

OAK 2023 Conference Results

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Frankfort, KY

Program Composition

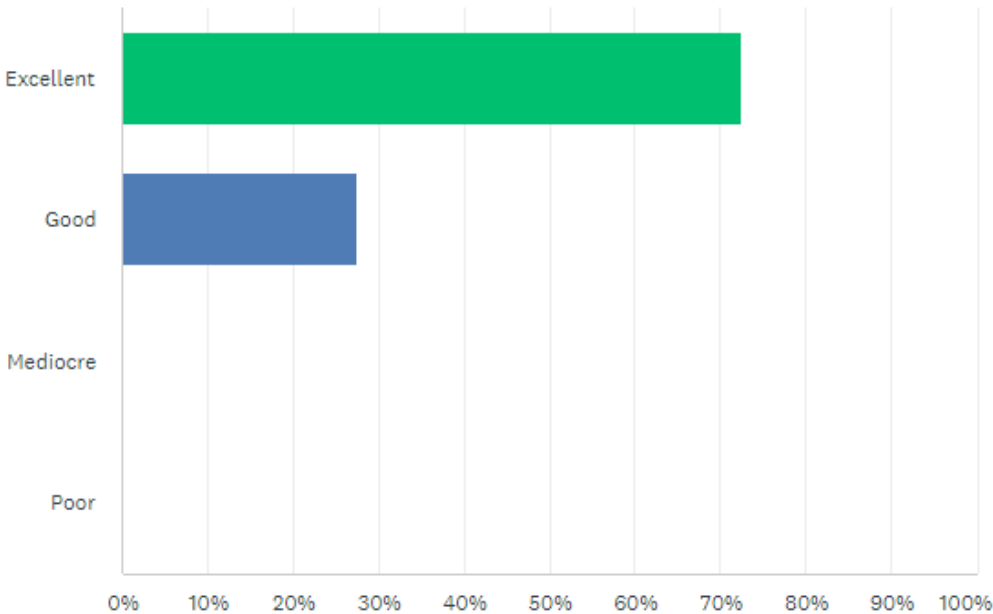
- Trade Show
- 6 Pre-Conference Workshops
- 2 Keynote Speakers
- 25 Speaker Sessions
- 2 Farm Tours

445 Total Attendees

Conference Survey Results

Please rate your overall experience at this conference:

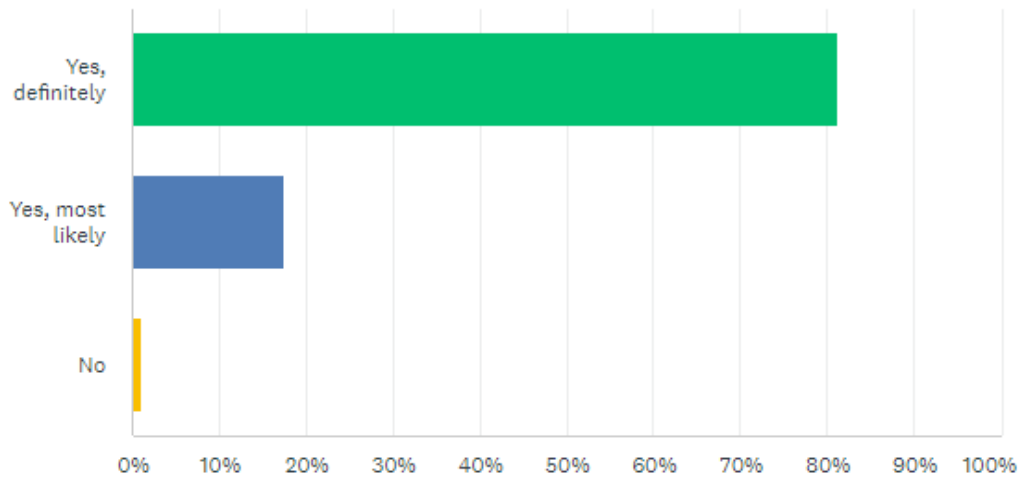
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	72.53%	66
Good	27.47%	25
Mediocre	0.00%	0
Poor	0.00%	0
TOTAL		91

Do you anticipate using information you learned at this conference to meaningfully advance your work in the next year?

