LIVESTOCK ONLY, NO CROPS

Total number of responses: 56 (10% of all responses).

Q2 - These first questions are about land that you farmed in 2022. How many acres of the land that you farmed in 2022 did you own? If you did not own any of the land please enter zero.

Field	Min	Max	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses	Sum
These first questions are about land that you farmed in 2022. How many acres of the land that you farmed in 2022 did you own? If you did not own any of the land please enter zero.	0.00	360.00	84.38	96.02	9219.91	56	4725.00

Q3 - How many acres of the land that you farmed in 2022 did you rent from others? If you did not rent any of the land from others, please enter zero.

Field	Min	Max	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses	Sum
How many acres of the land that you farmed in 2022 did you rent from others? If you did not rent any of the land from others, please enter zero.	0.00	616.00	67.55	121.47	14754.10	55	3715.00

Q4 - In the last three years, did you raise any of the following grain crops? Di...

Field	Yes	No	Total
…corn for grain?	5	51	56
…corn for silage?	3	52	55
…soybeans?	3	52	55
…wheat?	1	54	55
…other small grains, such as rye, barley, oats, or triticale?	8	46	54
…oilseeds, such as canola, sunflower, safflower, or flax?	1	53	54

Q5 - For this question, consider pasture and forages for livestock as crops. In...

Field	Yes	No	Total
…hay, such as alfalfa, clover, grass, or mix?	44	11	55
…annual forages for livestock?	27	25	52
…perennial pasture ?	37	16	53

Q6 - In the last three years, did you grow any of the following other kinds of c...

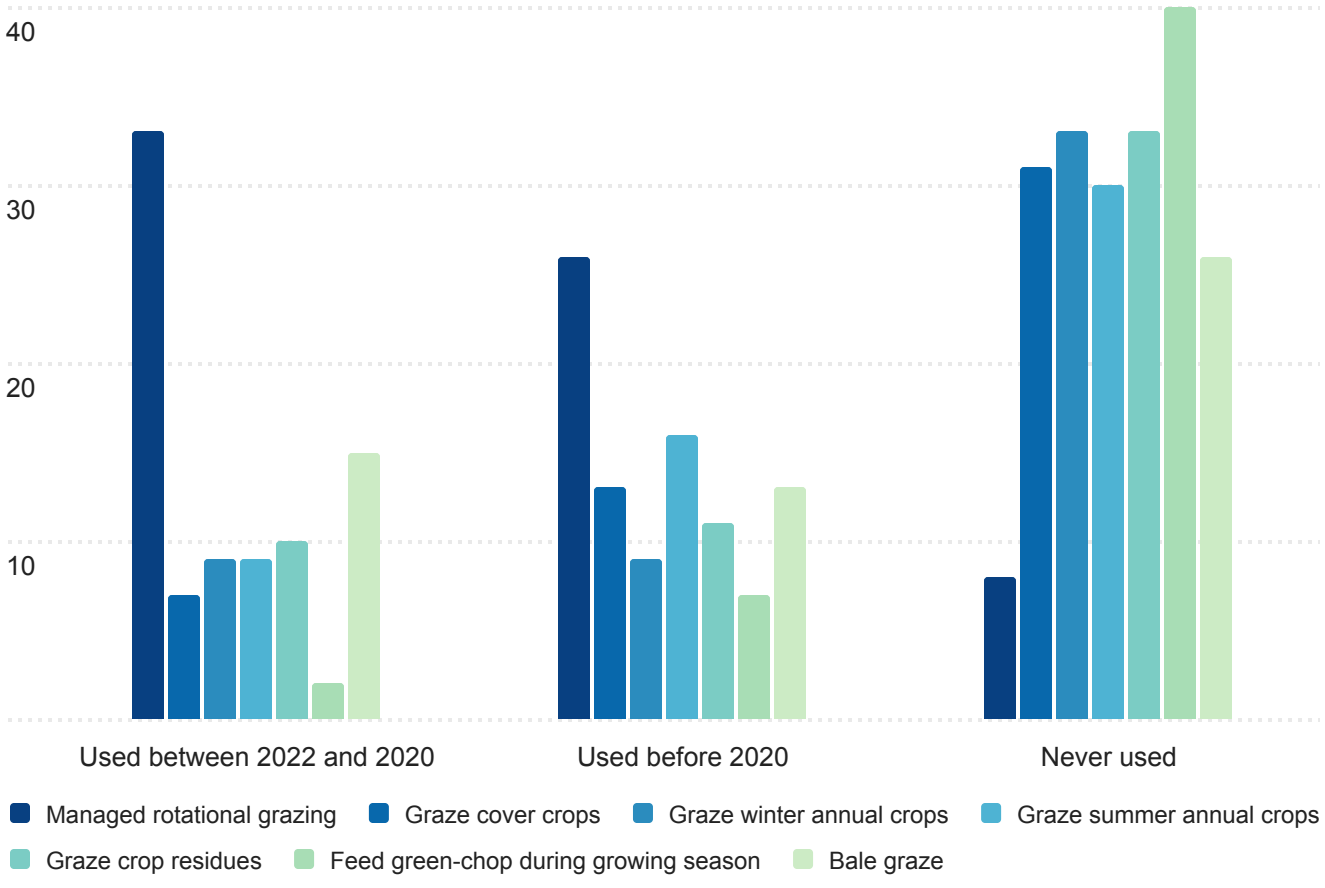
Field	Yes	No	Total
…single-species cover crops?	9	46	55
…multi-species cover crops?	11	44	55
…vegetables or fruit?	8	47	55
…sugar beets?	1	54	55
…any other crops? Please tell us:	1	33	34

Q8 - For each of the following kinds of livestock, please indicate if you have t...

