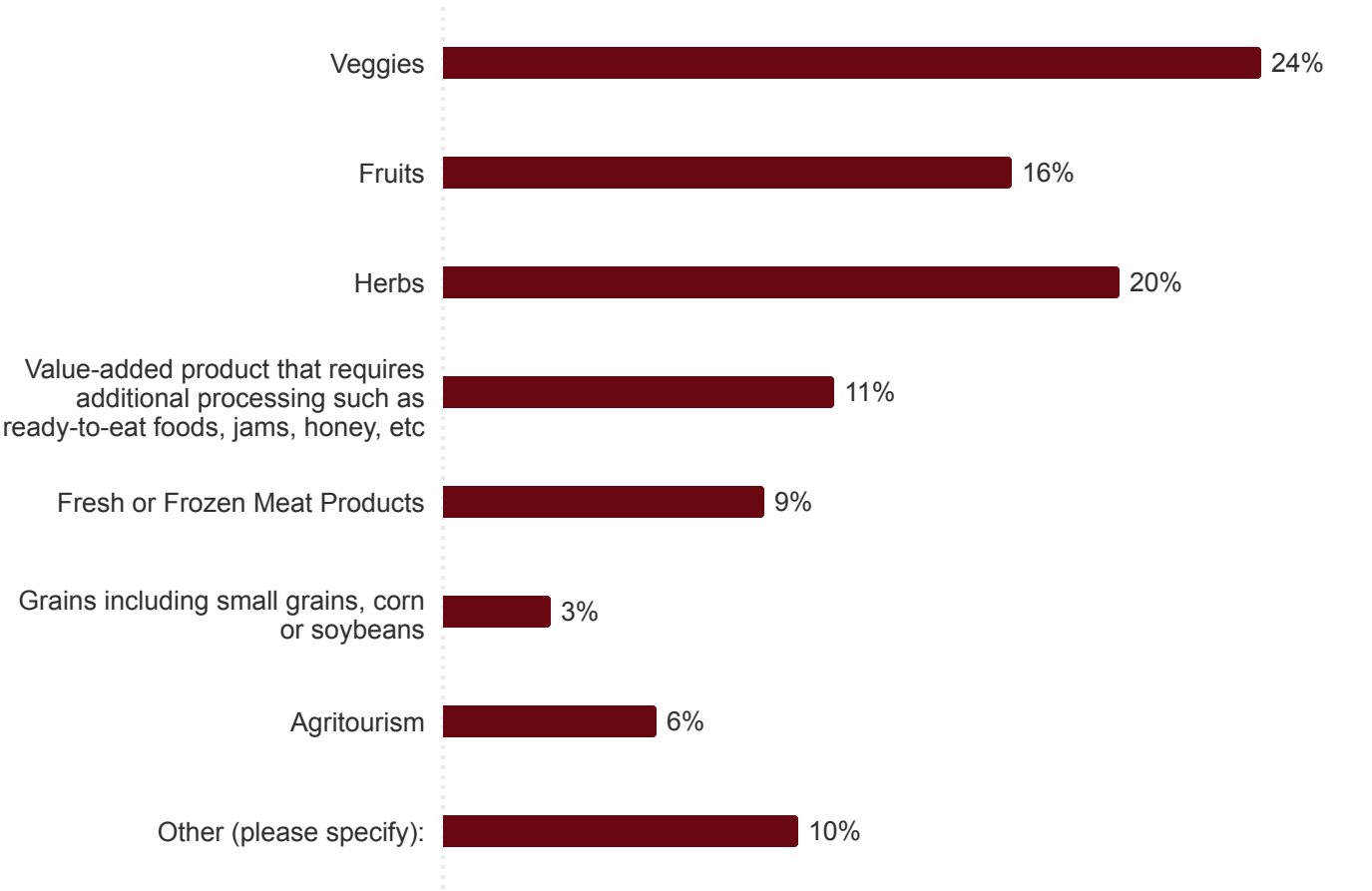
Mushrooms, compost, micro dairy

perennial fruits (wild plums) and tree crops (black walnuts, hazels)

