

# POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Pre-PAC Member Survey –  
March 20-March 27

# MARCH SURVEY PARTICIPANTS - 1181

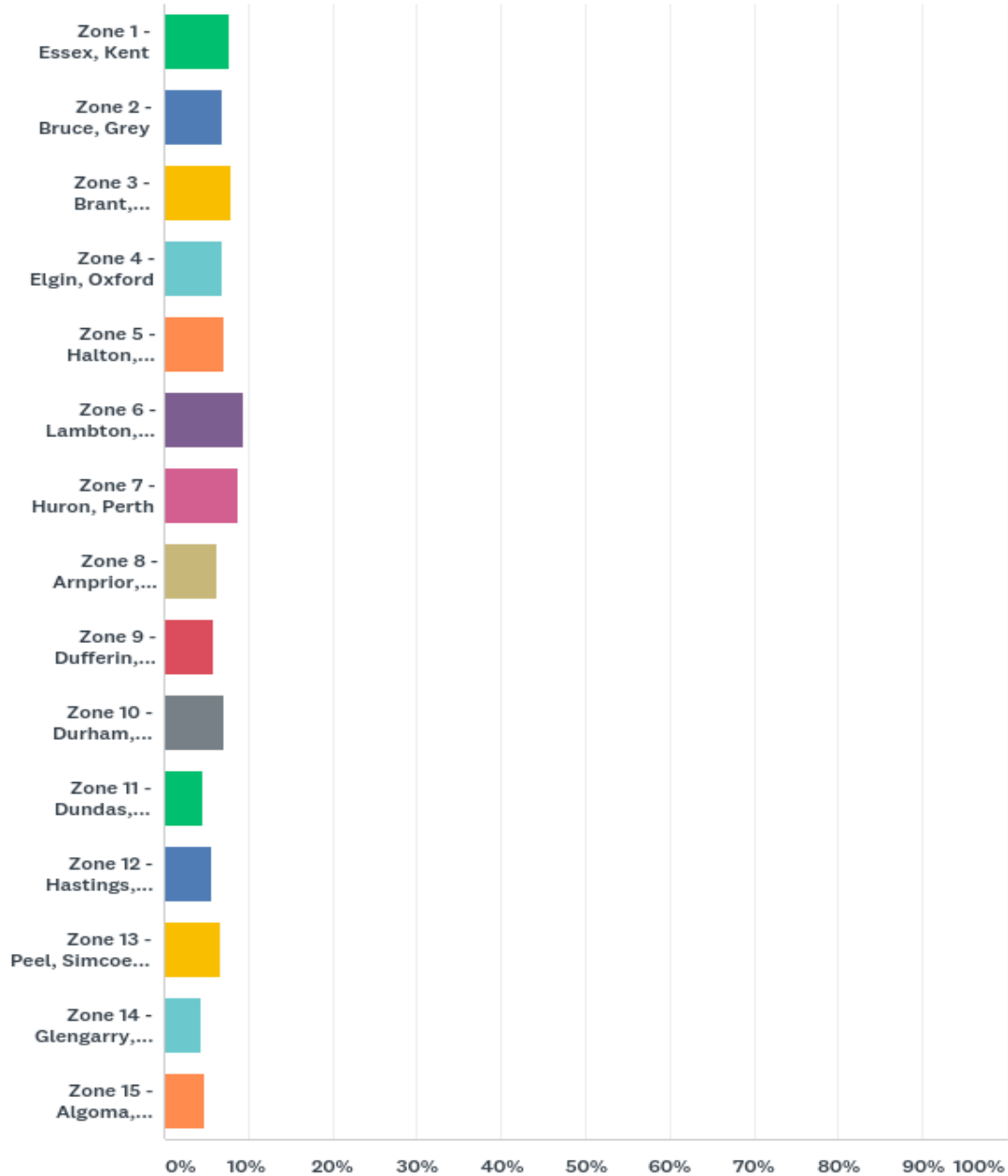
January survey – 1224  
responses

Four times per year, elected Policy Advisory Council (PAC) members represent local county concerns at meetings designed for planning and policy development. Your PAC representatives appreciate the input and comments of grassroots members in recommending effective policies to benefit Ontario's agriculture industry.