Field	Yes	No	Total
Beef cow-calf pairs	40	13	53
Beef or dairy feeders, backgrounders	26	23	49
Beef or dairy finish animals	20	27	47
Dairy heifers	3	41	44
Dairy cows, lactating and dry	4	40	44
Sheep, hair	3	42	45
Sheep, wool or dairy	4	40	44
Sheep, wool or meat	5	39	44
Goats, dairy	4	40	44
Goats, meat	7	38	45
Hogs	13	32	45
Poultry	18	26	44
Other livestock? Please tell us:	5	32	37

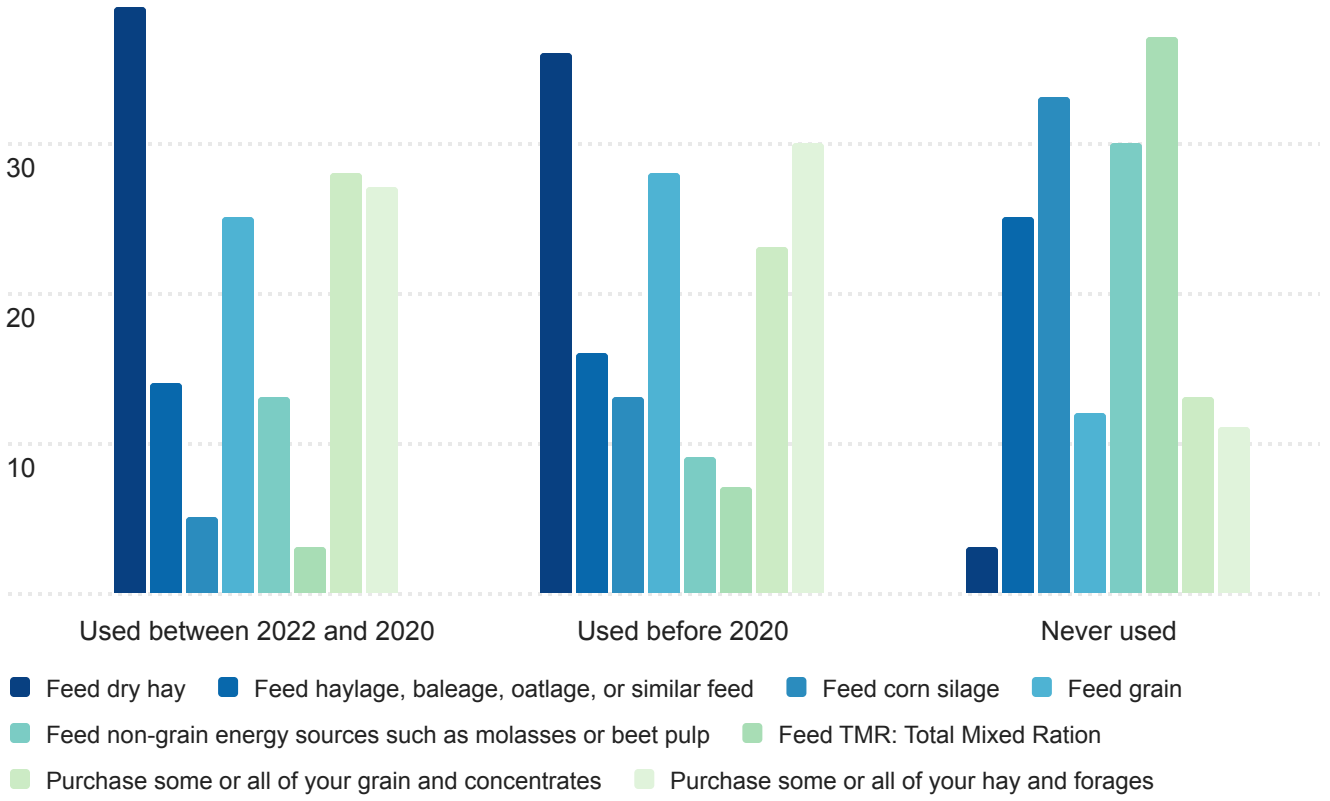
Q10 - The next questions are about your grazing management practices. Please tell...

Field	Used between 2022 and 2020	Used before 2020	Never used	Total
Managed rotational grazing	33	26	8	67
Graze cover crops	7	13	31	51
Graze winter annual crops	9	9	33	51
Graze summer annual crops	9	16	30	55
Graze crop residues	10	11	33	54
Feed green-chop during growing season	2	7	40	49
Bale graze	15	13	26	54