Hemp and cbd

Fiber

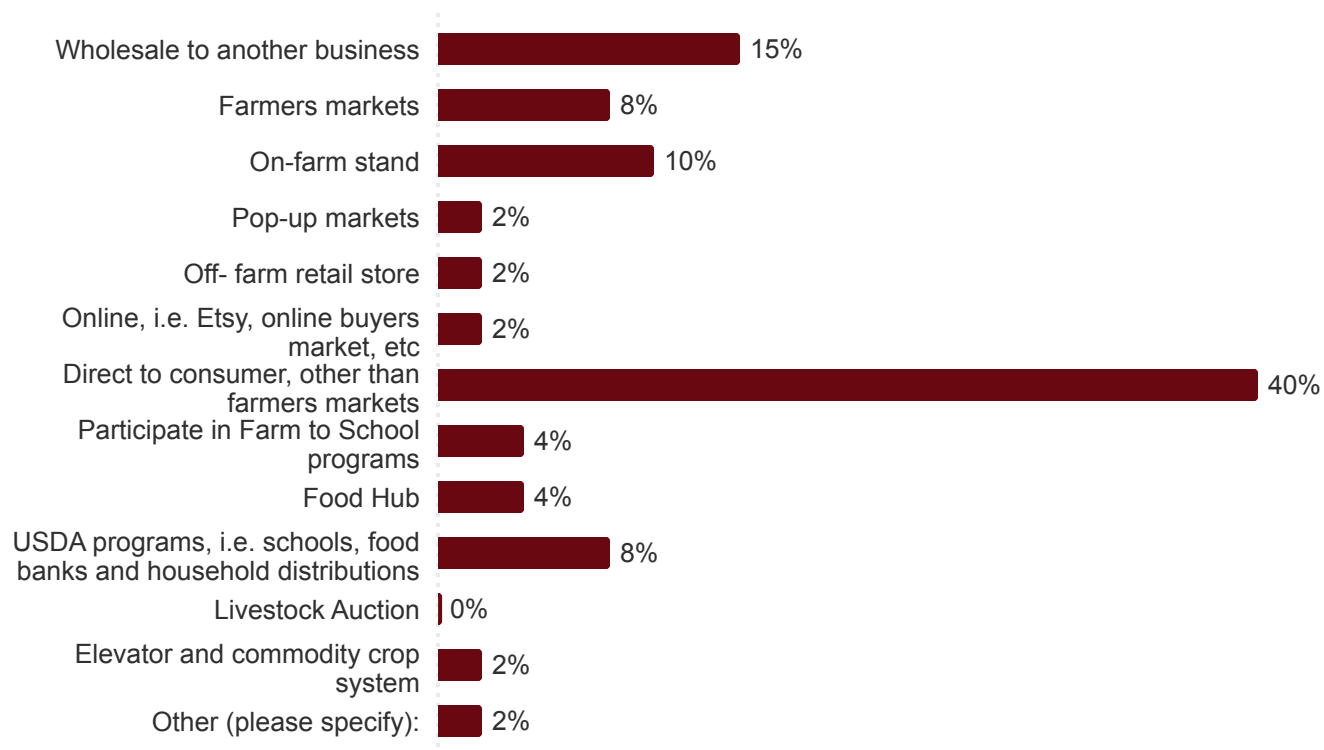
If you are currently producing, check the items you want to continue and/or add to your production. Select all that apply.



