Alfalfa Growers' Survey

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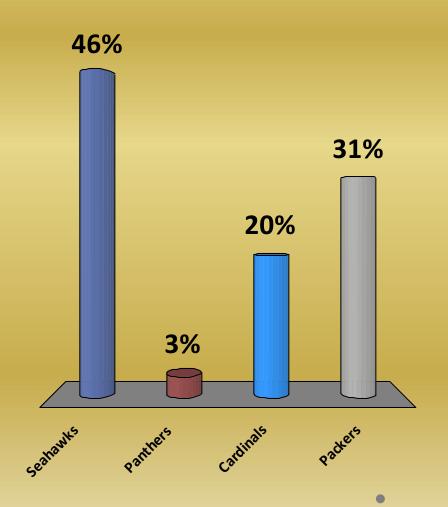
Plan Today

 We want to learn more about how things are being done!



Who are you cheering for? (NFC)

- A. Seahawks
- B. Panthers
- C. Cardinals
- D. Packers



How many lbs of seed/ac do you plant?

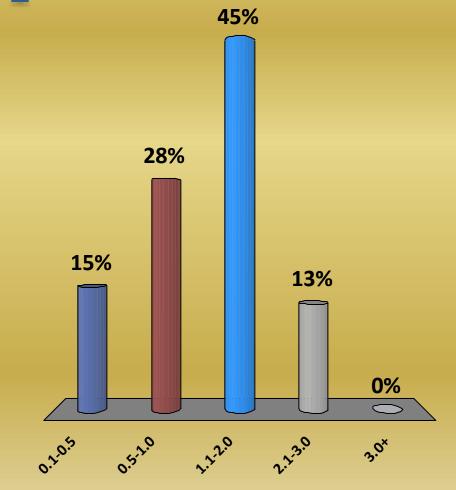
A. 0.1-0.5

B. 0.5-1.0

C. 1.1-2.0

D. 2.1-3.0

E. 3.0+



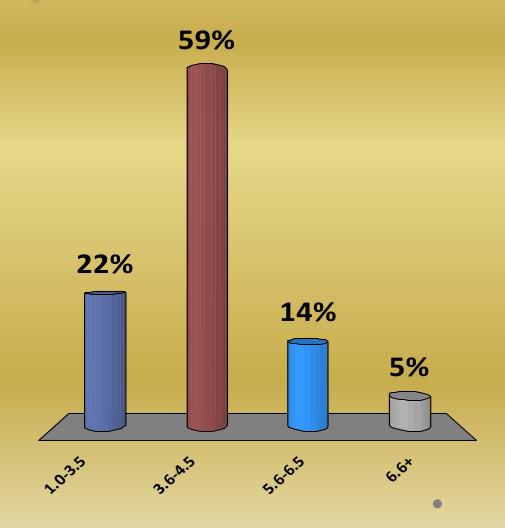
How many gallons of bees/ac?

A. 1.0-3.5

B. 3.6-4.5

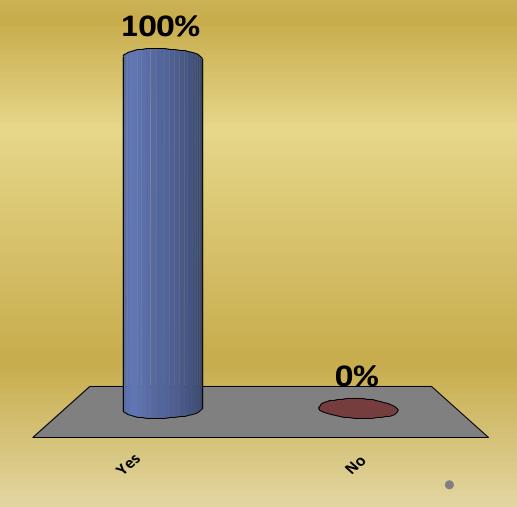
C. 5.6-6.5

D. 6.6+



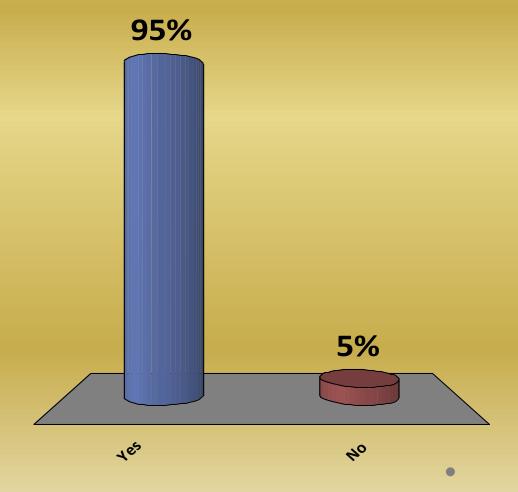
Do you sweep before spraying fields?

