

# Preliminary 2025 Ag Drought Impact Survey Results

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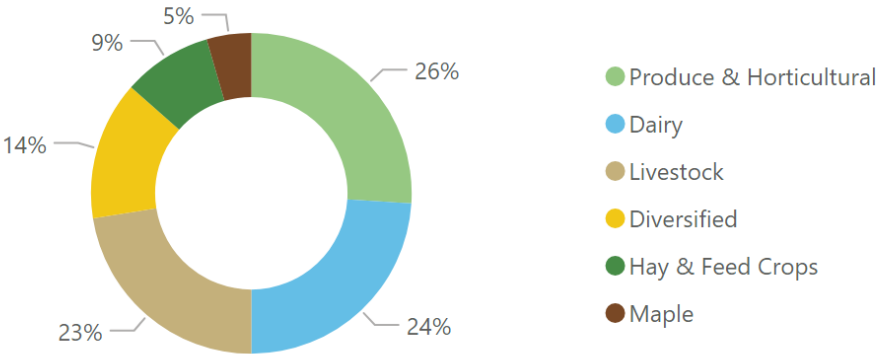
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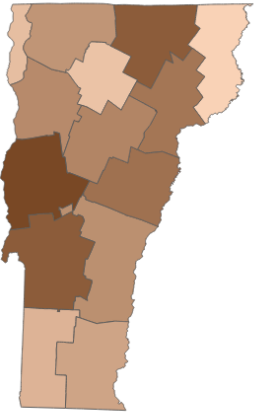
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The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets, in coordination with the Vermont Agricultural Recovery Task Force asked drought-impacted agricultural producers to participate in the **2025 Drought Impact Survey** to capture the scale and location of the drought-related damage agricultural producers suffered throughout the state. *All data is self-reported.*

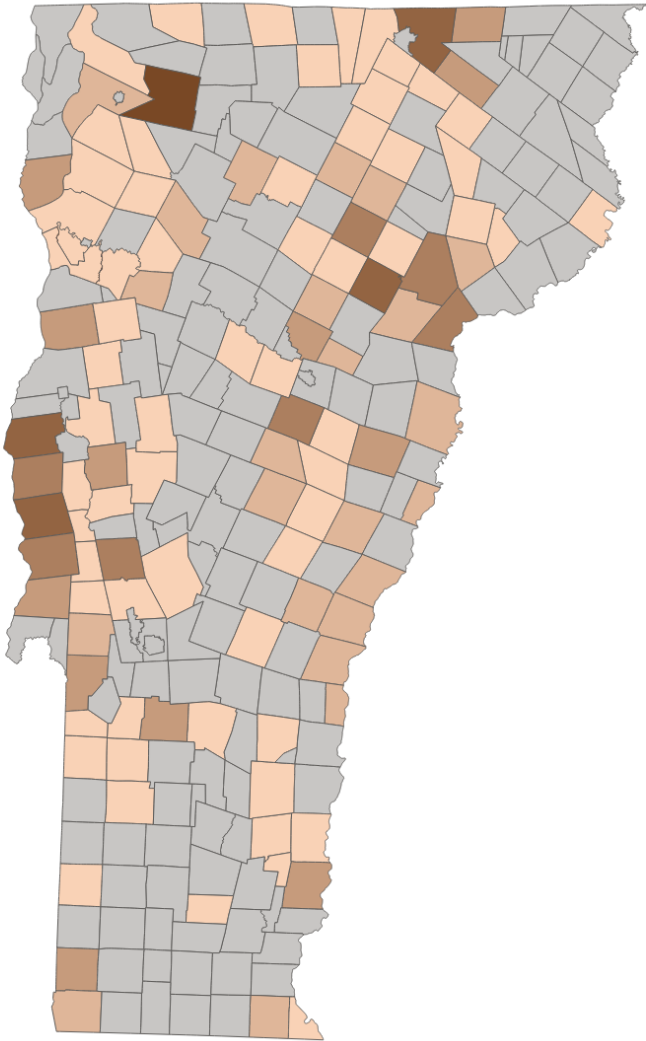
Responses by Primary Agricultural Business