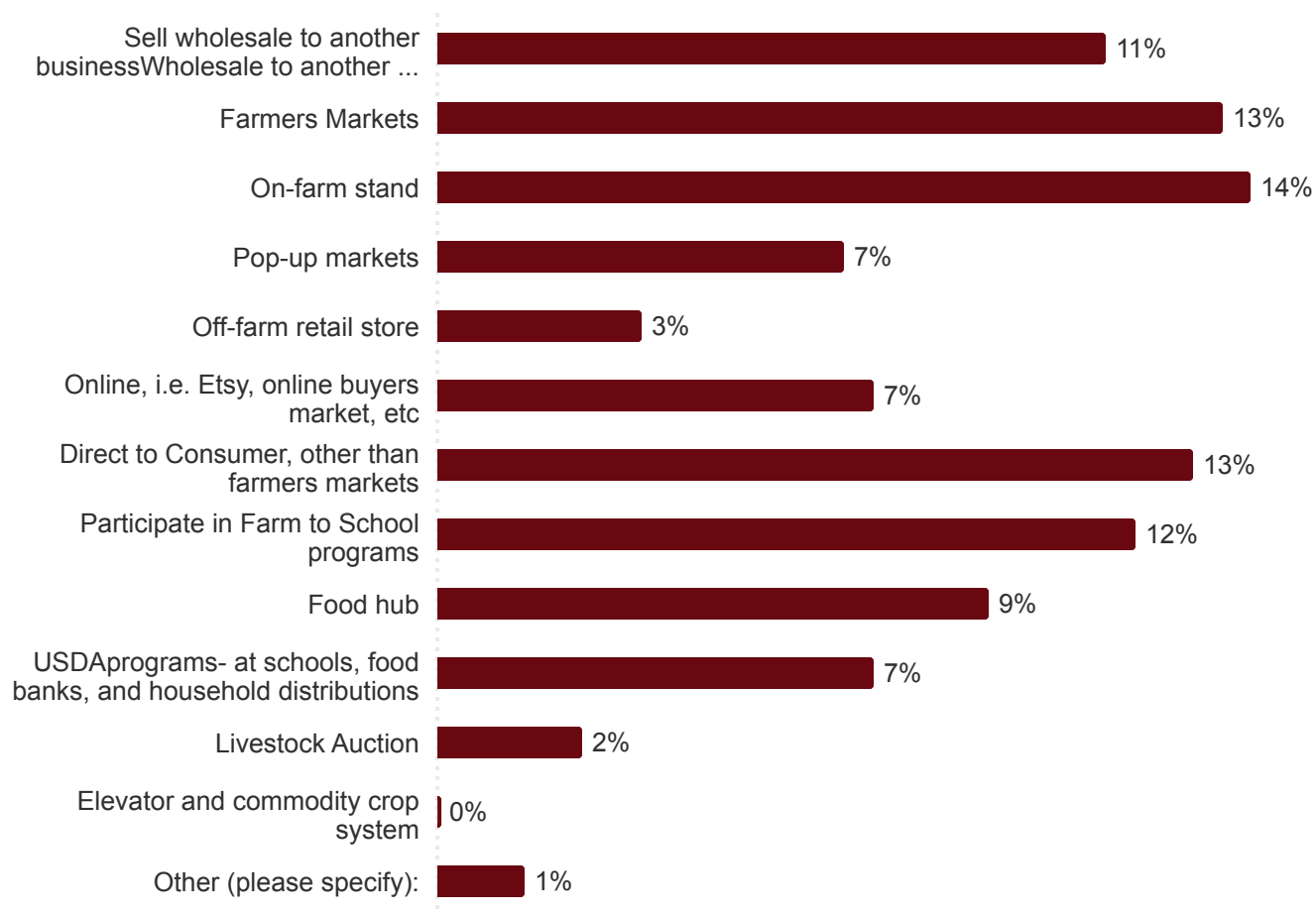
Other (please specify):

- I'm not currently farming
- Show Animals
- seeds
- Flowers
- Eggs
- Mushrooms
- Dahlias and cut flowers
- Growing flowers
- See above
- not farming

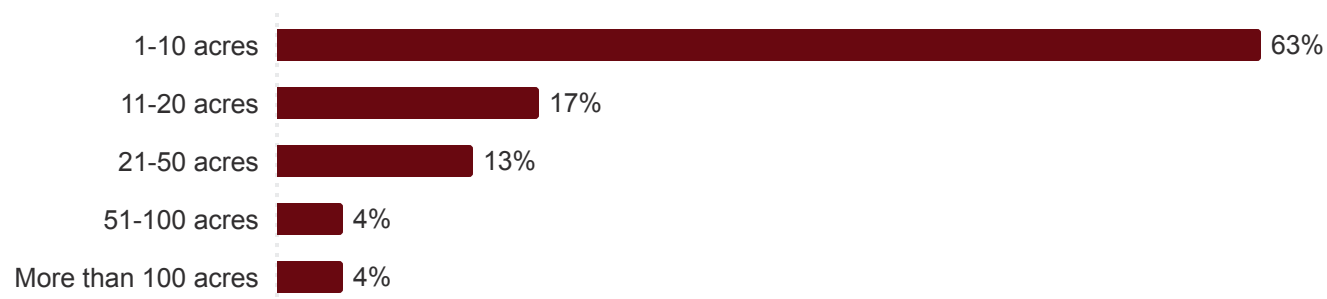
When you look at your future farming operation, what is the primary way you want to sell your agricultural products? You will have a chance in the next question to choose more ways besides your primary way of marketing.