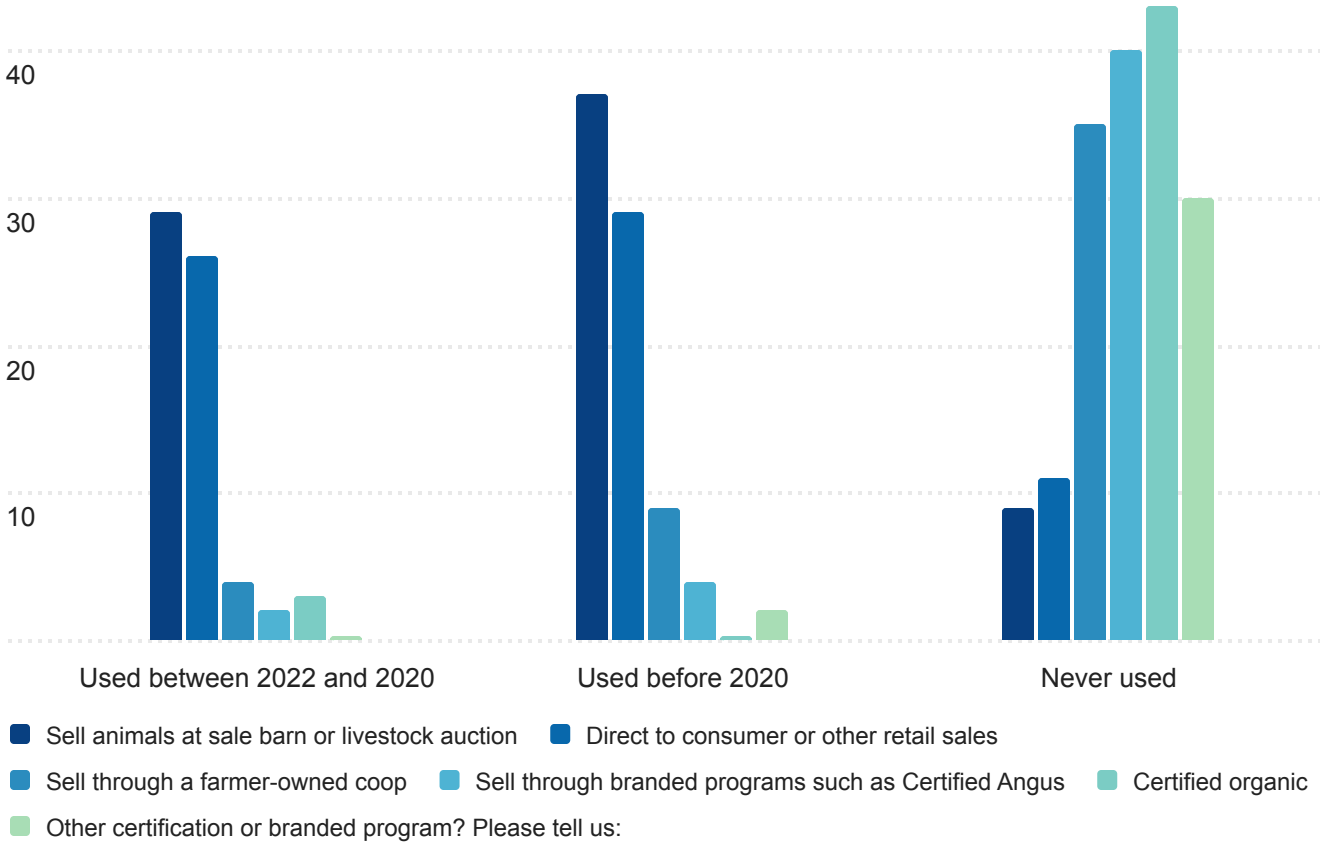
Q11 - The next questions are about your livestock feeding practices. Please tell...

Field	Used between 2022 and 2020	Used before 2020	Never used	Total
Feed dry hay	39	36	3	78
Feed haylage, baleage, oatlage, or similar feed	14	16	25	55
Feed corn silage	5	13	33	51
Feed grain	25	28	12	65
Feed non-grain energy sources such as molasses or beet pulp	13	9	30	52
Feed TMR: Total Mixed Ration	3	7	37	47
Purchase some or all of your grain and concentrates	28	23	13	64
Purchase some or all of your hay and forages	27	30	11	68



Q12 - The next questions are about your livestock marketing practices. Please tel...

Field	Used between 2022 and 2020	Used before 2020	Never used	Total
Sell animals at sale barn or livestock auction	29	37	9	75
Direct to consumer or other retail sales	26	29	11	66
Sell through a farmer-owned coop	4	9	35	48
Sell through branded programs such as Certified Angus	2	4	40	46
Certified organic	3	0	43	46
Other certification or branded program? Please tell us:	0	2	30	32