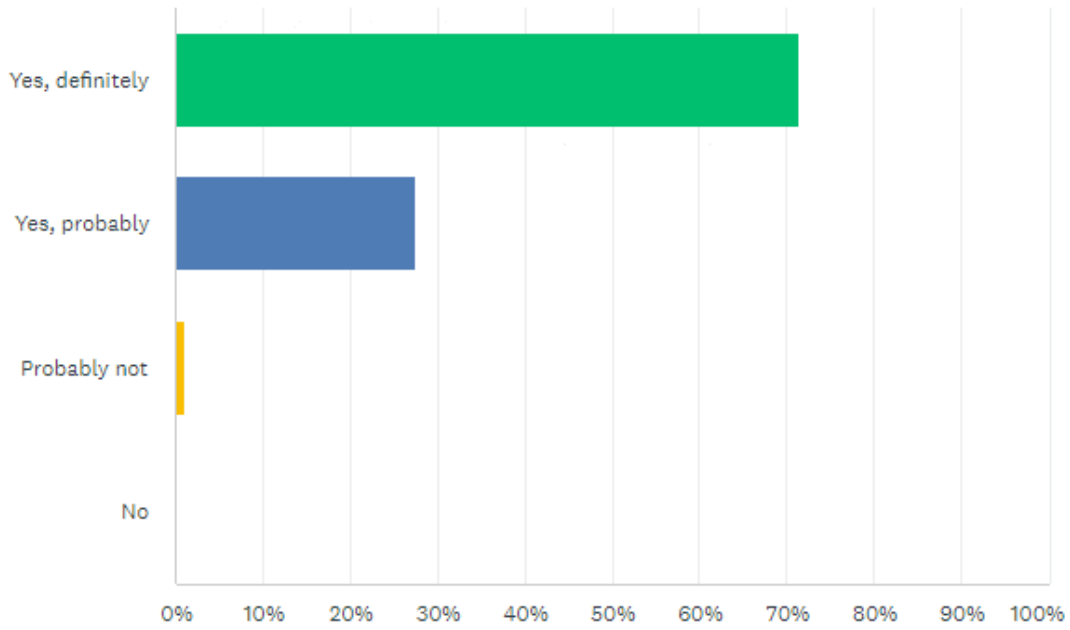
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, definitely	81.32%	74
Yes, most likely	17.58%	16
No	1.10%	1
TOTAL		91

Do you plan to share any of the information you learned today with others in your community?