A. Yes



Do you use a clean up spray before bee release?

A. Yes



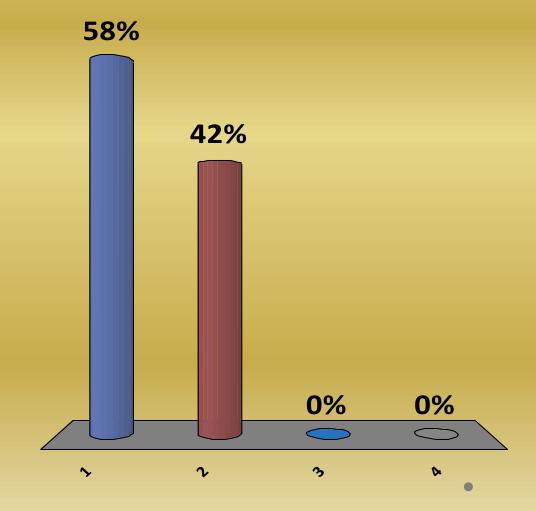
How many clean up sprays before bee release?

A. 1

B. 2

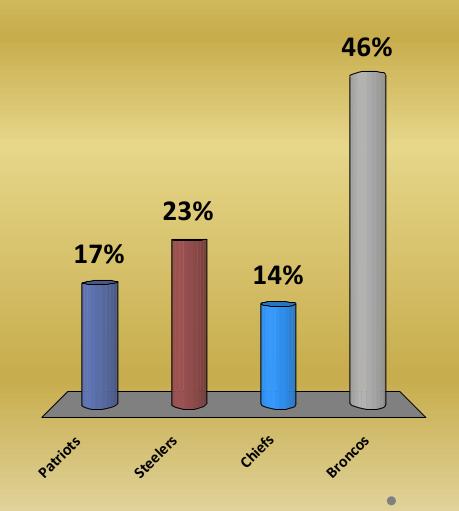
C. 3

D. 4



Who are you cheering for? (AFC)

- A. Patriots
- B. Steelers
- C. Chiefs
- D. Broncos



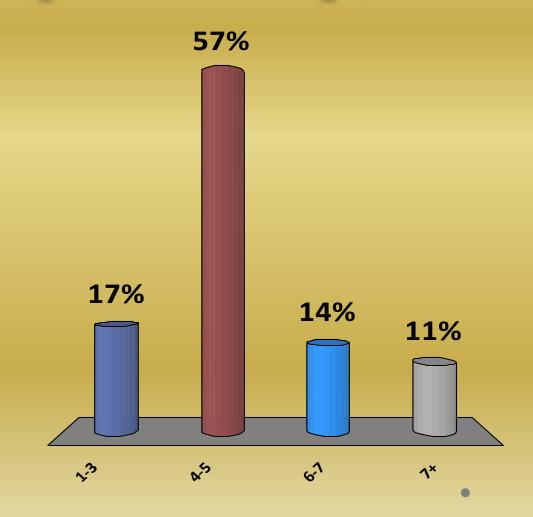
Pre-bloom lygus threshold for trmt? (per sweep)

A. 1-3

B. 4-5

C. 6-7

D. 7+

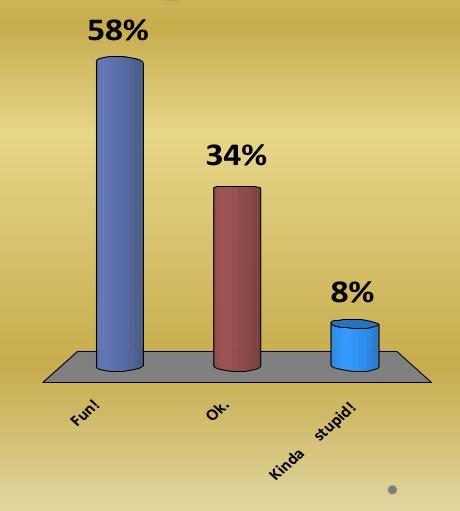


What do you think of this type of polling?

A. Fun!

B. Ok.

C. Kinda stupid!



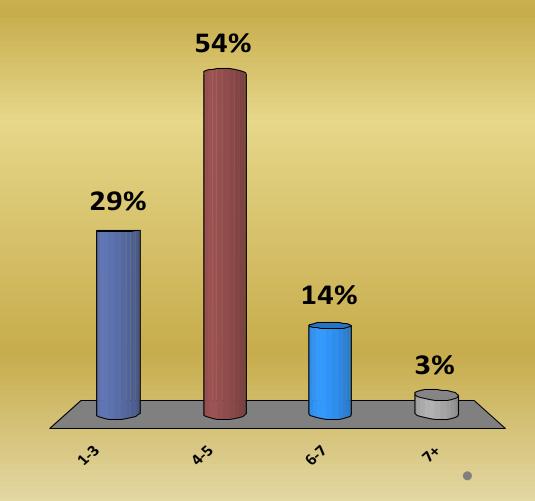
Post-bloom lygus threshold for trmt? (per sweep)