This survey is intended for OFA members only and should only take 5 minutes to complete. Your responses will be kept confidential and will only be reported in aggregate form.

Thanks for your input.

# Q1 Please indicate your county or region by OFA Zone



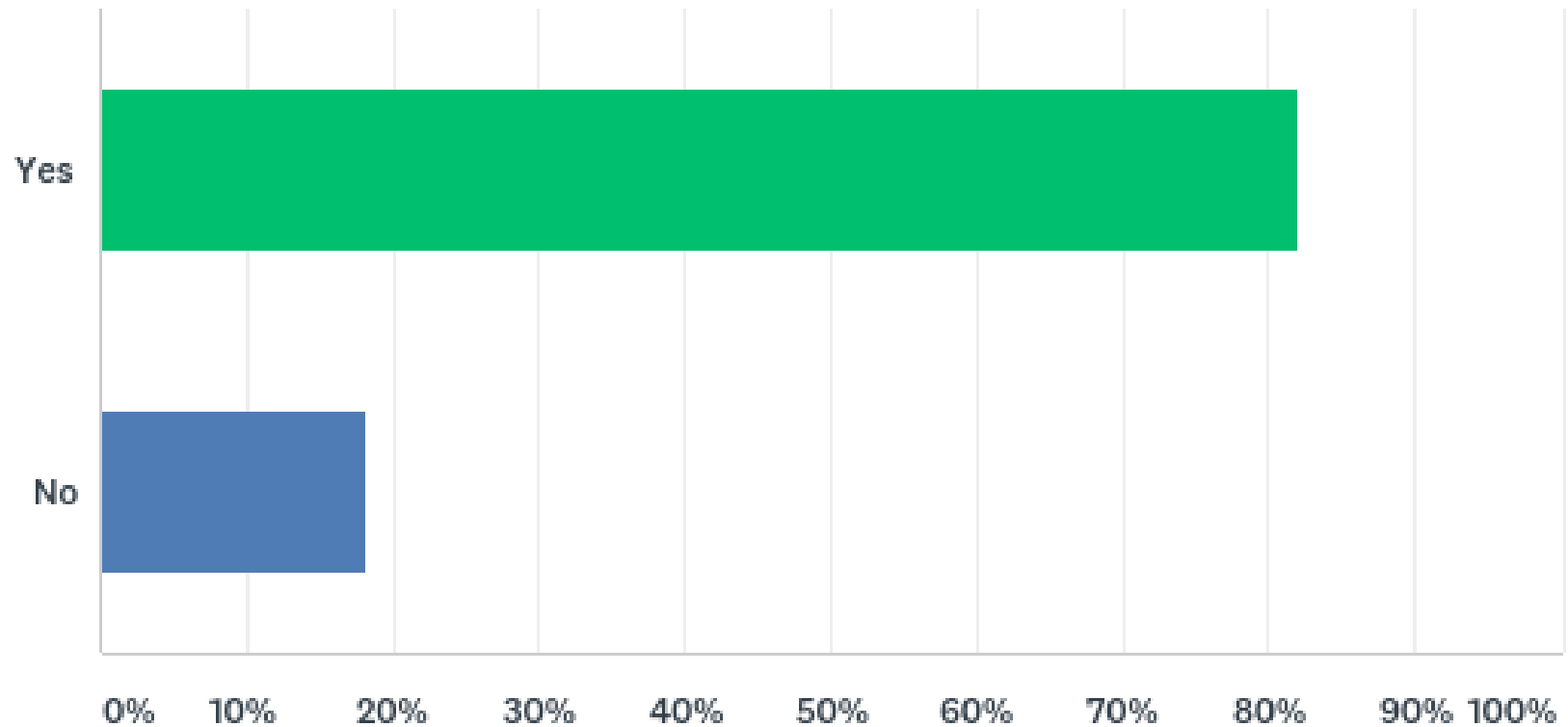
<b>ANSWER CHOICES</b>	<b>RESPONSES</b>	
Zone 1 - Essex, Kent	7.71%	91
Zone 2 - Bruce, Grey	6.86%	81
Zone 3 - Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk	7.96%	94
Zone 4 - Elgin, Oxford	6.86%	81
Zone 5 - Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Niagara North, Niagara South	7.03%	83
Zone 6 - Lambton, Middlesex	9.40%	111
Zone 7 - Huron, Perth	8.81%	104
Zone 8 - Arnprior, Lanark, Ottawa, Renfrew	6.18%	73
Zone 9 - Dufferin, Waterloo, Wellington	5.76%	68
Zone 10 - Durham, Peterborough and the City of Kawartha Lakes/Haliburton	7.20%	85
Zone 11 - Dundas, Frontenac, Grenville, Leeds	4.66%	55
Zone 12 - Hastings, Lennox & Addington, Northumberland, Prince Edward	5.67%	67
Zone 13 - Peel, Simcoe, York	6.69%	79
Zone 14 - Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont	4.32%	51
Zone 15 - Algoma, Manitoulin-North Shore/Sudbury West, West Nipissing/Sudbury East, Cochrane, East Nipissing/Parry Sound, Muskoka, Temiskaming, Thunder Bay, Rainy River, Kenora/Dryden	4.91%	58
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,181</b>