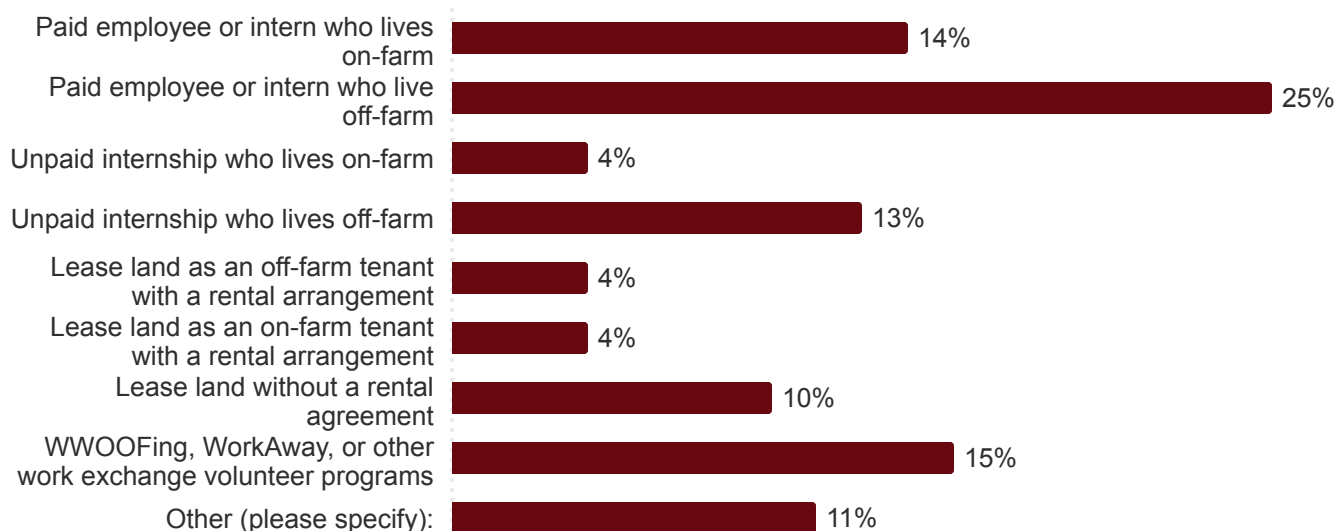
When you look at your future farming operation, what are other ways you want to sell your agricultural products? Select all that apply.



How many acres do you think you could farm given your farming goals and realistic constraints?



What types of farm mentorship have you tried (successfully or unsuccessfully). Select all that apply.



Other (please specify):

farmer training programs

currently a Farm Manager for a twin cities based non profit (11 years)

LSP farm beginnings course

Big Farm Training

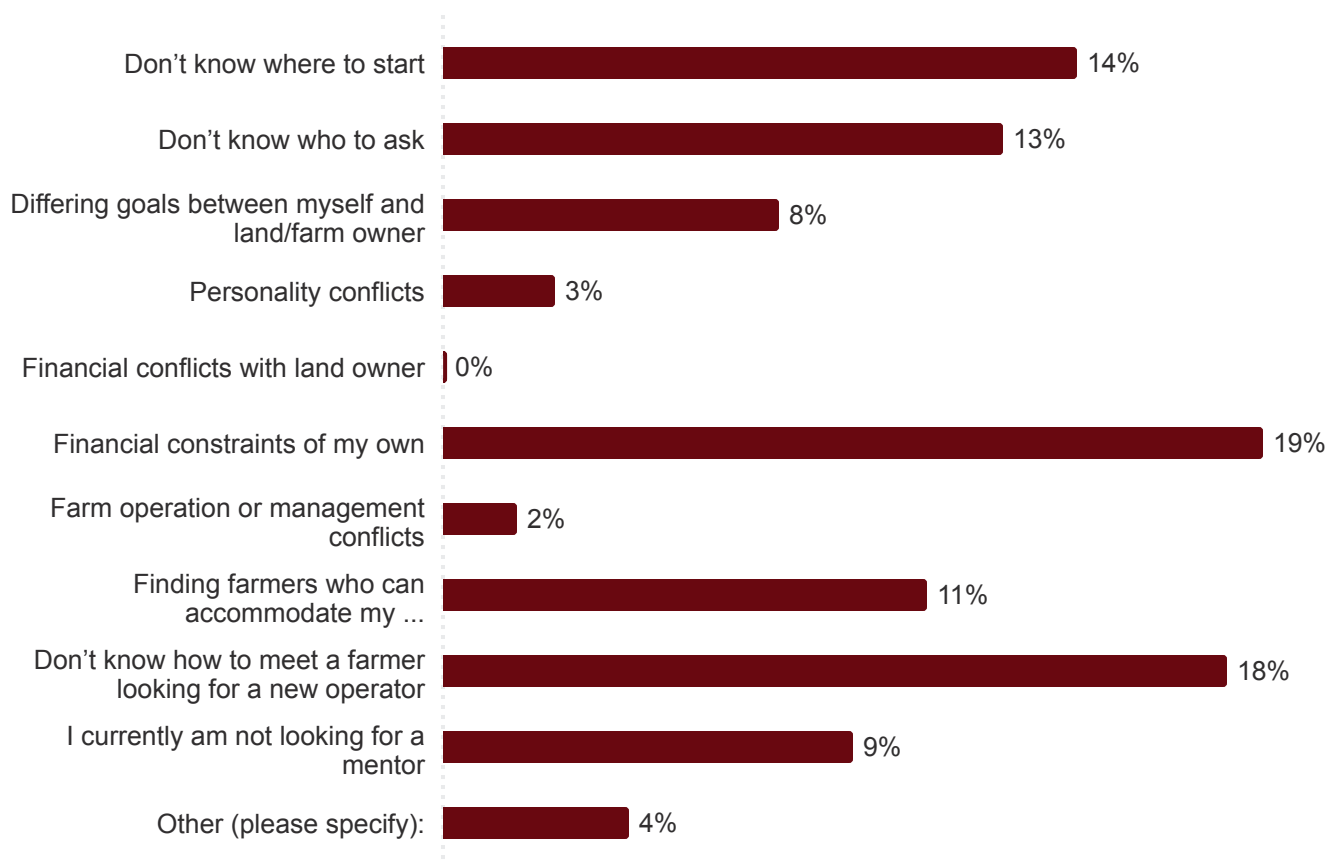
I haven't tried anything yet not sure who to reach out to