A. 1-3

B. 4-5

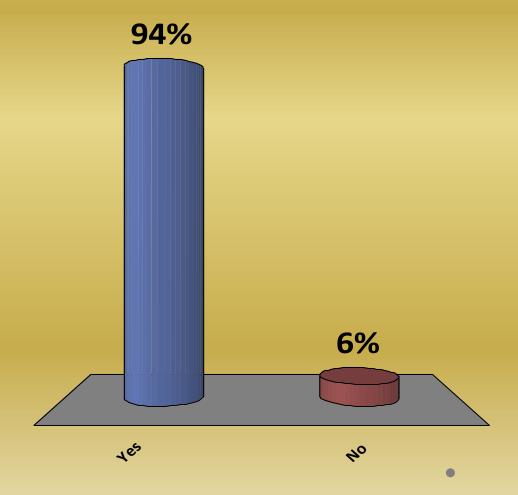
C. 6-7

D. 7+



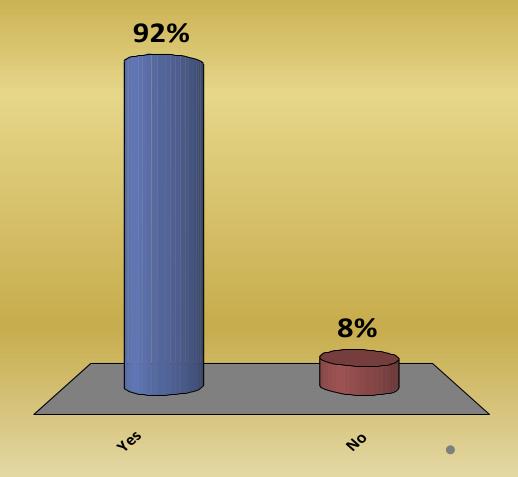
Do you sweep fields after bee release?

A. Yes



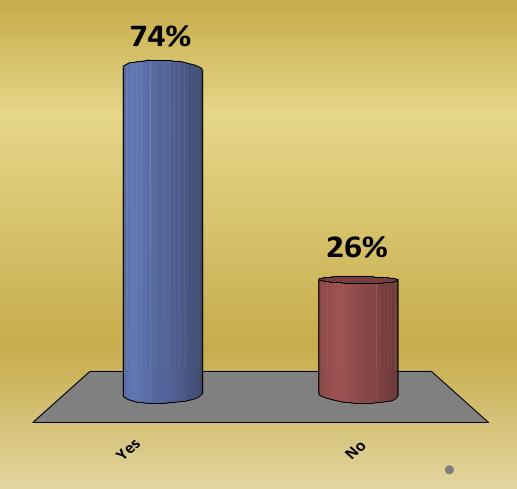
Do you account for life stage of lygus when treating?

A. Yes



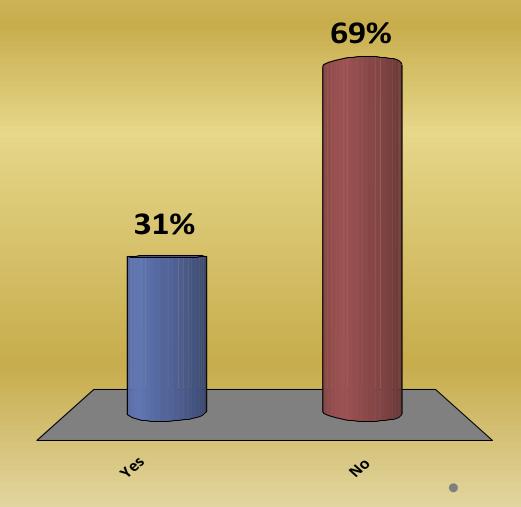
Do you have problems with voles?

A. Yes



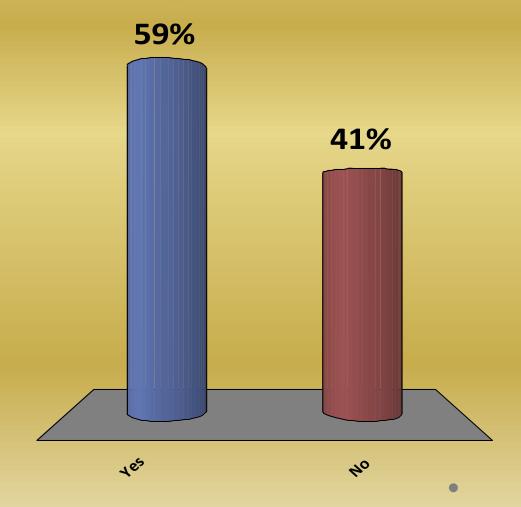
Do you treat for voles?