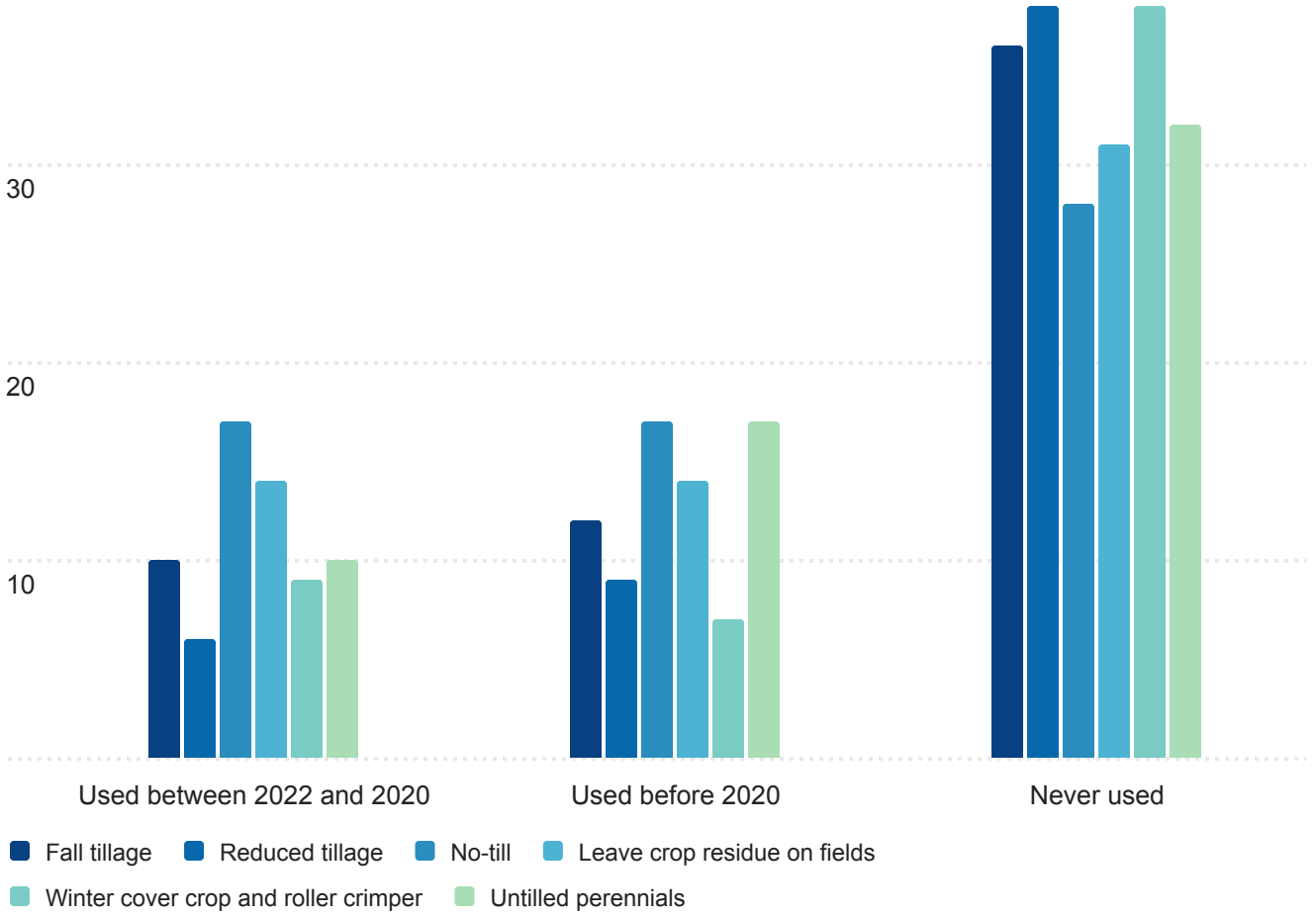


Q13 - Which one of the following do you consider your primary farming enterprise?

Field	Choice Count
Grain Crops	3
Livestock	52
Forage crops	1
Other crops	0
Total	56

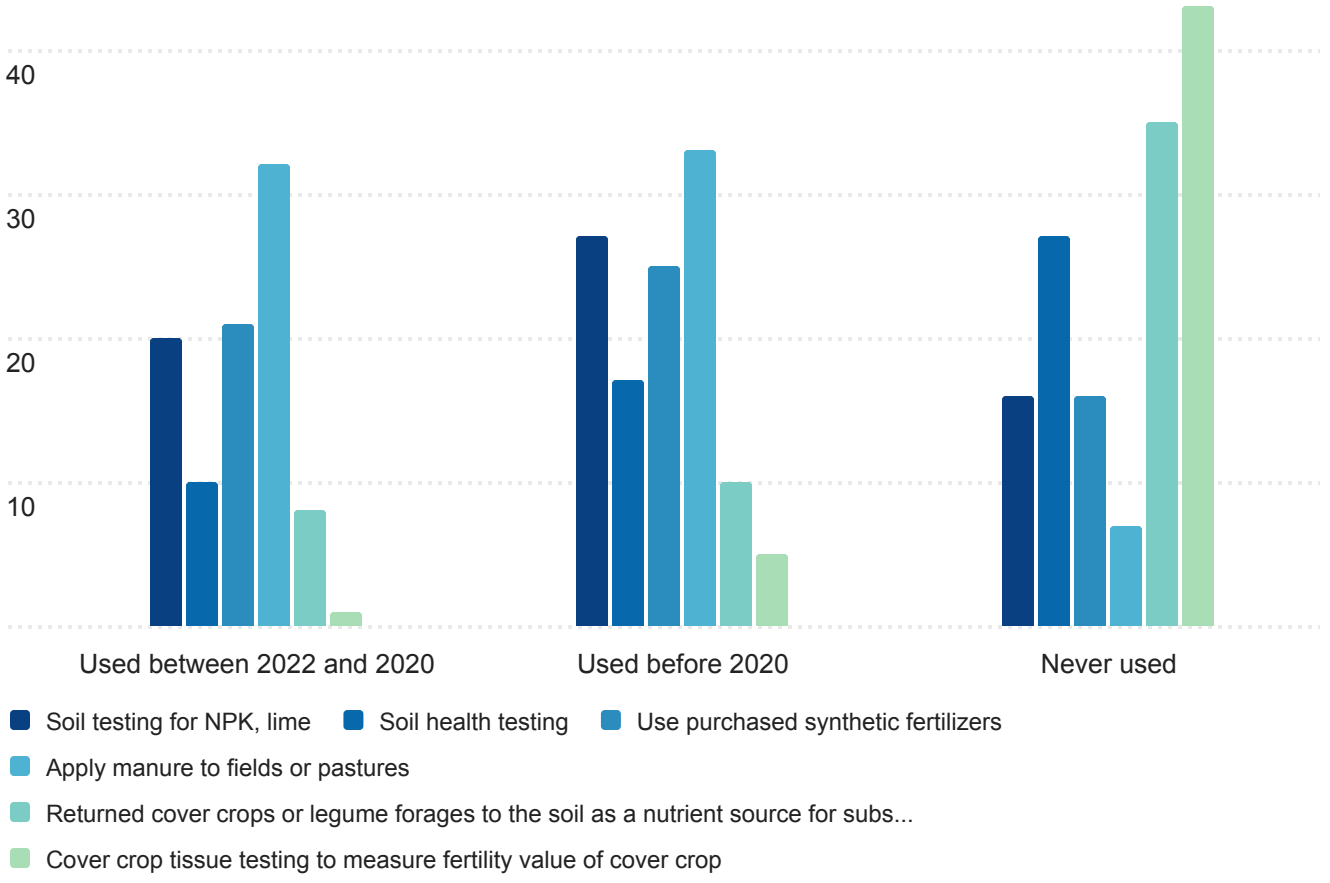
Q14 - The next questions are about your soil tillage practices. Please tell us wh...