none

Farm supervision experience Outside of the US

Tried connecting with mentor in Hutchinson. She told me that to put organic certification out of my mind and that I don't have enough money to do what I love. She offered to share csa planting plans and then wanted me to hurry to finance office and write a business plan in two days. I walked away from that mentorship as it was very

What are the primary obstacles and challenges that you have faced in finding access to mentorship? Select all that apply.



Other (please specify):

No mentors doing my type of product/business; located within reasonable distance

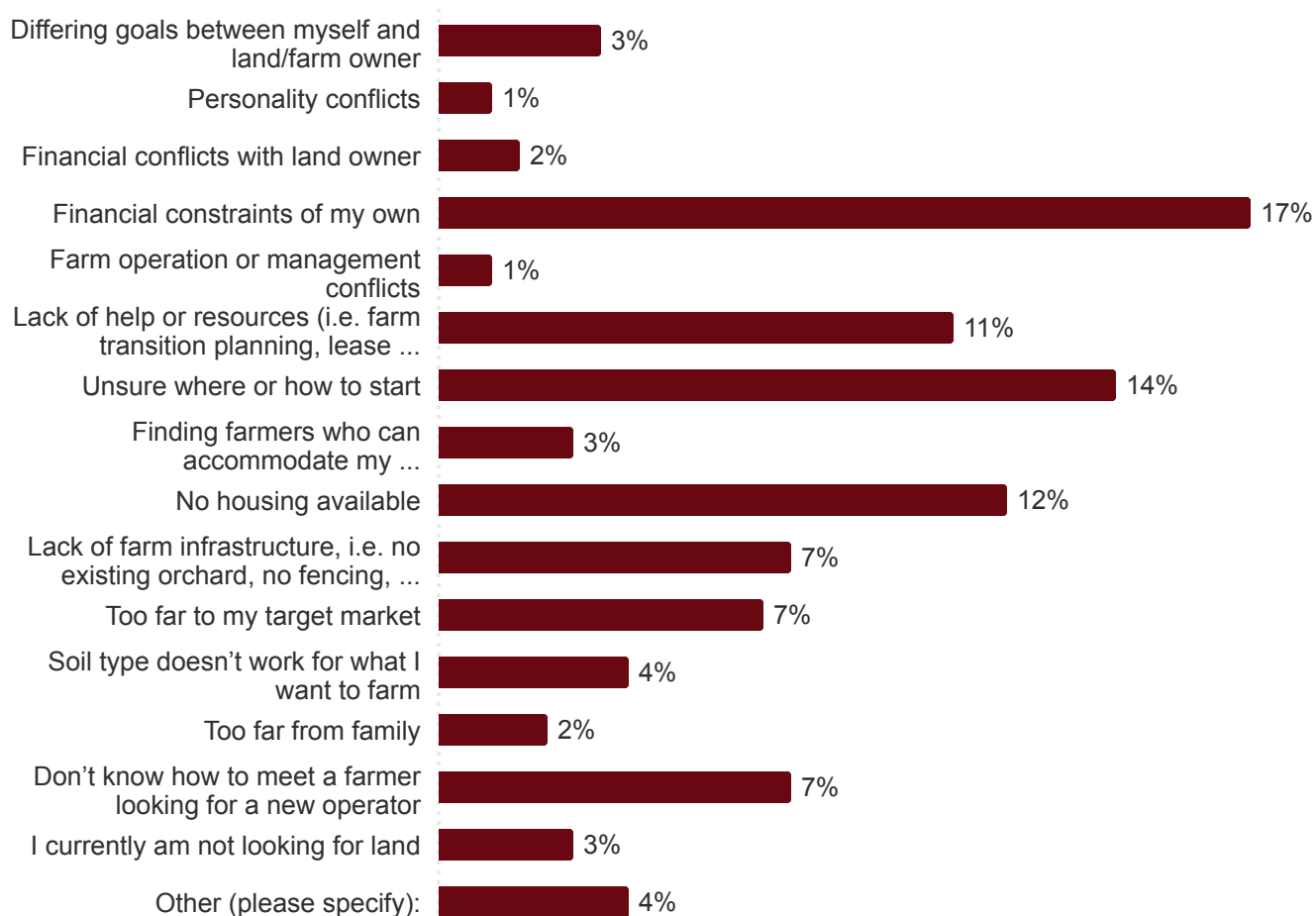
Current mento programs don't have curriculum for us to work through. I don't know what I don't know. Hard to ask the right questions