A. Yes



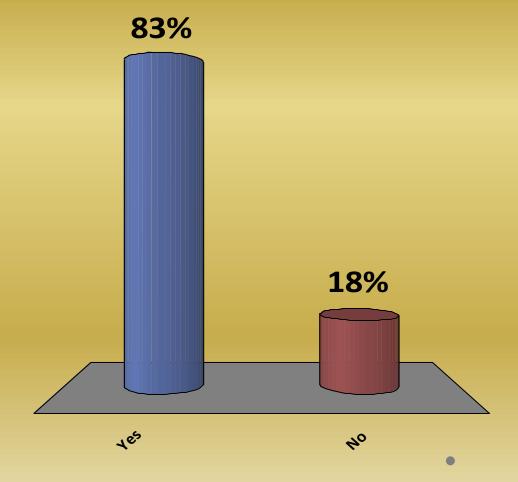
Do you use fungicides?

A. Yes



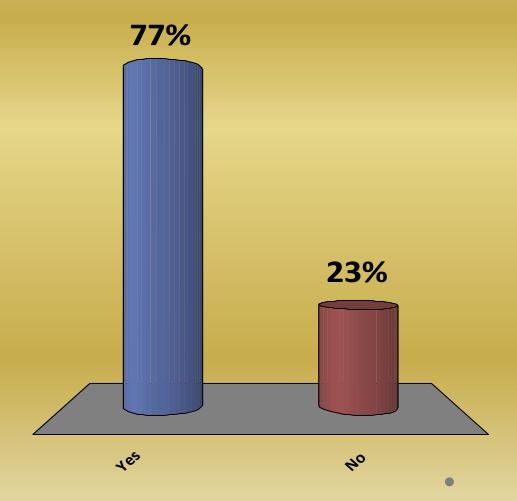
Do you use miticides?

A. Yes



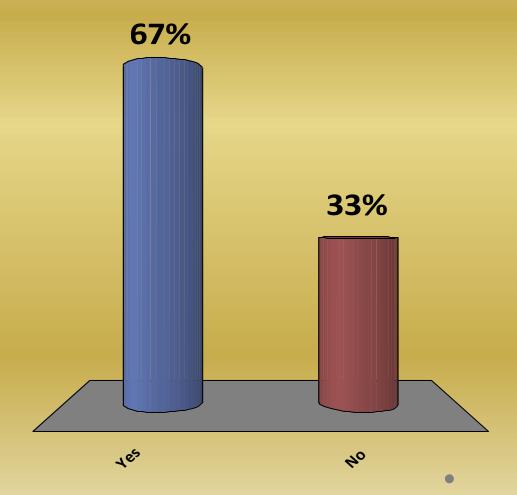
Are your fields nearby to production alfalfa?

A. Yes



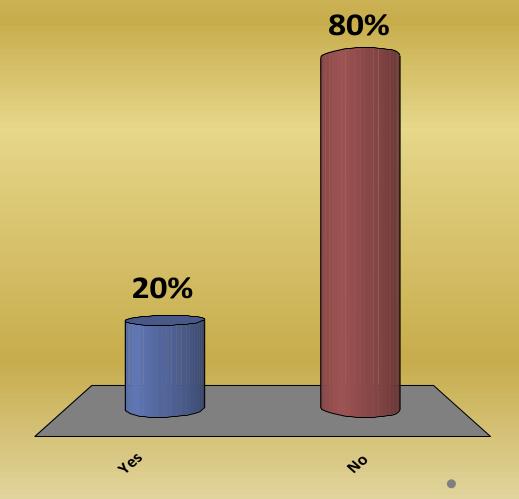
Are your fields nearby to rangeland/desert?

A. Yes



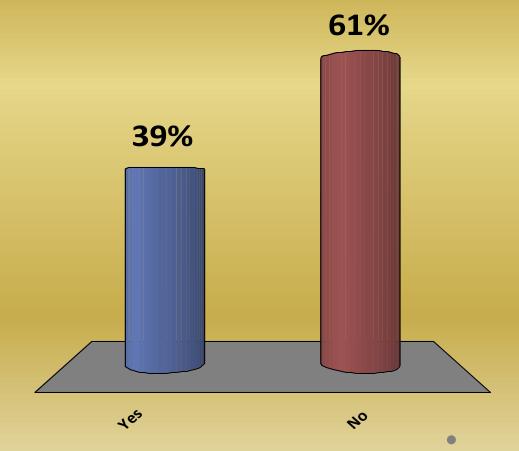
Do you sweep or scout nearby desert or prod. alfalfa?