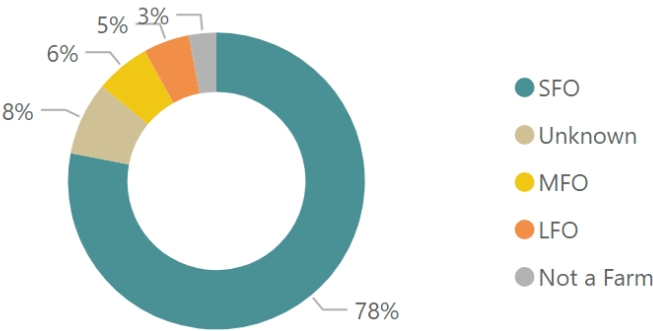
Responses by County



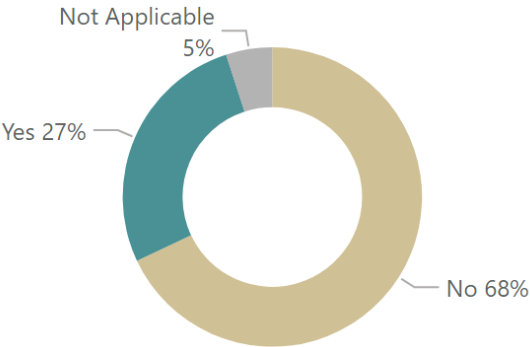
Responses by Town



Responses by Farm Size



Responses by Certified Organic



# Drought Reporting & Insurance

Number of respondents  
with **no insurance**

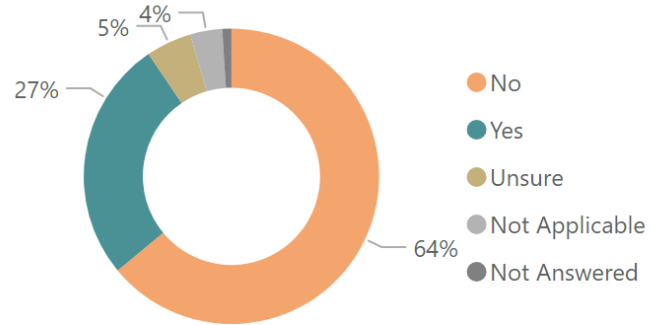
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Number of respondents  
with **no reporting**

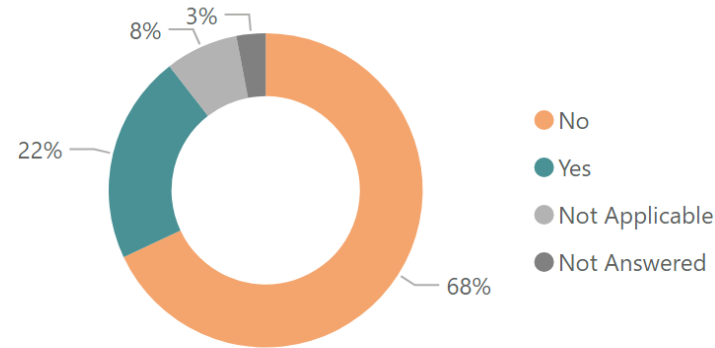
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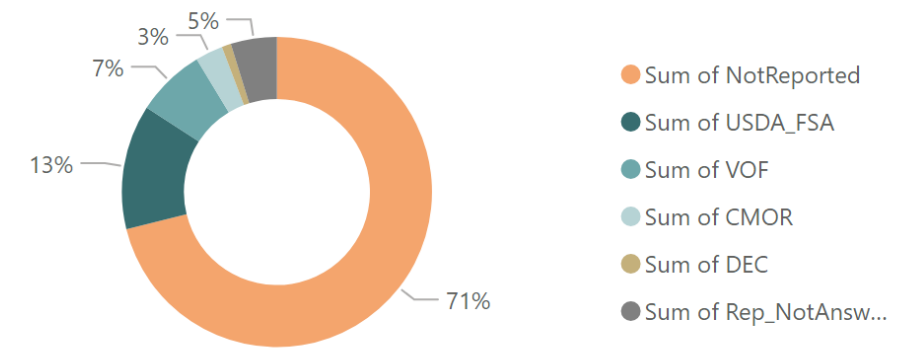


## Enroll in Insurance within Last 3 Years

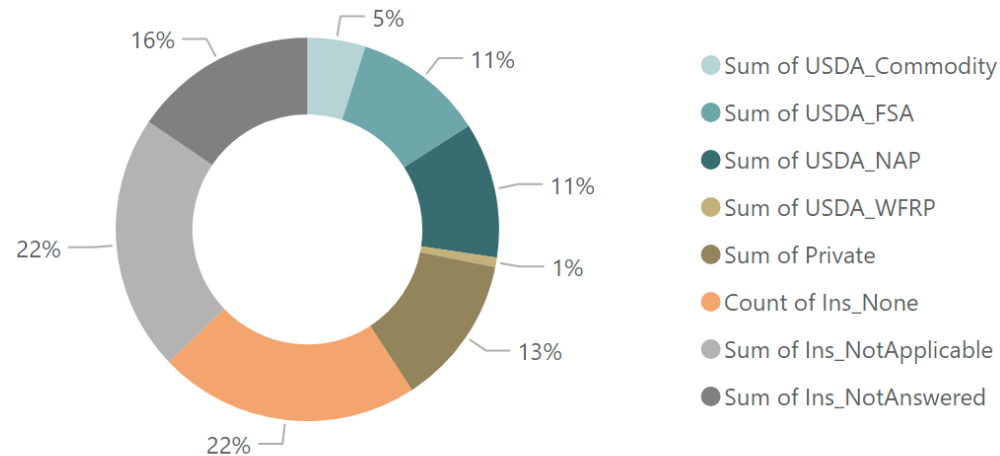


## Drought Reporting

To what entities have you already reported drought impacts?