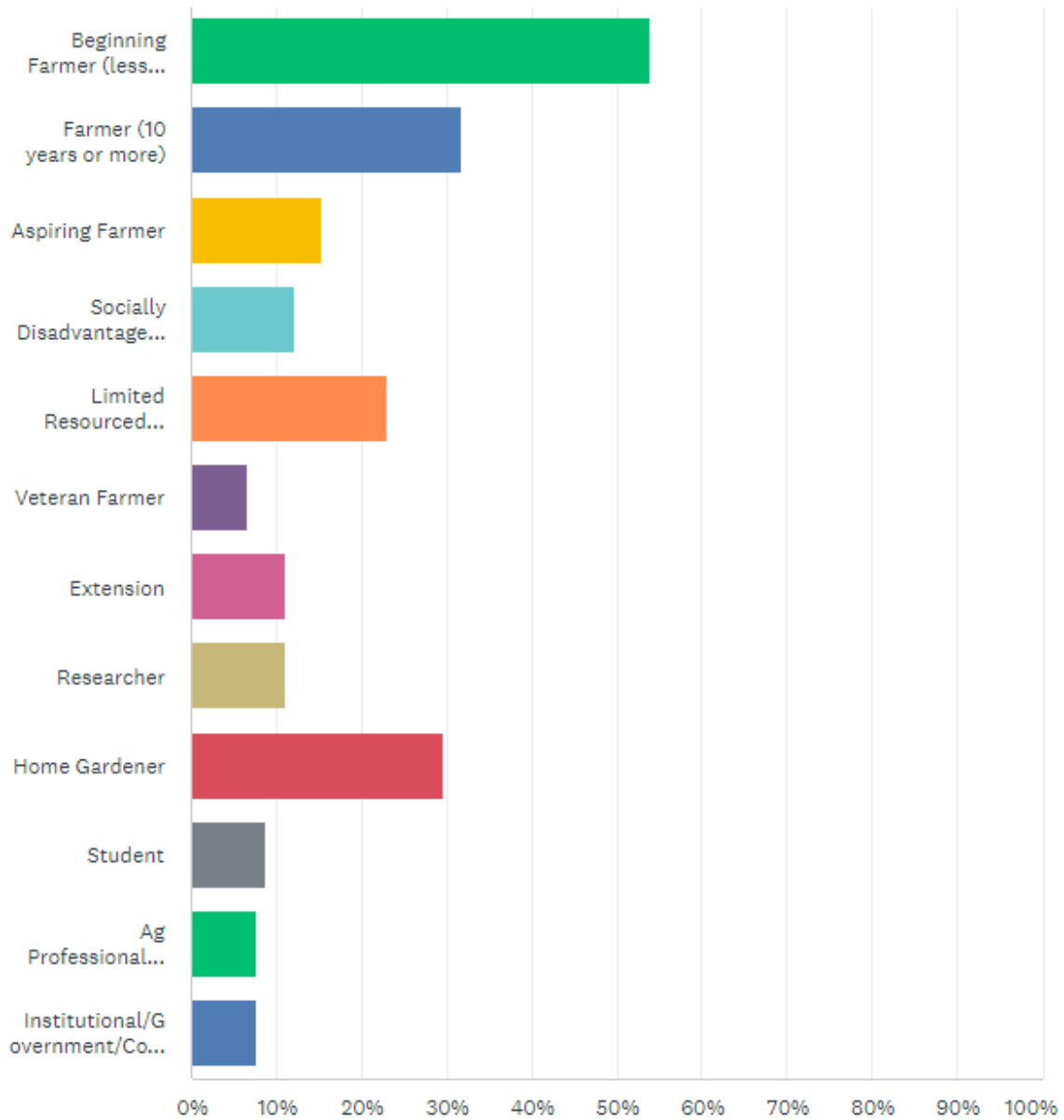
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, definitely	71.43%	65
Yes, probably	27.47%	25
Probably not	1.10%	1
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		91

Indicate the categories with which you most identify.