Need more broadly applicable education than I received at my previous farming jobs

Mentors see me as competition instead of a collaborator

On the fence about a mentor however am open to some farm management courses.

What are the primary obstacles and challenges that you have faced in finding access to land? Select all that apply.



Other (please specify):

laws that make cooperative ownership/living difficult

Bathroom access; access that feels equitable (rather than where I am second-class tenant), no way to isolate crops for breeding

Farmland near the Twin Cities is being sold for development, not at a price a farmer can afford

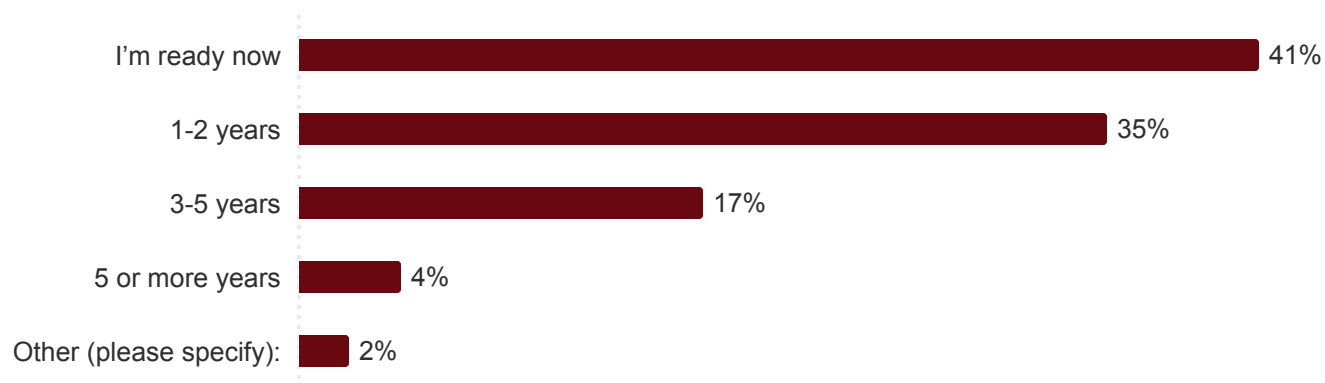
Land Cost

Too much ag land surrounding it-- spray from neighboring farms

Too much infrastructure for my needs which adds cost

Life stage/ partners job has limited where we can live

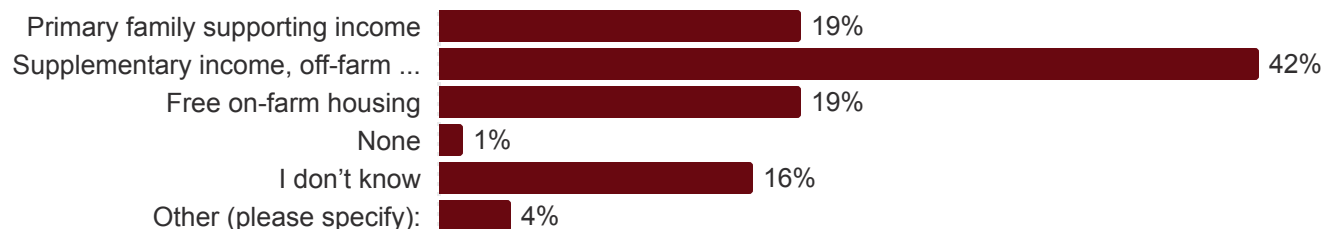
How soon do you want to work with an existing operator to start taking over management of a farm?



Other (please specify):

1-5 years. I'm flexible, and would be so happy to start now, but I know I'd need to learn more and so I feel like I'd only be prepared to start now if someone is really ready to mentor me.

What financial resources do you need to generate from the farm operation? Select all that apply.