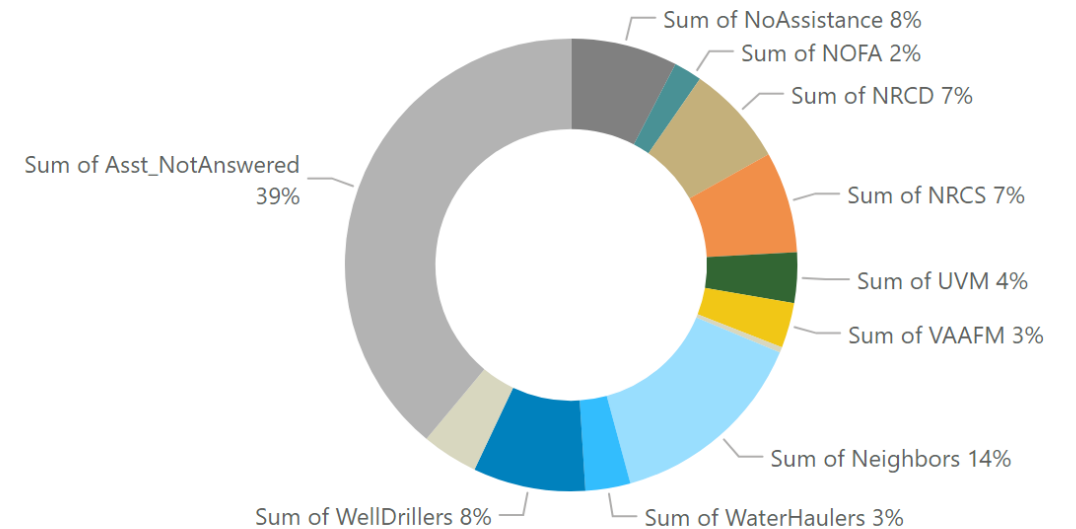


## Crop or Livestock Insurance Coverage



## Drought Assistance

Who have you reached out to for assistance dealing with drought impacts?



# Drought Impacts

79,344

Sum of Acres Impacted

\$5,171,080

Sum of Coping Costs

\$10,759,319

Sum of Production Losses

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## Data Filters

### Farm Size

- ☐ LFO
- ☐ MFO
- ☐ Not a Farm
- ☐ SFO
- ☐ Unknown

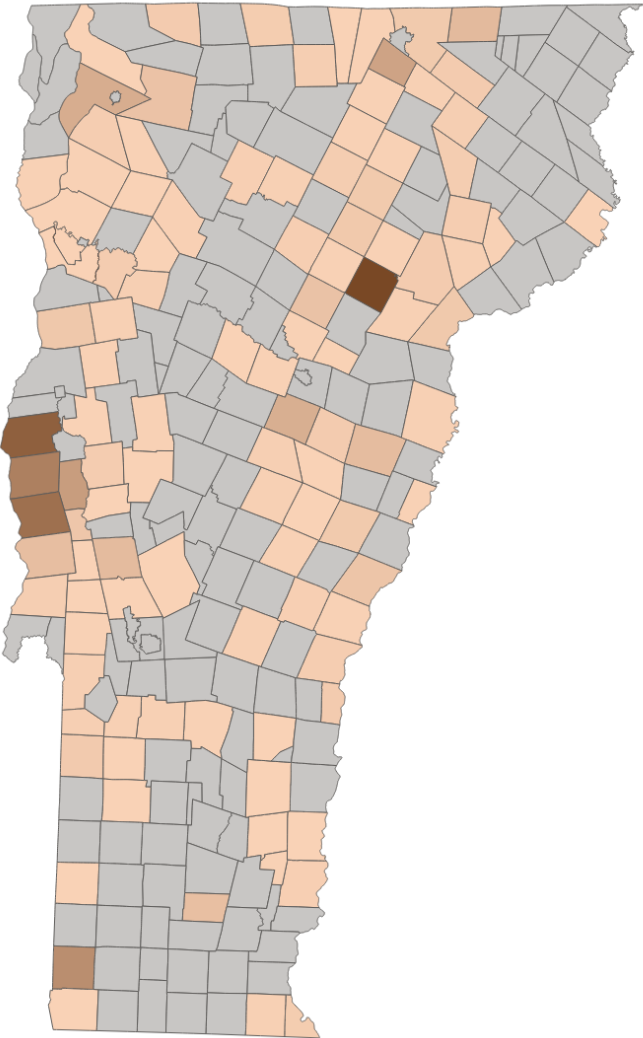
### Primary Ag Business

- ☐ Dairy
- ☐ Diversified
- ☐ Hay & Feed Crops
- ☐ Livestock
- ☐ Maple
- ☐ Produce & Horticultural