A. Yes



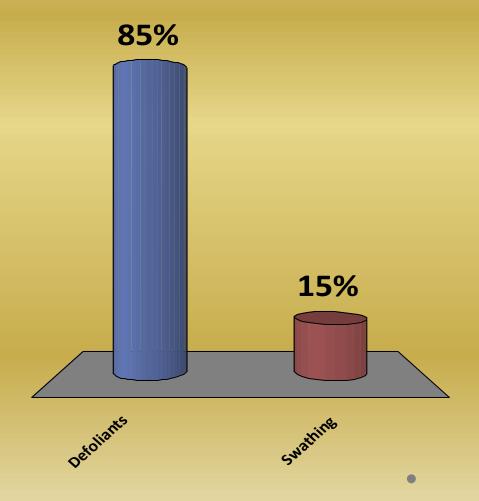
Do you manage differently next to desert or prod. alfalfa?

A. Yes



What type of burn down do you use?

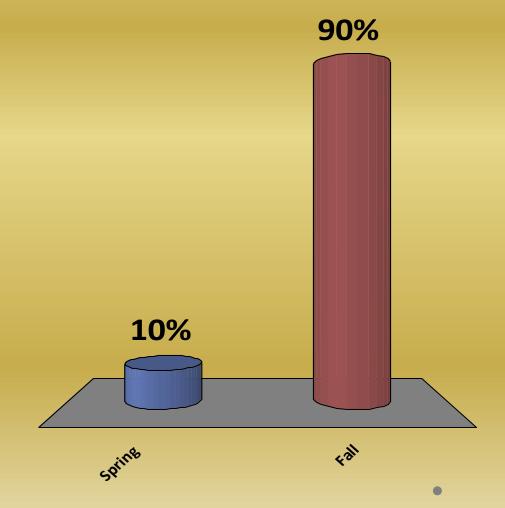
- A. Defoliants
- B. Swathing



When do you prefer to plant?

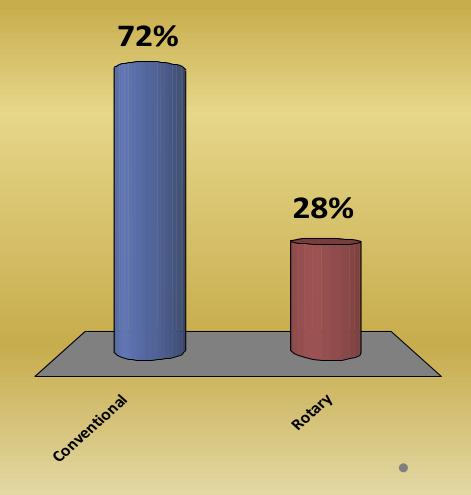
A. Spring

B. Fall



What type of combine do you use?

- A. Conventional
- B. Rotary



What is the dominant color on your farm?

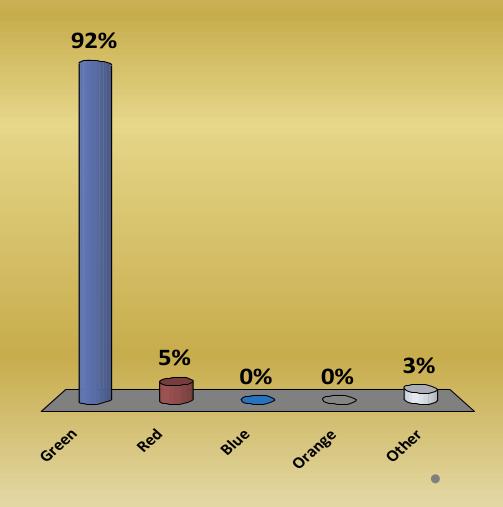
A. Green

B. Red

C. Blue

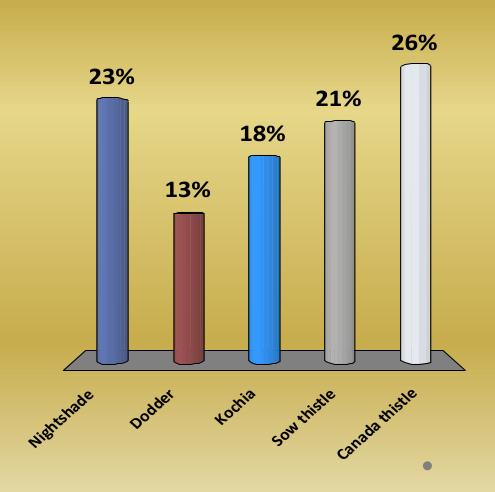
D. Orange

E. Other



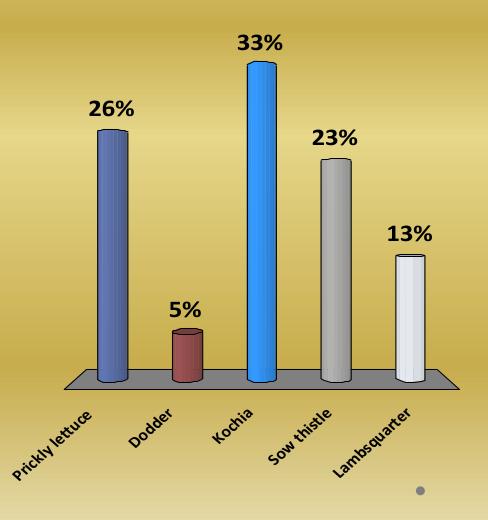
Biggest weed problem?