# FUEL COSTS

Ontario Fuel Tax must be paid at the time of fuel purchase; on gasoline at 14.7¢/litre, and clear fuel or blended biodiesel fuel at 14.3¢/litre.

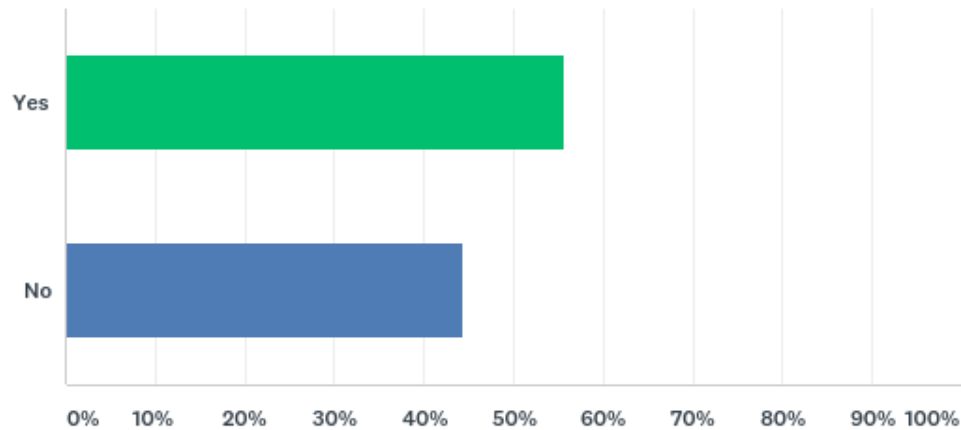
Farmers may purchase coloured fuel tax-free for use in their unlicensed farm equipment. Coloured diesel fuel is exempt from the 14.3¢/litre Ontario Fuel Tax and should normally sell below clear diesel fuel by roughly that amount. Some additional handling costs for coloured may affect the difference.