### Insurance

- ☐ No
- ☐ Not Answered
- ☐ Not Applicable
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ Yes

## Estimated Financial Loss from Drought by Town



County	Responses	Sum of Acres Impacted	Sum of Financial Loss
Addison	28	24,785	\$5,797,800
Washington	16	8,030	\$2,363,400
Orleans	24	7,905	\$1,702,550
Orange	20	4,236	\$1,197,775
Franklin	13	10,124	\$1,060,800
Bennington	7	448	\$1,025,800
Rutland	24	14,728	\$719,582
Caledonia	19	3,725	\$593,664
Windsor	14	2,333	\$481,895
Windham	10	876	\$446,410
Chittenden	15	1,263	\$361,623
Lamoille	4	544	\$118,500
Grand Isle	5	349	\$60,600
Essex	1	0	\$0
Total	200	79,344	\$15,930,399

Town	Responses	Sum of Acres Impacted	Sum of Financial Loss
Cabot	5	6,644	\$2,070,000
Addison	5	10,940	\$1,710,700
Shoreham	5	3,250	\$1,467,000
Bridport	4	5,780	\$1,232,000
Bennington	3	237	\$1,013,200
Cornwall	1	200	\$800,000
Coventry	1	2,000	\$700,000
St. Albans Town	2	1,207	\$555,200
Williamstown	1	810	\$530,000
Total	200	79,344	\$15,930,399

# Drought Financial Impact

Production losses  
from the drought

**\$10,759,319**

Costs incurred coping  
with drought

**\$5,171,080**

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## Estimated Income Loss

**\$15,930,399**

Sum of Financial Loss

**\$2,000,000**

Max of Financial Loss

**\$79,652**

Average of Financial Loss

**200**

Count of Financial Loss

## Percent of Income Lost

**200**

Max of Income Impacted

**25**

Average of Income Impacted

**0**

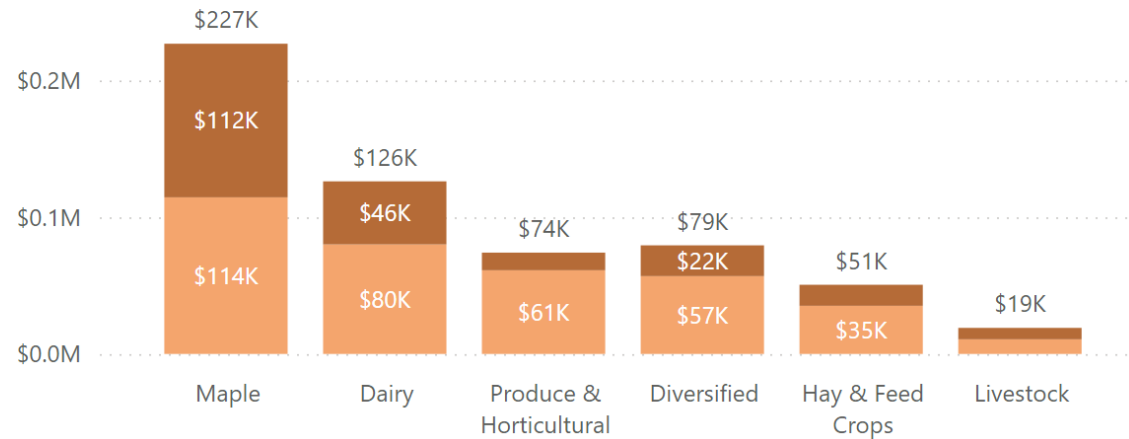
Min of Income Impacted

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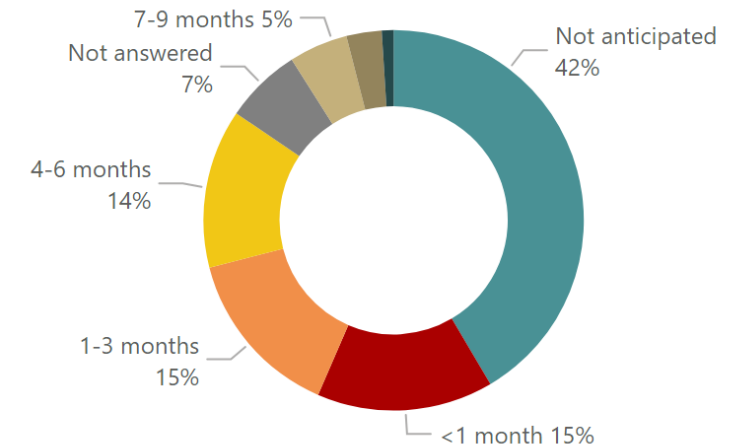
Count of Income Impacted