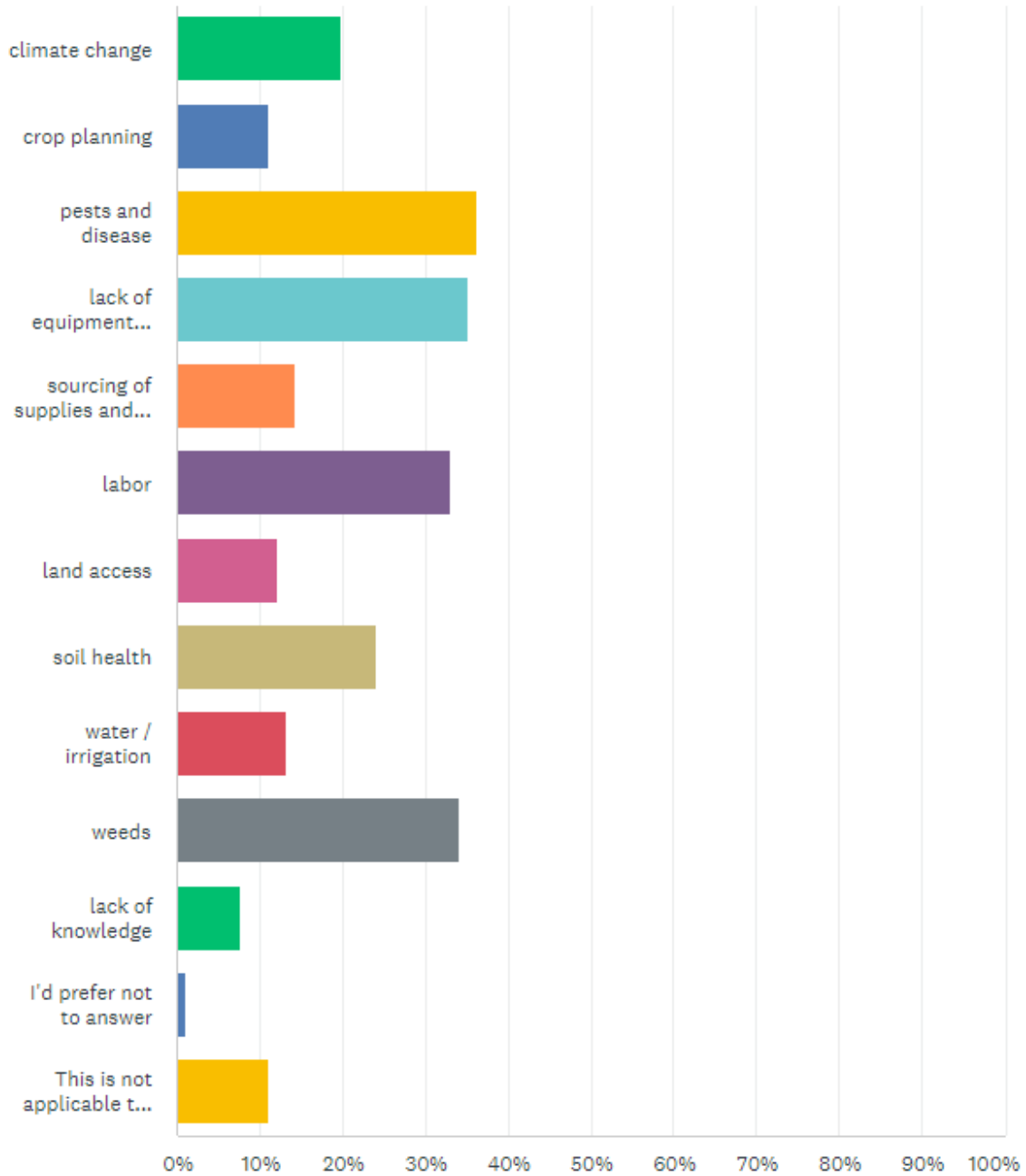
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Beginning Farmer (less than 10 years)	53.85%	49
Farmer (10 years or more)	31.87%	29
Aspiring Farmer	15.38%	14
Socially Disadvantaged Farmer	12.09%	11
Limited Resourced Farmer	23.08%	21
Veteran Farmer	6.59%	6
Extension	10.99%	10
Researcher	10.99%	10
Home Gardener	29.67%	27
Student	8.79%	8
Ag Professional/consultant/crop adviser	7.69%	7
Institutional/Government/Community Partner	7.69%	7
Total Respondents: 91		

Farmers, what is your biggest production challenge?