- A. Nightshade
- B. Dodder
- C. Kochia
- D. Sow thistle
- E. Canada thistle



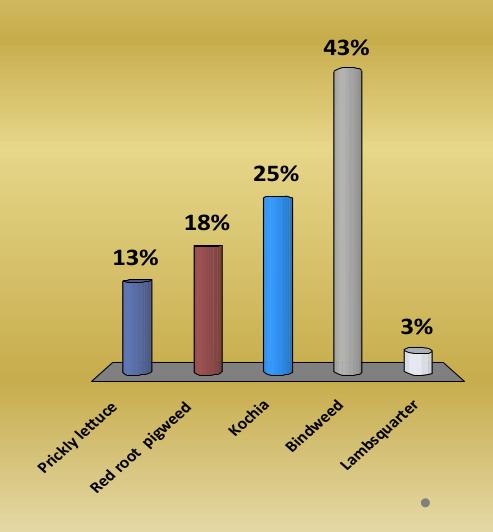
Biggest weed problem?

- A. Prickly lettuce
- B. Dodder
- C. Kochia
- D. Sow thistle
- E. Lambsquarter



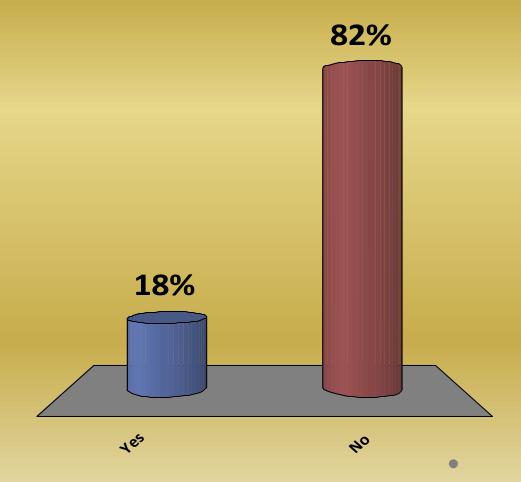
Biggest weed problem?

- A. Prickly lettuce
- B. Red root pigweed
- C. Kochia
- D. Bindweed
- E. Lambsquarter



Do you burn the chaff after harvest?

A. Yes

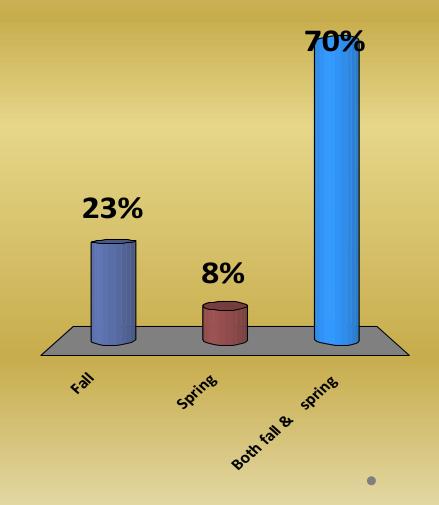


Incorporate residue?

A. Fall

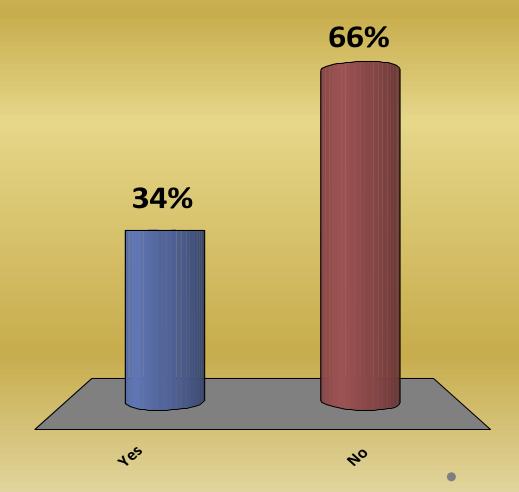
B. Spring

C. Both fall & spring



Do you irrigate postharvest?

A. Yes



Average lifespan of a field?