## Average Estimated Income Loss & Costs Incurred by Farm Type

● Average of Production Losses ● Average of Coping Costs

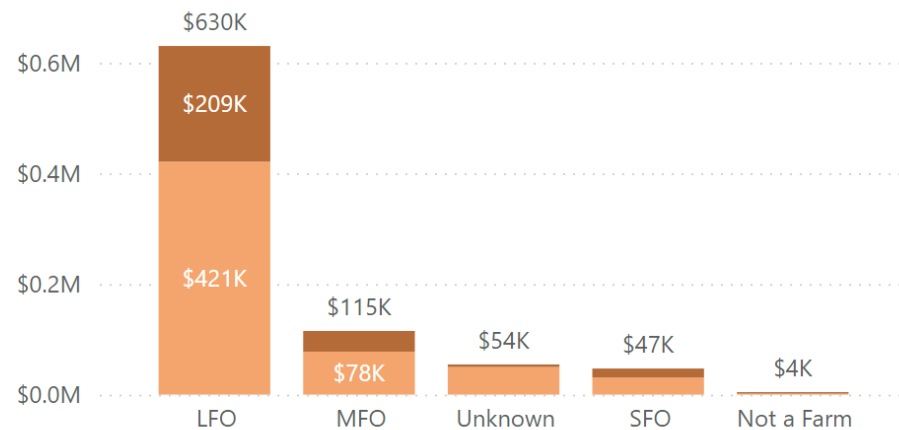


## Negative Cash Flow Anticipated Within

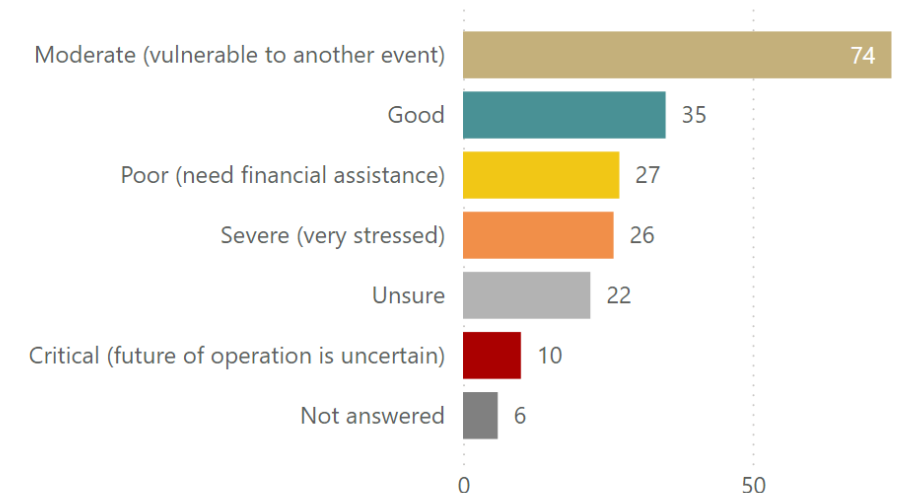


## Average Estimated Income Loss & Costs Incurred by Farm Size

● Average of Production Losses ● Average of Coping Costs