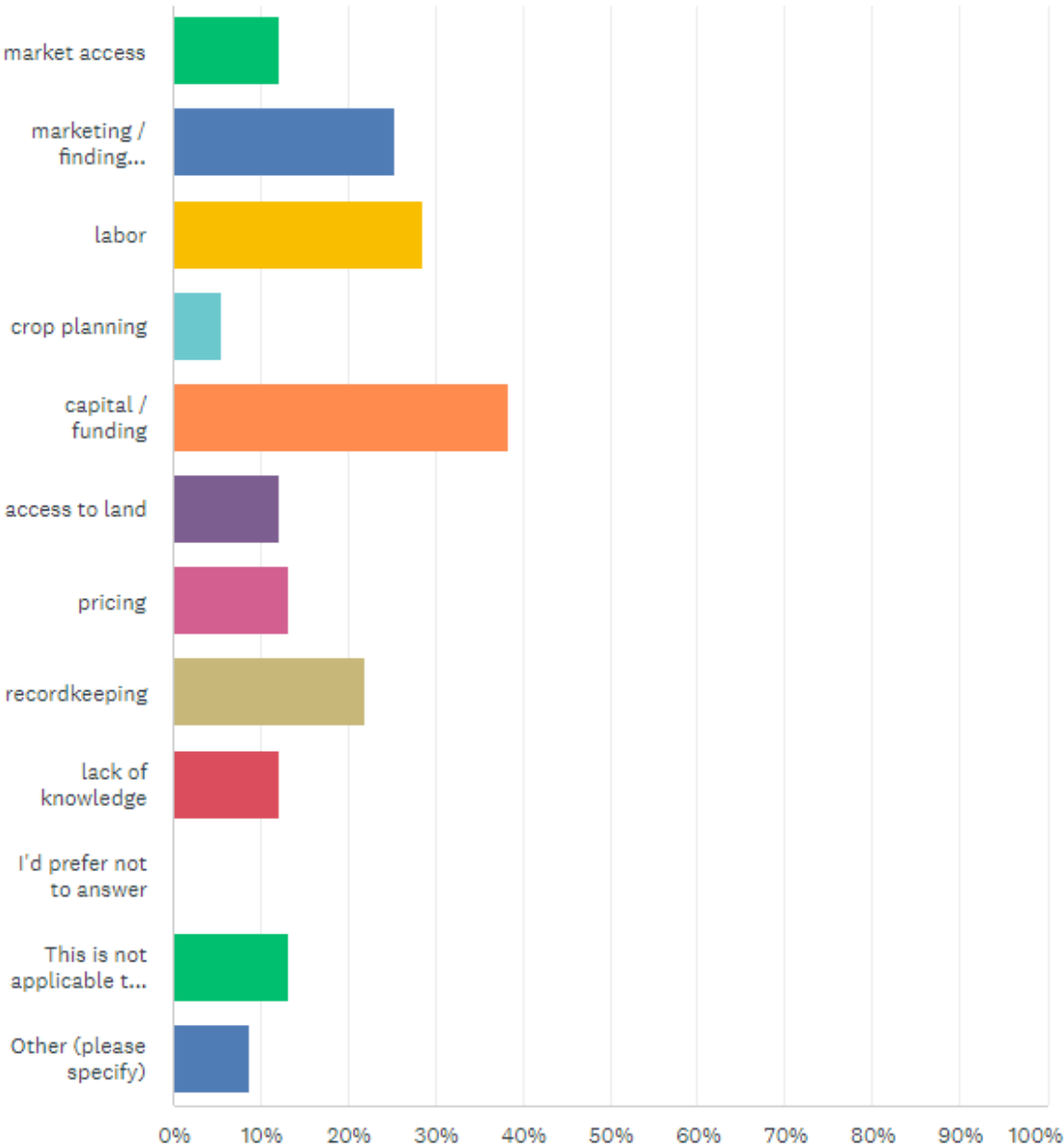
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
climate change	19.78%	18
crop planning	10.99%	10
pests and disease	36.26%	33
lack of equipment and/or infrastructure	35.16%	32
sourcing of supplies and inputs	14.29%	13
labor	32.97%	30
land access	12.09%	11
soil health	24.18%	22
water / irrigation	13.19%	12
weeds	34.07%	31
lack of knowledge	7.69%	7
I'd prefer not to answer	1.10%	1
This is not applicable to me	10.99%	10
Total Respondents: 91		

Farmers, what is your biggest business or management challenge?