Field	Used between 2022 and 2020	Used before 2020	Never used	Total
Fall tillage	10	12	36	58
Reduced tillage	6	9	38	53
No-till	17	17	28	62
Leave crop residue on fields	14	14	31	59
Winter cover crop and roller crimper	9	7	38	54
Untilled perennials	10	17	32	59



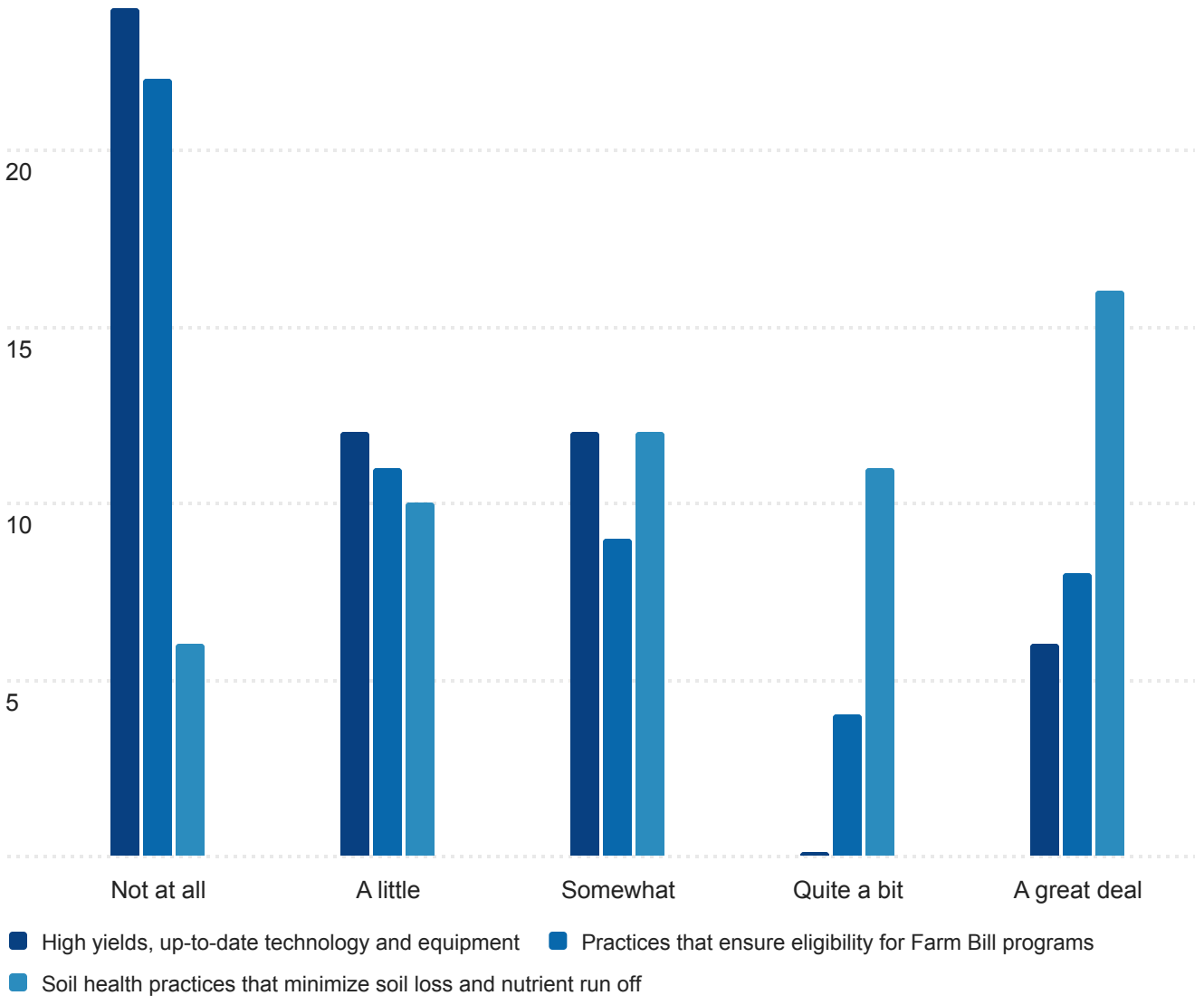
Q15 - The next questions are about your fertility management practices. Please te...