## Financial Health



# Drought Impacts

Farm Size

All



Primary Ag Business

All



Insurance

All



County

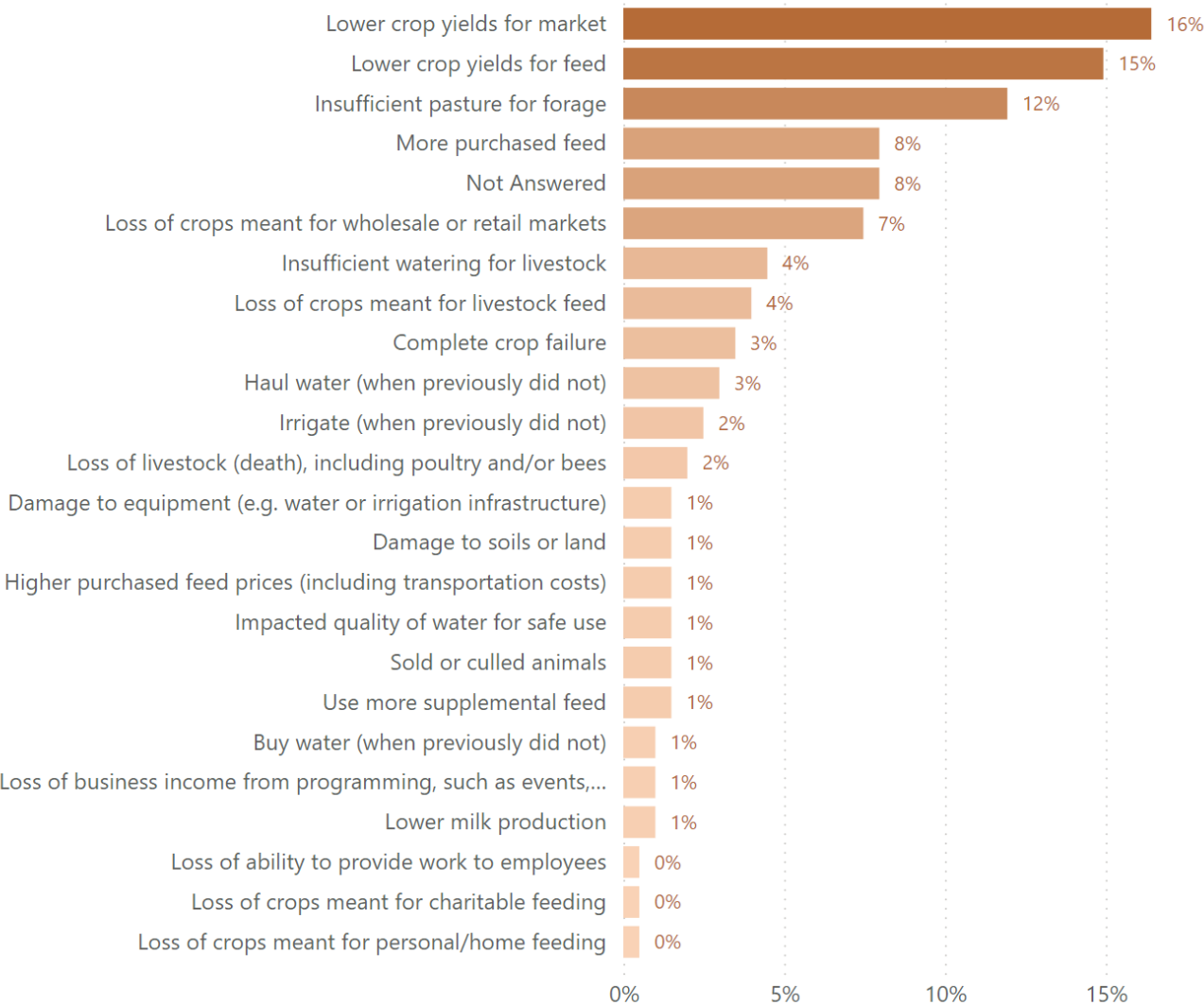
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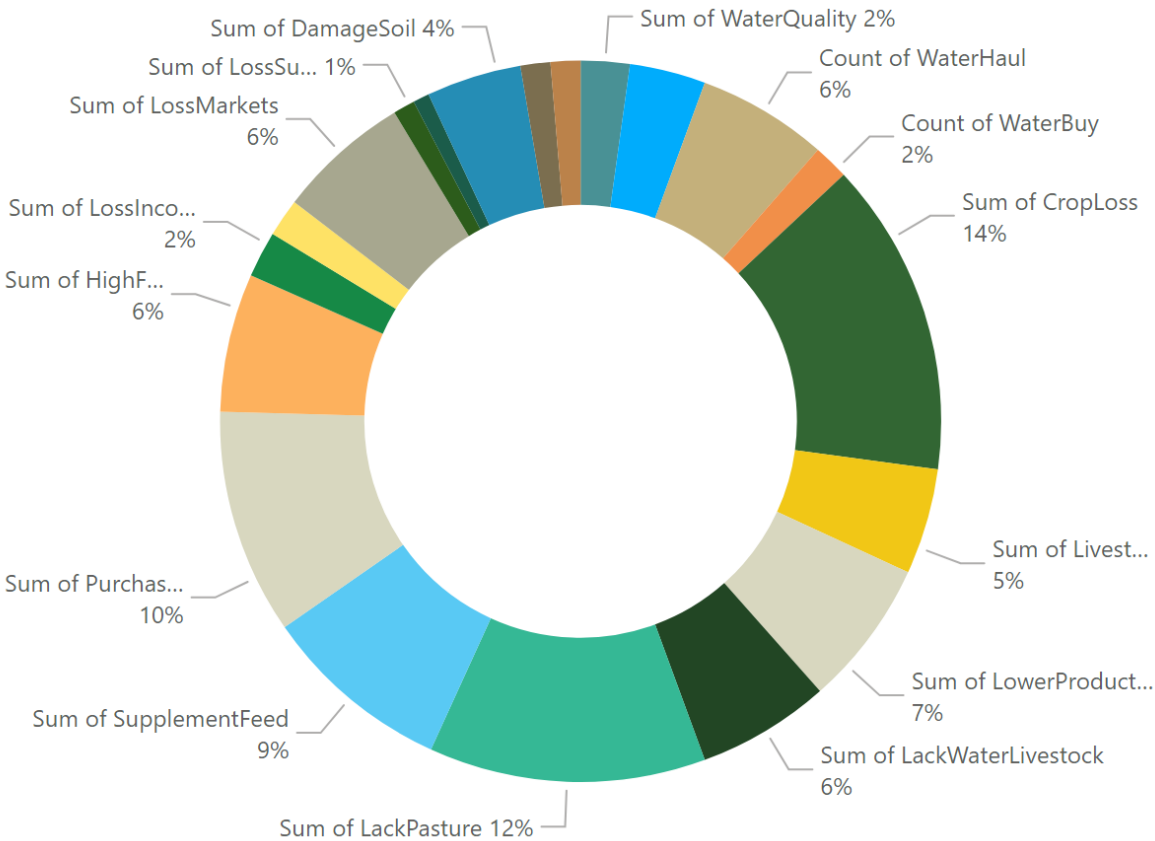
## Most Detrimental Impact