## Q2 Do you use coloured diesel on your farm?

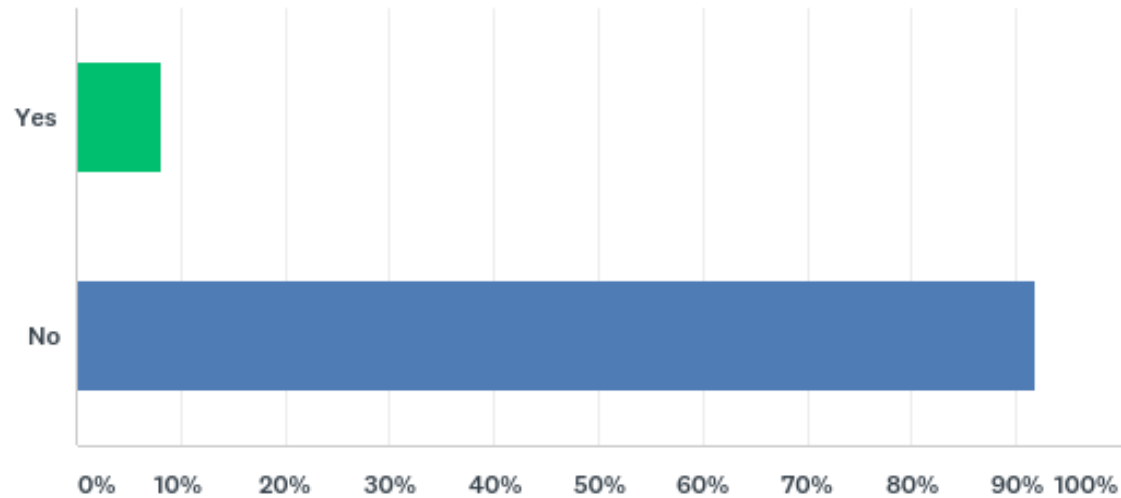




Q3 Given additional handling costs, do you find the price of coloured diesel to be reasonable versus regular diesel?



Q4 Have you asked your distributor to explain the price of coloured diesel?

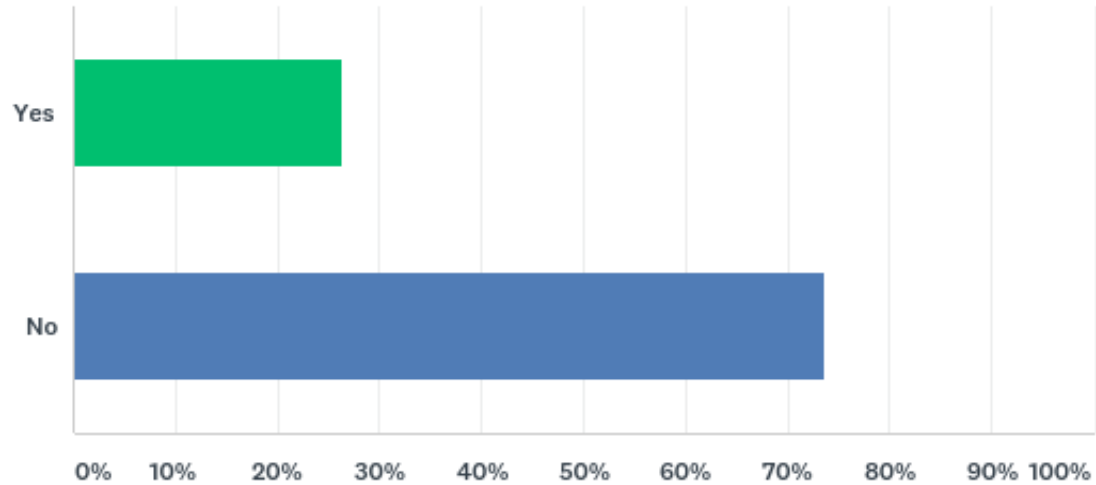


\* Responses from distributors available in a separate file

# PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

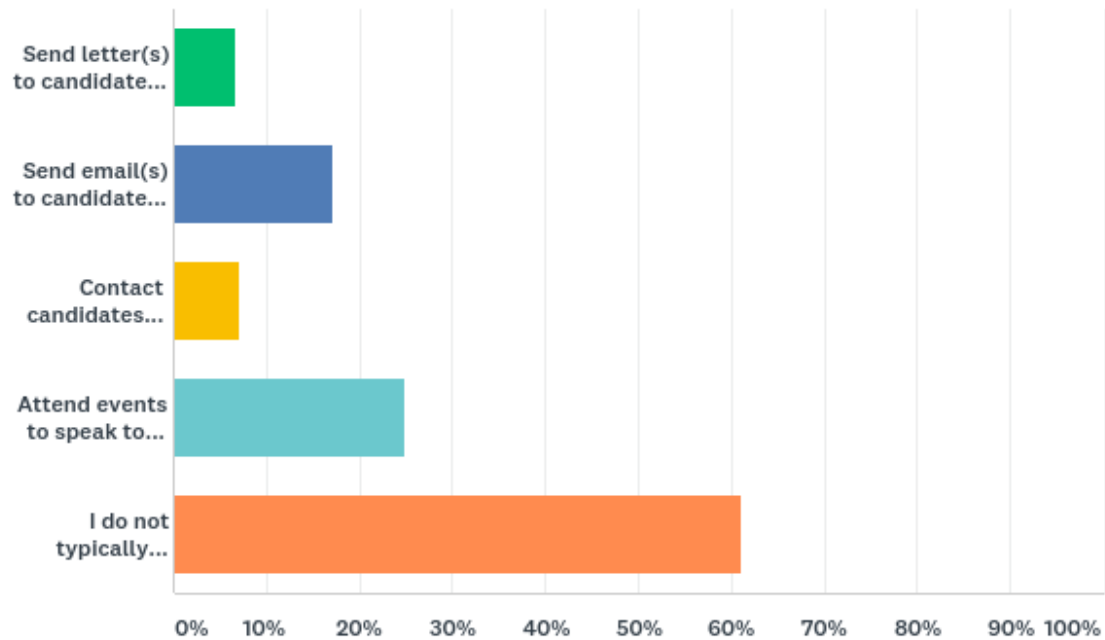
One factor in having an impact on agriculture policy is engaging with Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) at the riding level. These questions will assess how you learn about and communicate with local candidates.