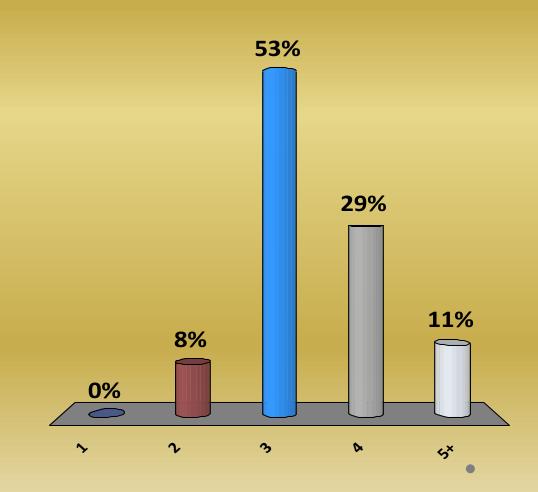
A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

E. 5+



What year is the most productive?

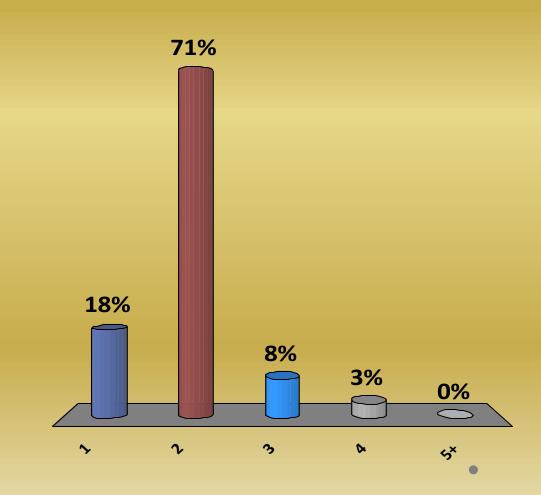
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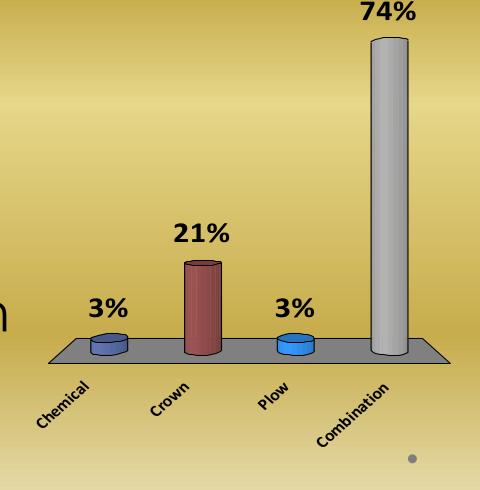
How do you remove the stand?



B. Crown

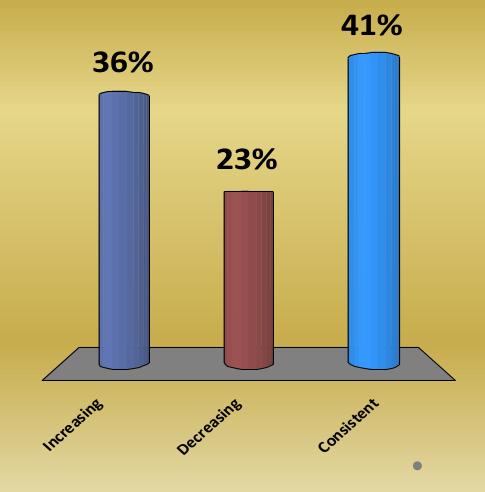
C. Plow

D. Combination



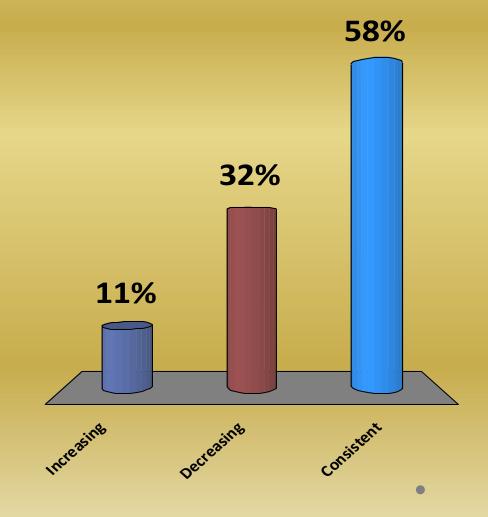
Acreage trends: is your general area....?

- A. Increasing
- B. Decreasing
- C. Consistent



Yield trends: do you feel your yields are...?