What is the most detrimental drought impact to your business? (single choice)



## Impacts from Drought

How has the drought impacted your operation? (multiple choice)



# Drought Impacts

Farm Size

All

Primary Ag Business

All

Insurance

All

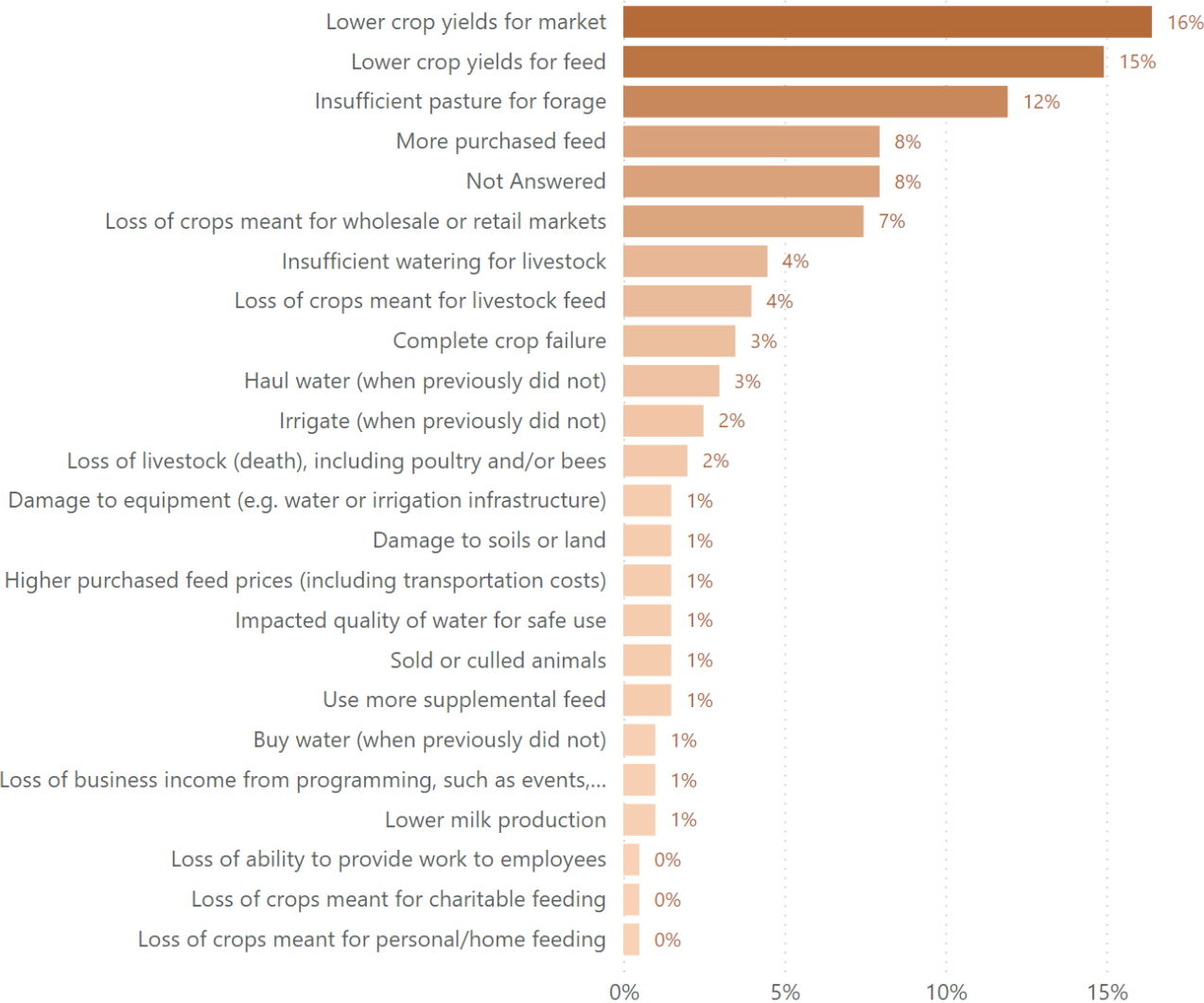
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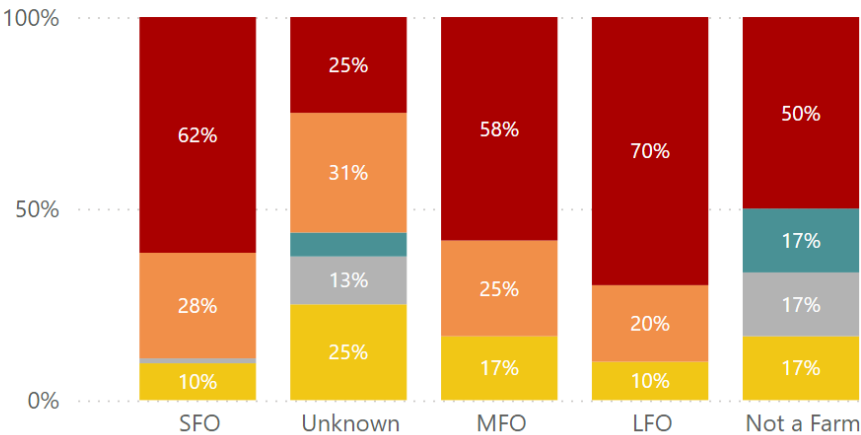