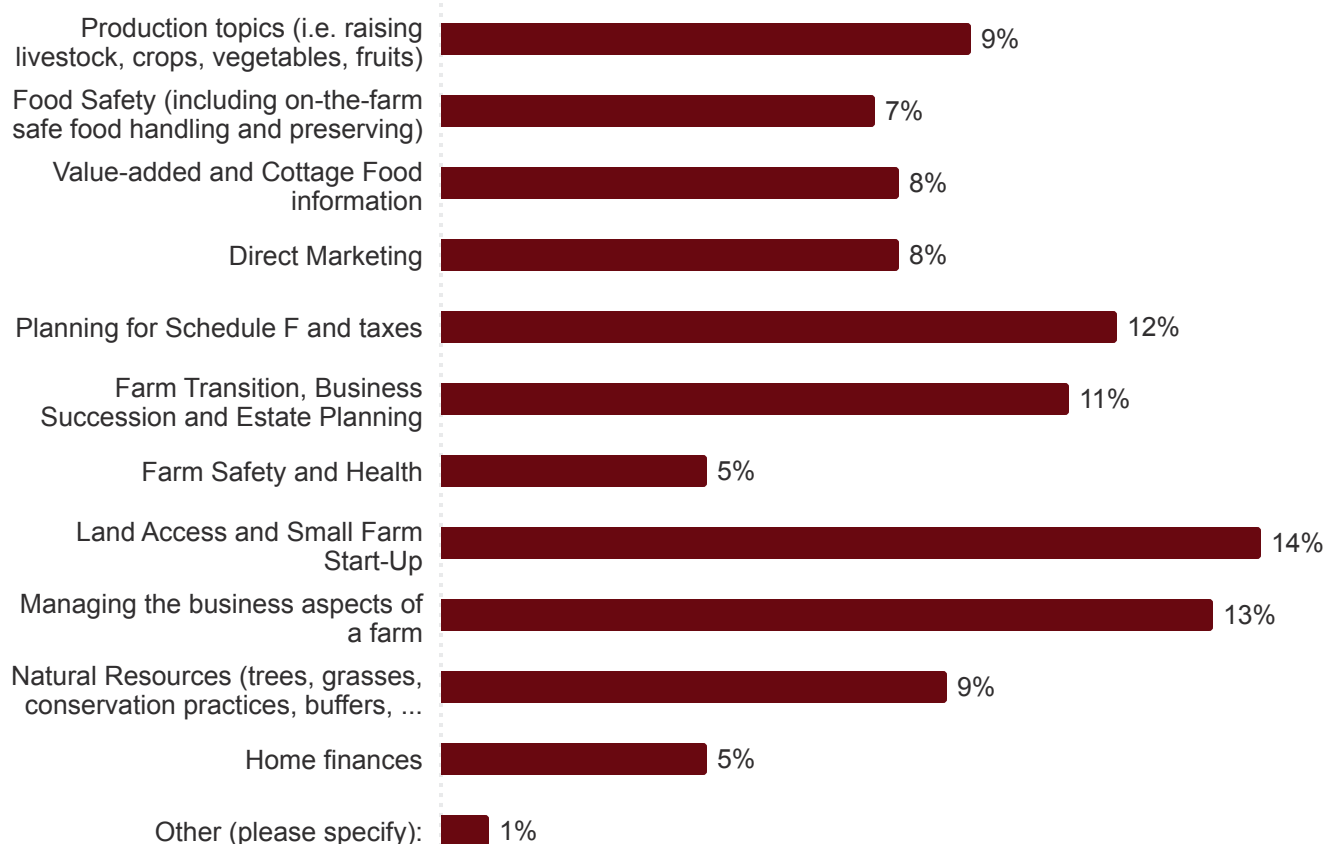
Other (please specify):

Reliable medical insurance

Could be primary income or not, but I would need to figure out how to balance a second job if I can't make all my money off of farming.

Flexible depending on terms

What topics would you like more education? Select all that apply.