Field	Used between 2022 and 2020	Used before 2020	Never used	Total
Soil testing for NPK, lime	20	27	16	63
Soil health testing	10	17	27	54
Use purchased synthetic fertilizers	21	25	16	62
Apply manure to fields or pastures	32	33	7	72
Returned cover crops or legume forages to the soil as a nutrient source for subsequent crops	8	10	35	53
Cover crop tissue testing to measure fertility value of cover crop	1	5	43	49



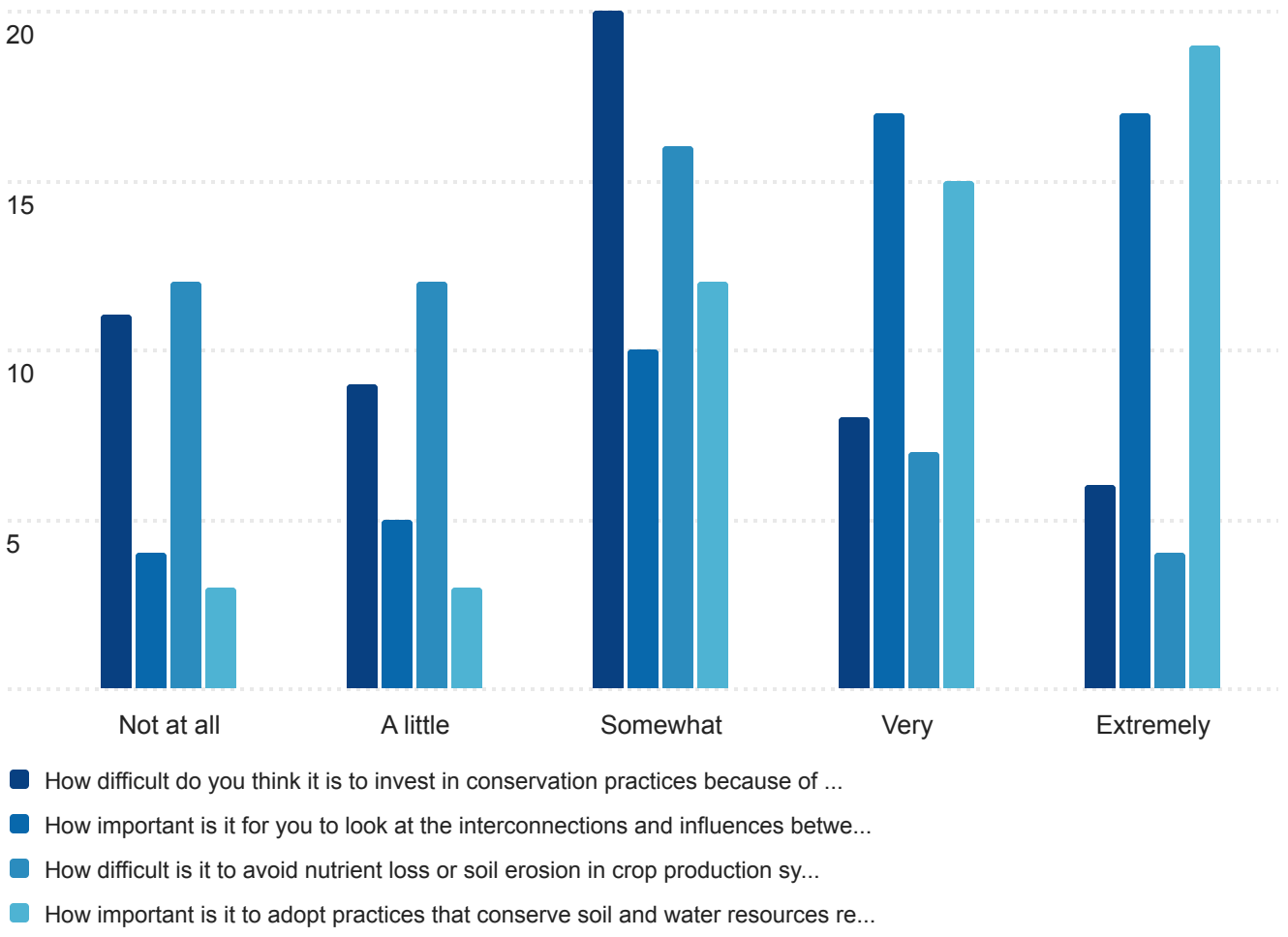
Q16 - How much do the following match your farming approach?

Field	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	Quite a bit	A great deal	Total
High yields, up-to-date technology and equipment	24	12	12	0	6	54
Practices that ensure eligibility for Farm Bill programs	22	11	9	4	8	54
Soil health practices that minimize soil loss and nutrient run off	6	10	12	11	16	55



Q17 - Continue to think about your farming approach and please tell us:

Field	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	Very	Extremely	Total
How difficult do you think it is to invest in conservation practices because of economic pressure?	11	9	20	8	6	54
How important is it for you to look at the interconnections and influences between all of the decisions that go into your farm management?	4	5	10	17	17	53
How difficult is it to avoid nutrient loss or soil erosion in crop production systems?	12	12	16	7	4	51
How important is it to adopt practices that conserve soil and water resources regardless of economic concerns?	3	3	12	15	19	52



Q18 - How much do you rely on the conservation information provided by USDA-NRCS?

Field	Choice Count
Not at all	11
A little	11
Somewhat	18
Quite a bit	9
A great deal	4
Total	53

Q47 - The next questions are about farm policy and programs. In the last 3 years,...