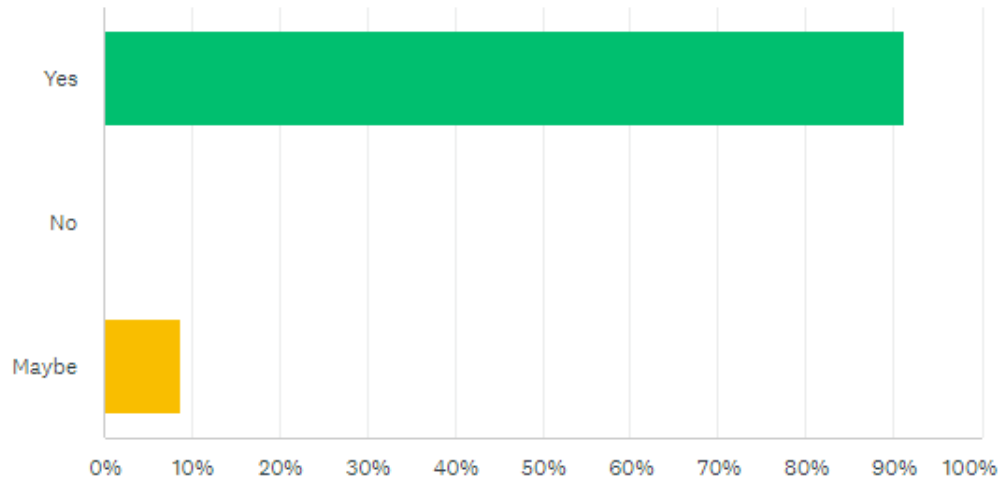
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
market access	12.09%	11
marketing / finding customers	25.27%	23
labor	28.57%	26
crop planning	5.49%	5
capital / funding	38.46%	35
access to land	12.09%	11
pricing	13.19%	12
recordkeeping	21.98%	20
lack of knowledge	12.09%	11
I'd prefer not to answer	0.00%	0
This is not applicable to me.	13.19%	12
Other (please specify)	Responses 8.79%	8
Total Respondents: 91		

Would you attend another OAK conference in the future?