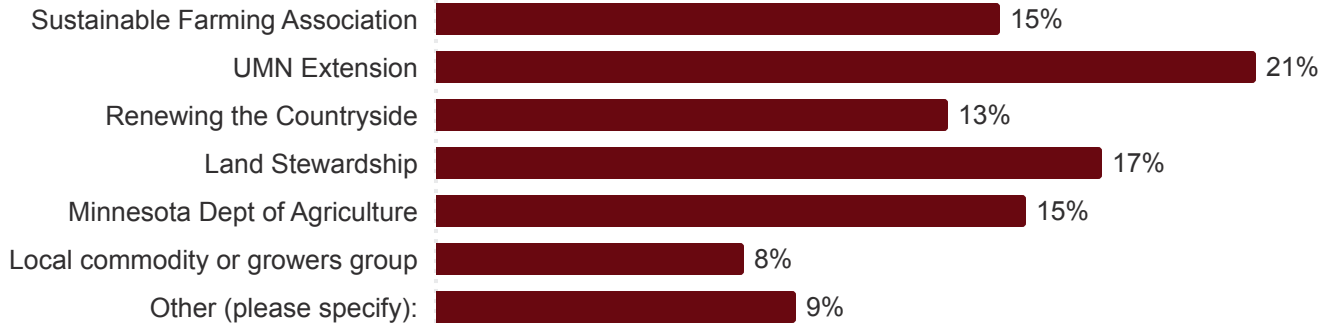


Other (please specify):

Meeting a spouse, zoning, housing, small farm implements

Classes targeted specifically to intermediate only. Provide homework/assumptions on learning before hand. I've been to so many workshops where the only topics covered are basics (why is soil health important/why is managed intensive grazing better than set stocking/etc) I know the basics and I still have lots to learn.

What farming organizations do you look to for information? Select all that apply.



Other (please specify):

None

MNGLCA

Practical famers of iowa, savannah institute

Marbleseed, Farmland Access Hub

Many

FDL

Illinois FamLink

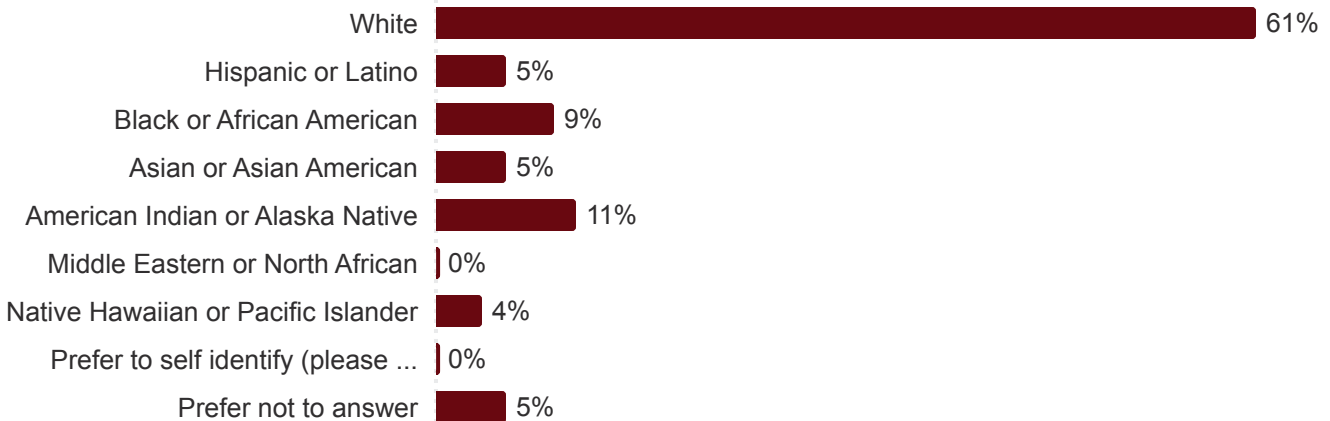
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Practical Farmers of Iowa

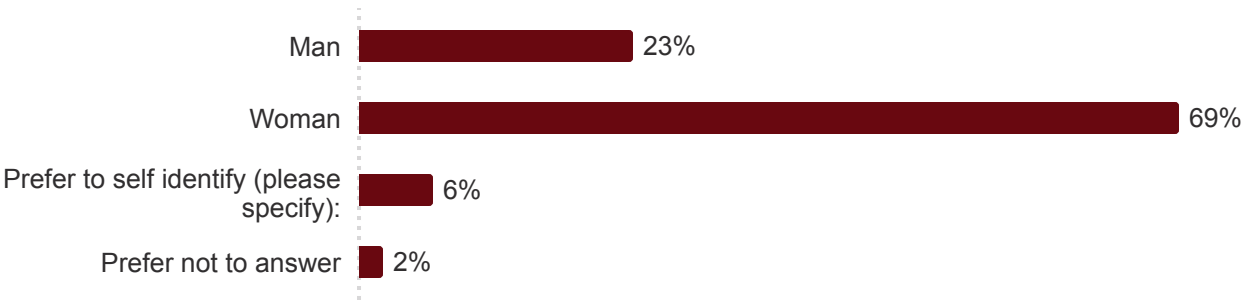
Practical Farmers of Iowa

Beck's Hybrids

What is your race or ethnicity? Select all that apply.



What is your gender?



Prefer to self identify (please specify):

Nonbinary

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