Q5 Do you attend 'All Candidates' meetings in advance of provincial elections?





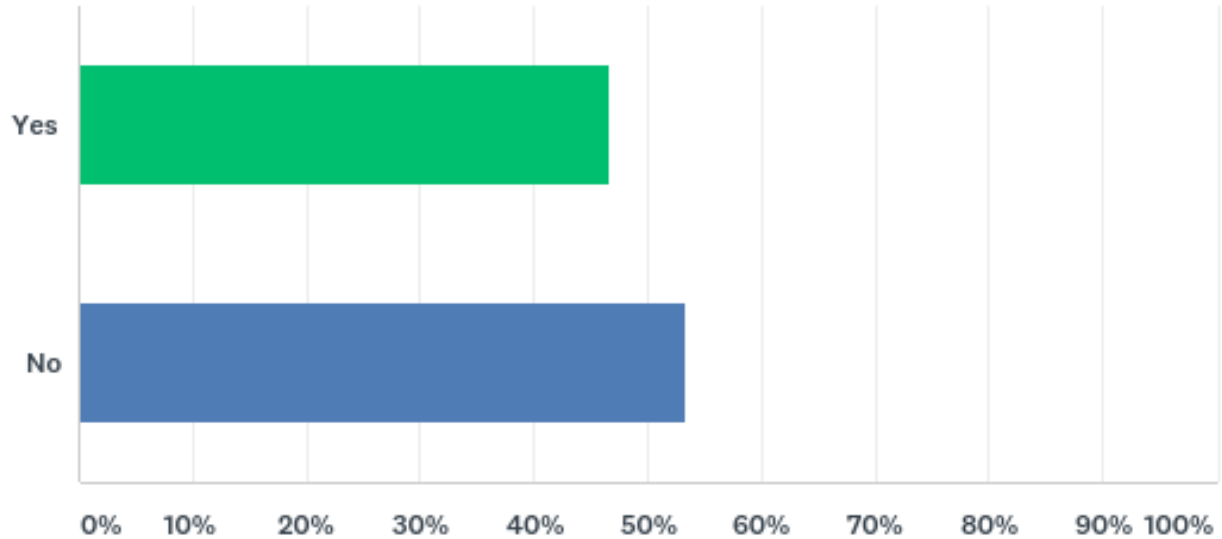
## Q6 How do you engage with local candidates on agricultural issues in advance of elections?