Field	Yes	No	Total
…the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, EQIP?	15	36	51
…the Conservation Stewardship Program, CSP?	8	43	51
…the Conservation Reserve Program, CRP?	10	41	51
…a local or county conservation program?	6	45	51
…a state conservation program?	9	42	51
…a program funded by non-governmental organization?	4	47	51
…a program funded by private sector, such as input suppliers or food companies?	3	48	51
…federal crop subsidies?	11	42	53
…crop insurance?	6	45	51

Q48 - We have asked you questions about challenges and potential support. Now is your chance to share any additional ideas you have. What specific types of assistance that are not currently offered would be useful to you in achieving your soil health or livestock integration goals?

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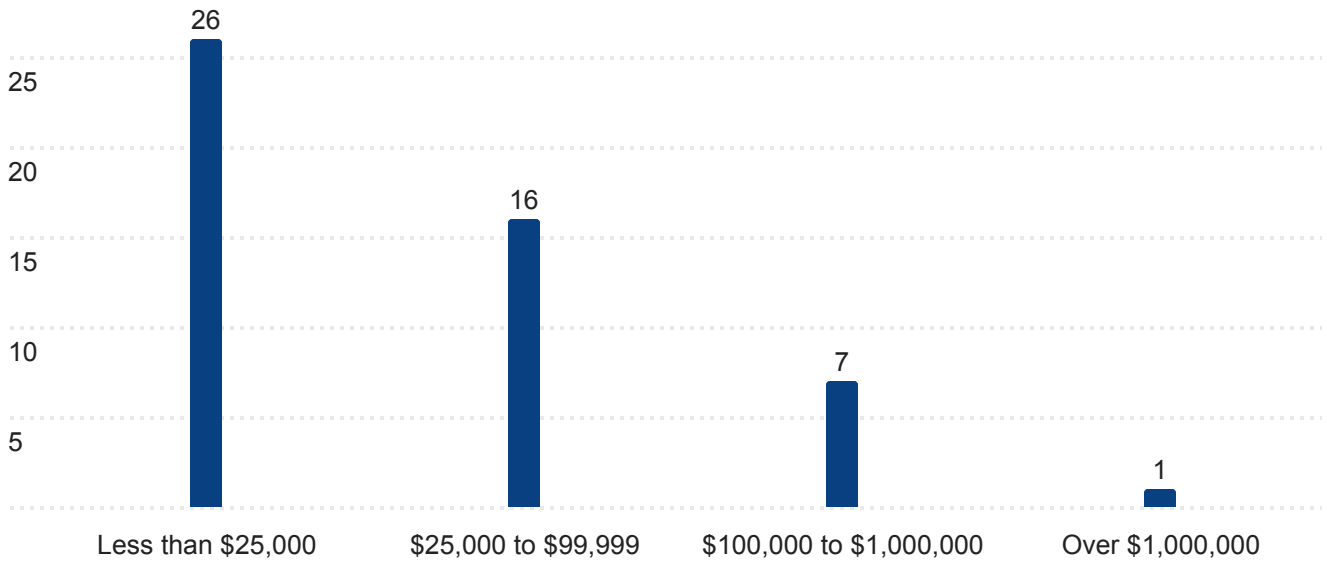
Getting grain producers to understand the value of manure and be willing to utilize it
-how to be more profitable with land/rent so high -dealing with landowners -solar farm grazing?
Direct mail about educational programs.
purchase no till equip
climate change, future practices
Would e great to have knowledgable support both off & available for on site review of practices used & to offer support & suggestions on how to provide better grass, product, soil mgmt, etc
I would like to see continuous ecosystem services payments rather than programs with fixed ending dates and no incentive to continue practices.
Advanced technology and management methods, subsidies for funds
Fund support, technical support, sales support
exterior fencing to go with a grazing system
Not aware of soil health benefits for pasture
Stock pile Forage insurance for fire /hail Inauguration of grazing on public land Silvopasture / Agri Forrestry Funding for fencing/water systems on rented crop ground
I want to integrate our dairy livestock into our cropping systems. I hear a lot about beef, but not much about dairy. Where can I learn more?and do you know of anyone that would be of great assistance?
Since I am enrolled in csp, I don't qualify for any funds available for the big muddy River watershed. My whole acreage is in perinatal and annual forage production
This is a test, please delete from responses

Q49 - What farming enterprise is your primary source of farm income?

Field	Choice Count
Grain crops	1
Livestock	48
Other crops	0
Forage crops	0
Total	49