- A. Increasing
- B. Decreasing
- C. Consistent



Yields/ac (clean seed):

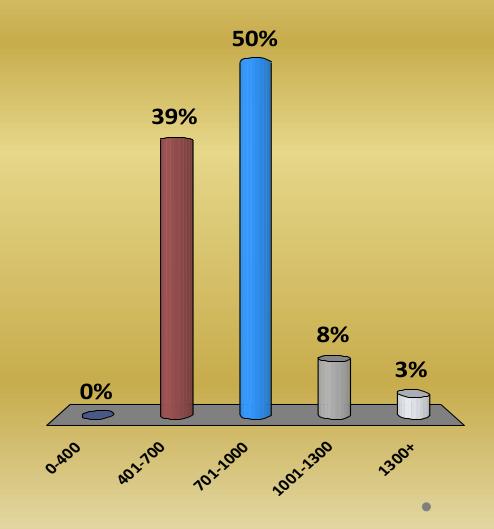
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B. 401-700

C. 701-1000

D. 1001-1300

E. 1300+



Production cost/ac:

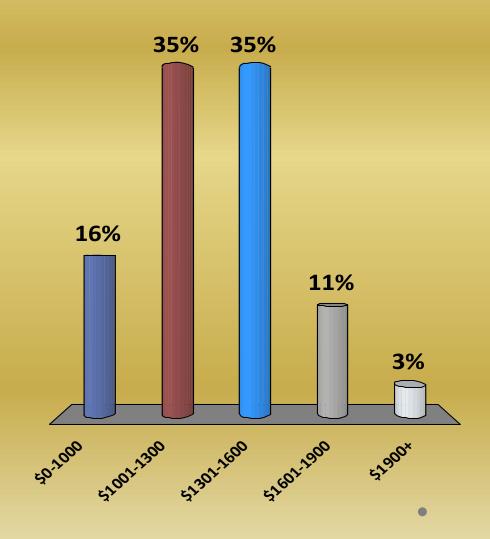
A. \$0-1000

B. \$1001-1300

C. \$1301-1600

D. \$1601-1900

E. \$1900+



What yield do you need to achieve to breakeven?

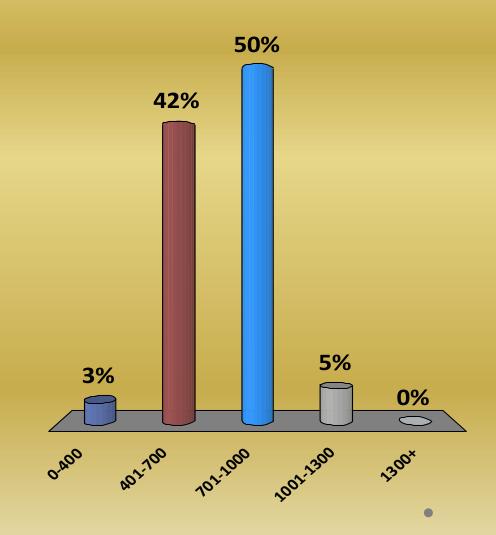
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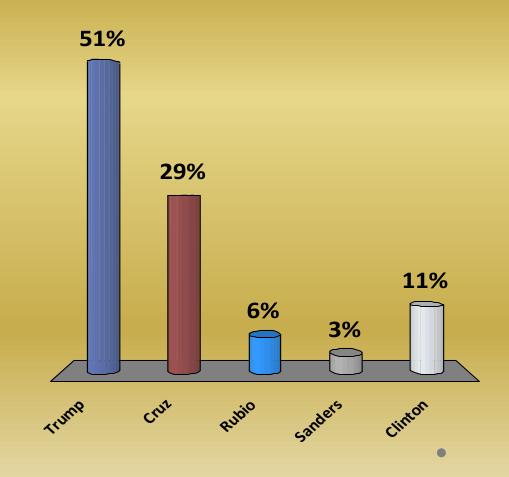
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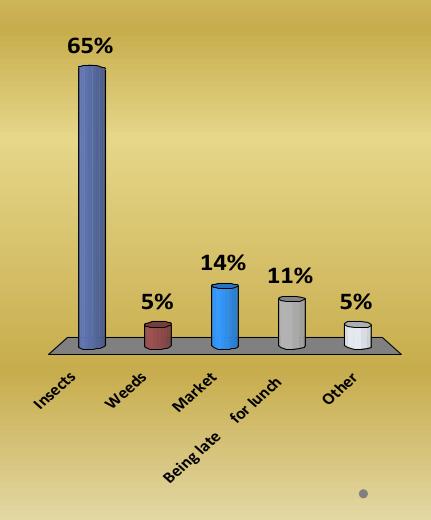
Who will be our next US President?

- A. Trump
- B. Cruz
- C. Rubio
- D. Sanders
- E. Clinton



End of the day: Your biggest concern?

- A. Insects
- B. Weeds
- C. Market
- D. Being late for lunch
- E. Other



Thank you!



LOSING

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED,
FAILURE MAY BE YOUR STYLE.