# Q6 –ENGAGING WITH CANDIDATES

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Send letter(s) to candidates on issues related to agriculture	6.76%	74
Send email(s) to candidates on issues related to agriculture	17.08%	187
Contact candidates using social media, on issues related to agriculture	7.03%	77
Attend events to speak to candidates on issues related to agriculture	24.84%	272
I do not typically engage with candidates in advance of elections	61.10%	669
Total Respondents: 1,095		

## Q7 Does your area offer agriculturally-focused 'All Candidates' meetings?

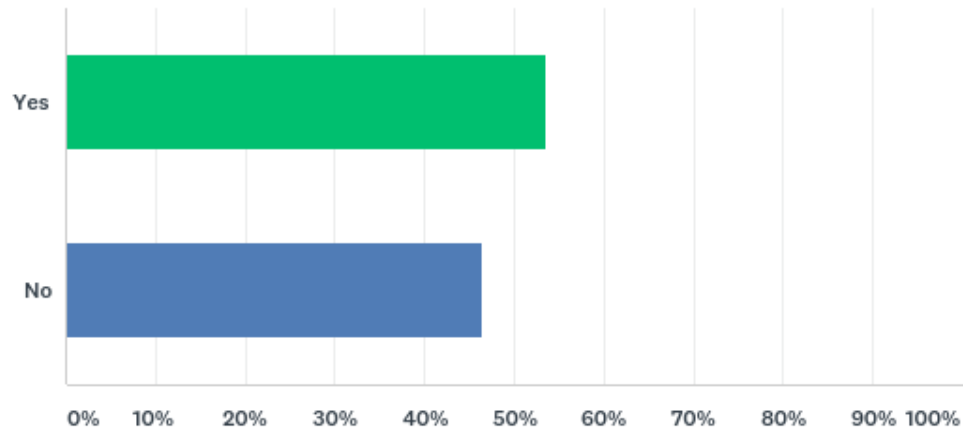




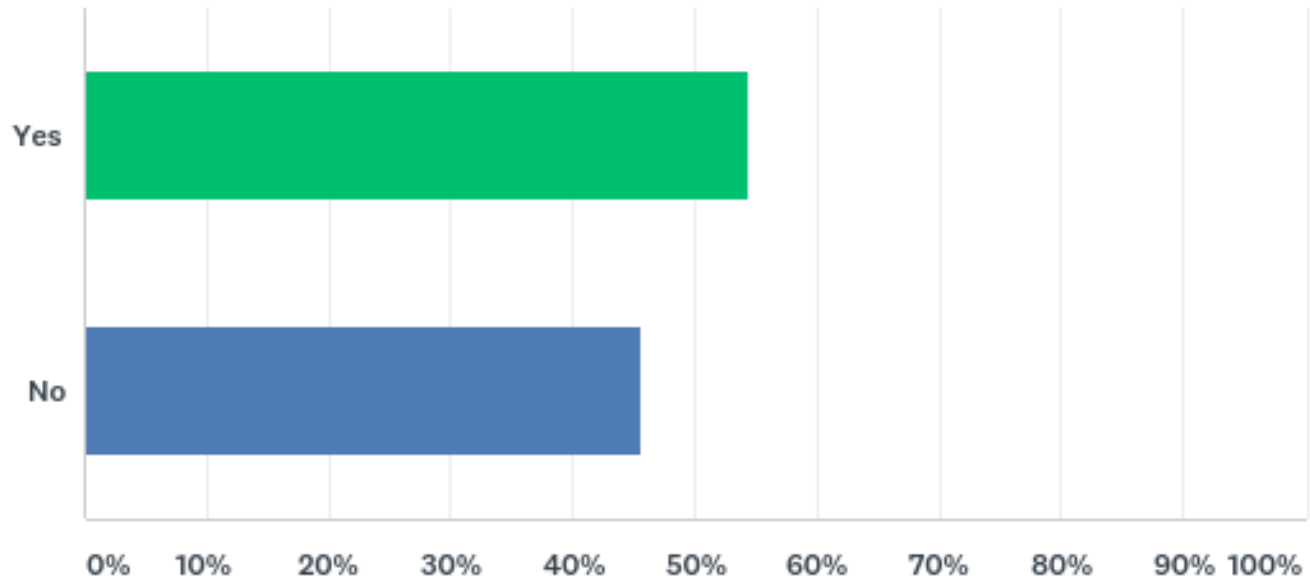
# LIVESTOCK – VETERINARY CONCERNS

Health Canada is taking steps to help combat antimicrobial resistance by prohibiting the sale of medically-important antimicrobial (MIA) drugs over-the-counter through licenced Livestock Medical Outlets. Starting December 1, 2018, all livestock producers will need a prescription from a licenced veterinarian in order to purchase a medically-important antimicrobial for use in livestock production, including any medicated feed that includes an antimicrobial. All producers will need to have a valid veterinarian-client-patient-relationship established prior to obtaining prescriptions for MIAs.