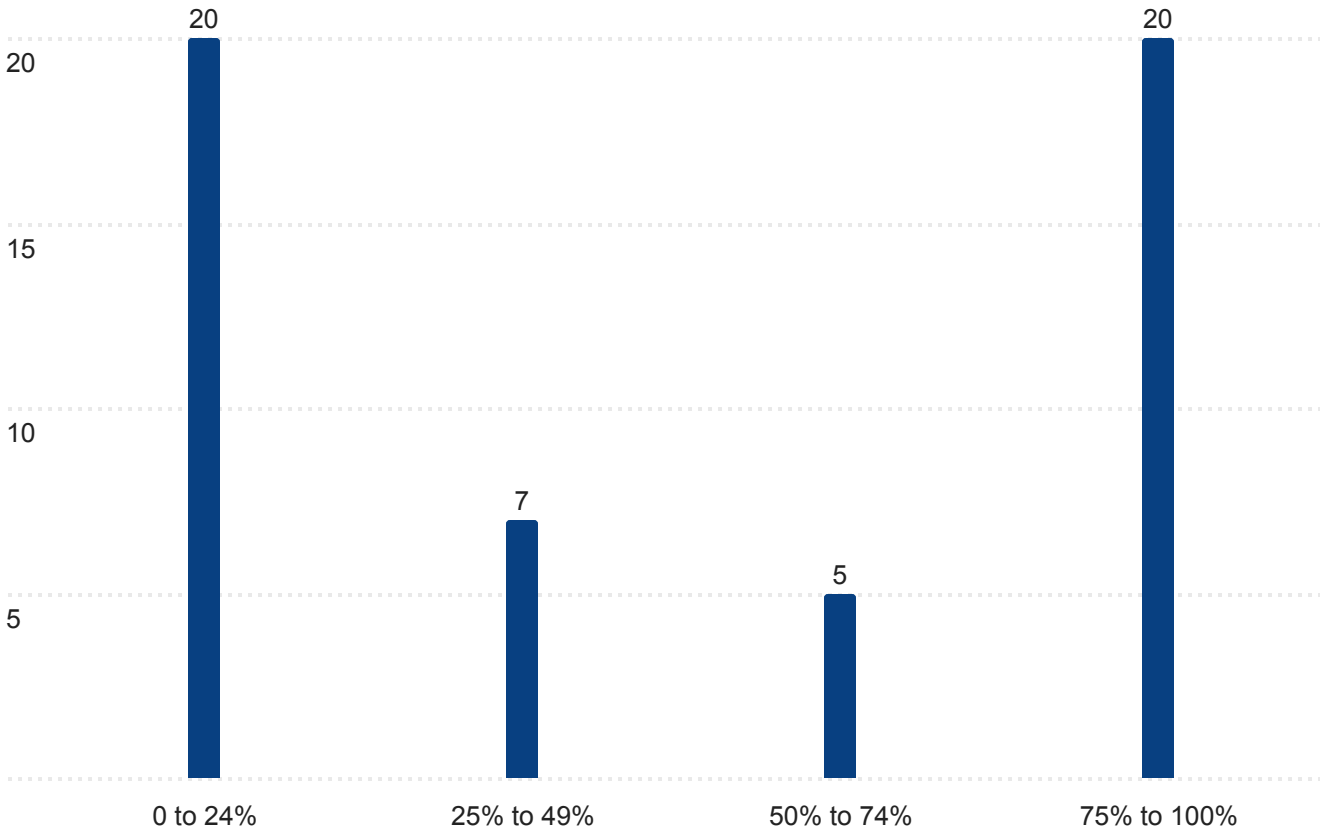
Q50 - In 2022, about how much was your gross farming income?

Field	Choice Count
Less than $25,000	26
$25,000 to $99,999	16
$100,000 to $1,000,000	7
Over $1,000,000	1
Total	50



Q51 - In 2022, about how much of your total household income was from off-farm sources?

Field	Choice Count
0 to 24%	20
25% to 49%	7
50% to 74%	5
75% to 100%	20
Total	52



Q52 - Did you hear about this survey from any of the following organizations? Did...

Field	Yes	No	Total
…Green Lands Blue Waters?	10	31	41
…Corn Growers Association?	4	38	42
…Soybean Growers Association?	4	39	43
…Cattlemen’s Association?	15	28	43
…GrassWorks?	7	35	42
…Sustainable Farming Association?	5	37	42
…Practical Farmers of Iowa?	4	38	42
…Land Stewardship Project?	6	36	42
…University Extension?	23	23	46
…some other organization? Please tell us :	28	19	47

Q53 - If you heard about it through an organization you participate in, how does that organization help you and in what way could it do better?

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IFGC - just started today, no benefit yet
provides educational information on herd mgmt
UMN Cow Calf Days & online articles - Provide classes on nutritional formulation & requirements.
great info on improving animal health and soil mgmt
support through legislative action
They promote these ideas to new farmers or farmers that have not used them in the past.
Help in management and sales, experienced experience can be done better
Share a breeding technology, sales method, breeding management
Retired, but family keeps me up to date on NRCS happenings.
LSP does a great job with workshops.

Q54 - Finally, just a few questions about you. Not including years growing up on a farm, for about how many years have you been farming?

Field	Min	Max	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses	Sum
Finally, just a few questions about you. Not including years growing up on a farm, for about how many years have you been farming?	2.00	55.00	17.95	15.11	228.41	44	790.00

Q55 - What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Field	Choice Count
High school diploma or less	7
Some college, but no degree	11
Associate degree	14
Bachelor’s degree	9
Master’s degree or more	11
Total	52

Q56 - Is this degree in Agriculture?

Field	Choice Count
Yes	21
No	12
Total	33

Q57 - If you have a college degree in a field other than agriculture, what is that field?

If you have a college degree in a field other than agriculture, what is that field?
registered nurse - middle school teacher
education
natural resources mgmt
biology, ecology, some animals science
business admin
heavy equipment & mechanic, welding & blueprinting
Theatre arts
Education
Medicine
Horticulture - Landscape Design
Accounting

Q58 - What is your gender?

Field Count

Male 11
Female 9
Total 20

Q59 - What is your age?

Field	Min	Max	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses	Sum
What is your age?	21.00	96.00	48.37	17.25	297.62	49	2370.00

Q60 - Check all of the following that describe your race or ethnicity: - Selected Choice

Field	Choice Count
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0
Asian	1
Black or African American	2
Hispanic or Latino	0
Middle Eastern or North African	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
White	46
Other: Please tell us:	1
Total	51