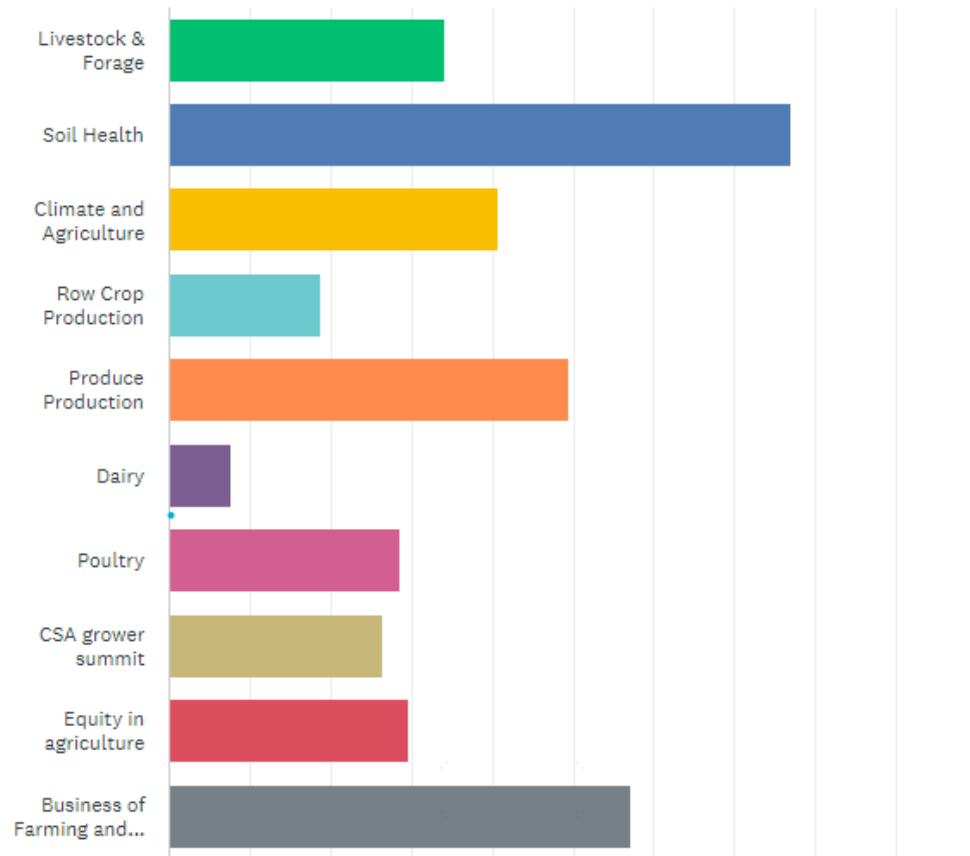
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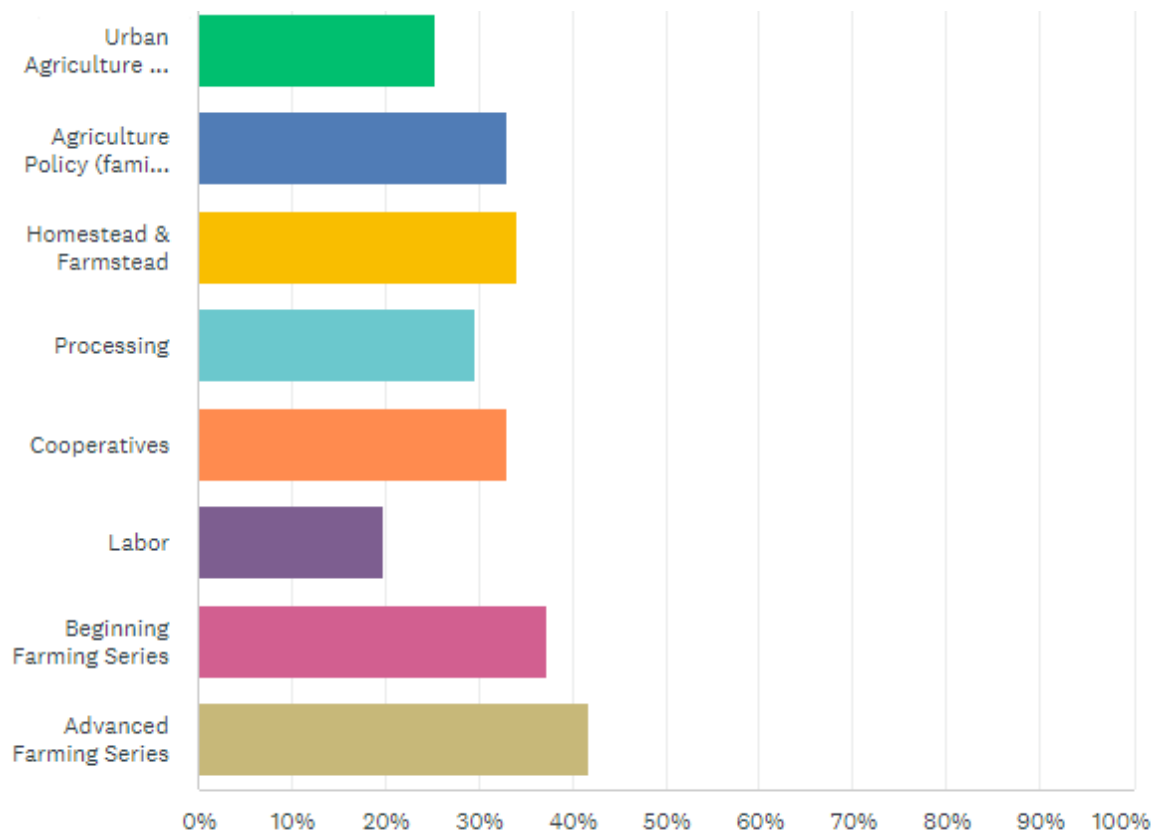


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.21%	83
No	0.00%	0
Maybe	8.79%	8
TOTAL		91

As an attendee, which conference topic areas appeal to you the most? Organic practices emphasized throughout. (check all that apply)

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Livestock & Forage	34.07%	31
Soil Health	76.92%	70
Climate and Agriculture	40.66%	37
Row Crop Production	18.68%	17
Produce Production	49.45%	45
Dairy	7.69%	7
Poultry	28.57%	26
CSA grower summit	26.37%	24
Equity in agriculture	29.67%	27
Business of Farming and Marketing	57.14%	52
Urban Agriculture and Local Food Systems	25.27%	23
Agriculture Policy (family farms, organic regulations, conservation title)	32.97%	30
Homestead & Farmstead	34.07%	31
Processing	29.67%	27
Cooperatives	32.97%	30
Labor	19.78%	18
Beginning Farming Series	37.36%	34
Advanced Farming Series	41.76%	38
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