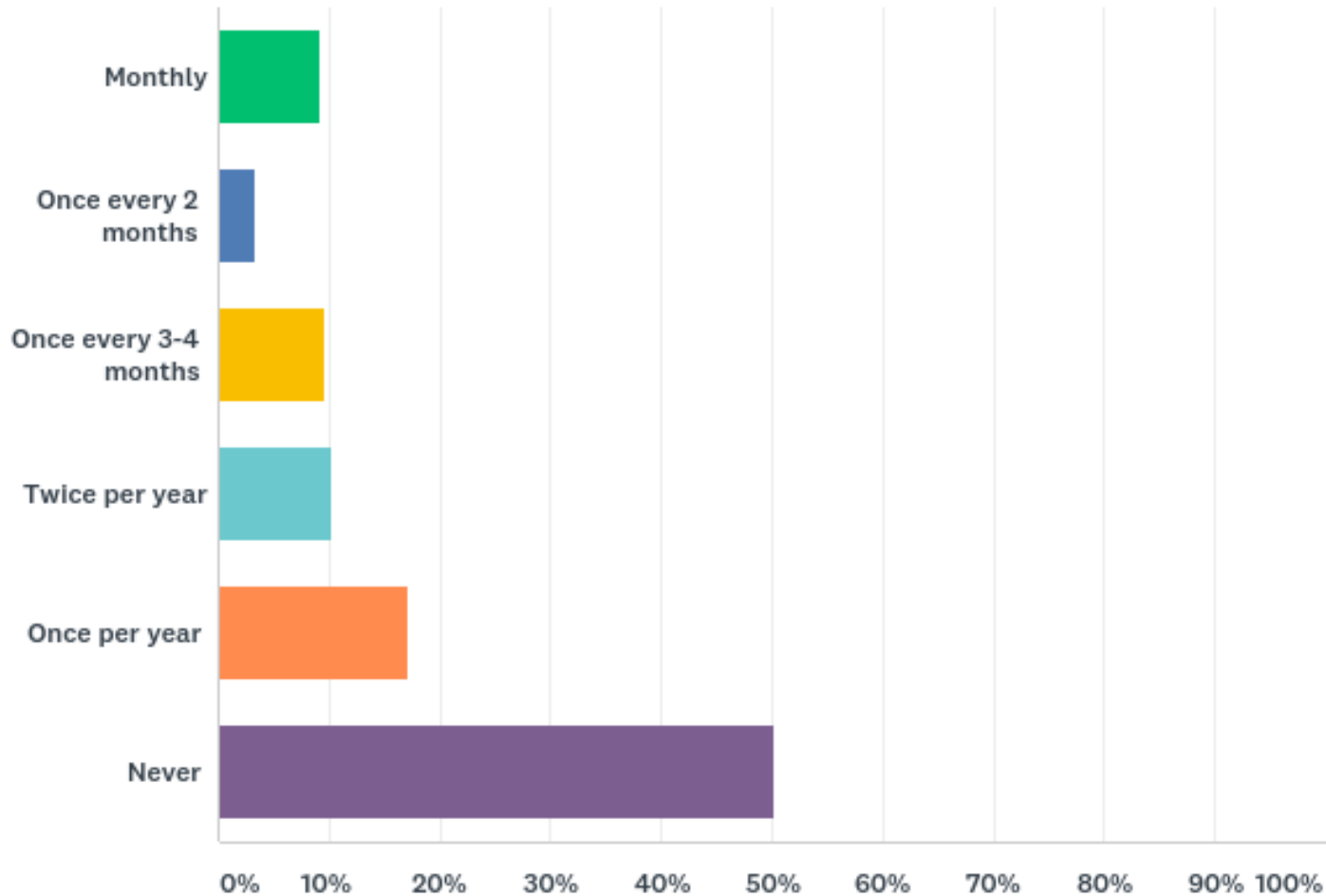
## Q8 Does your farm include livestock?



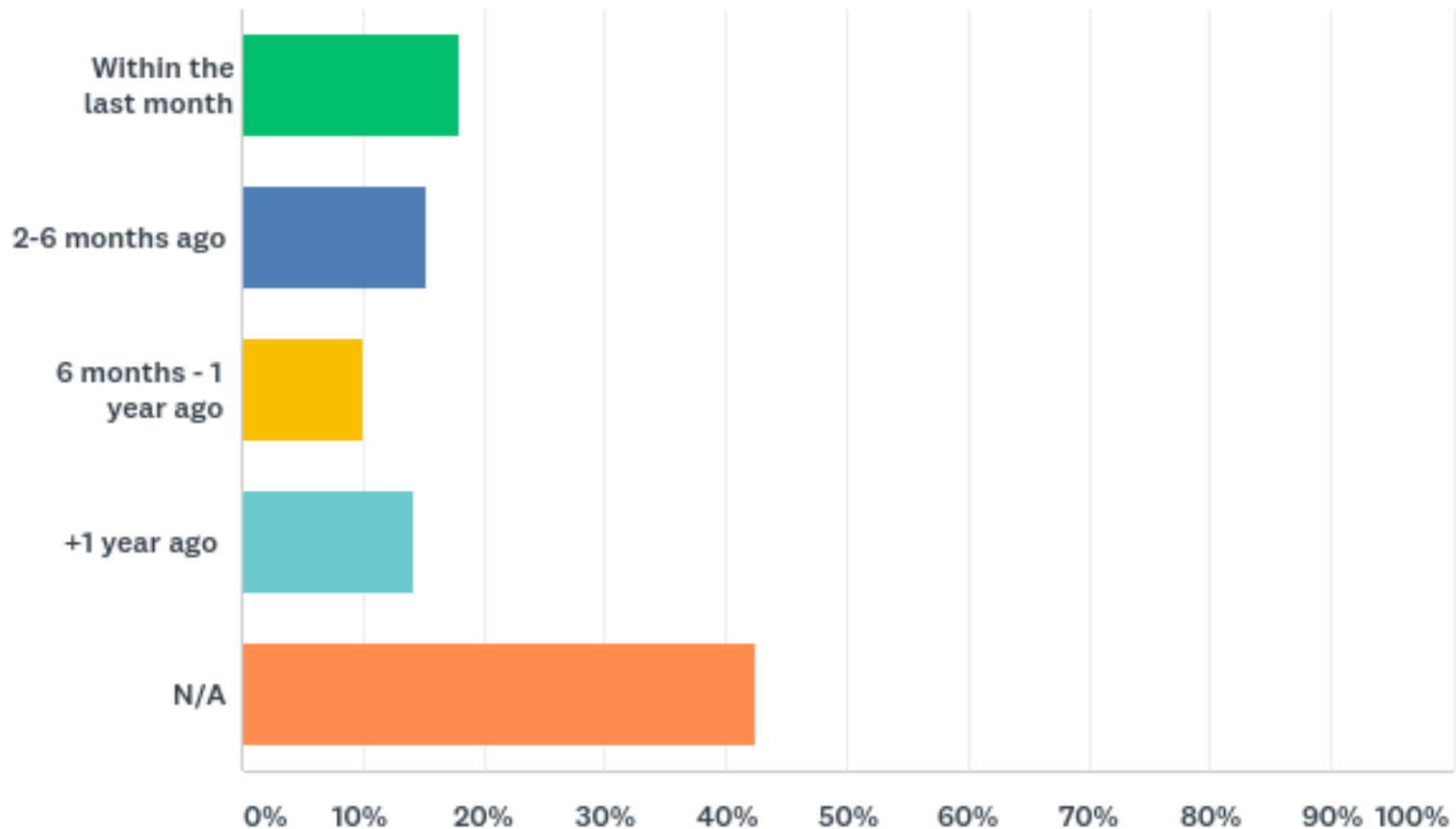
## Q9 Do you have an existing veterinarian-client-patient relationship?



## Q10 How often does your veterinarian visit your farm?



## Q11 When was the last time a veterinarian visited your farm?



## Q12 How far away is your veterinarian from your farm?