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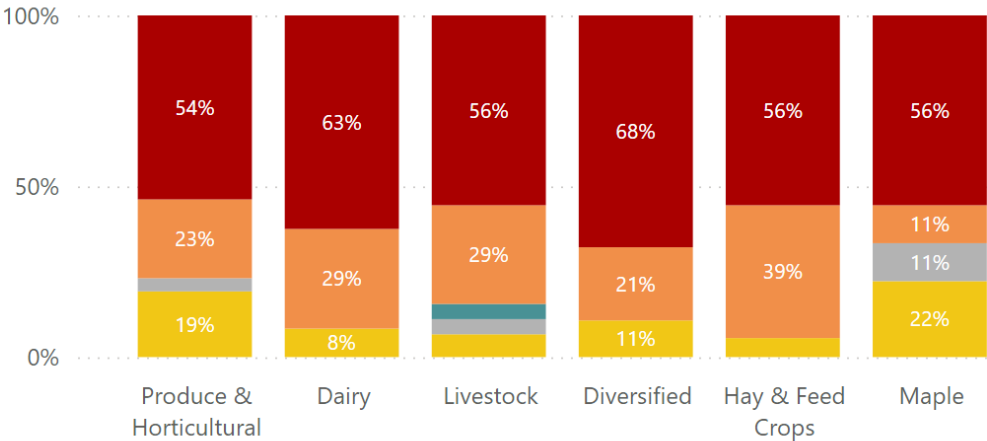
## Drought Comparison by Farm Size

● About the same ● Not answered ● Not as bad ● Worse ● Worst ever seen



## Drought Comparison by Primary Agricultural Business

● About the same ● Not answered ● Not as bad ● Worse ● Worst ever seen



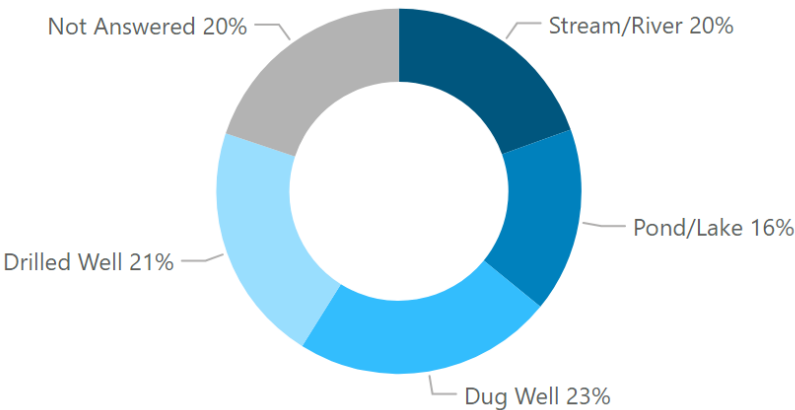


# Drought Water & Feed Impacts

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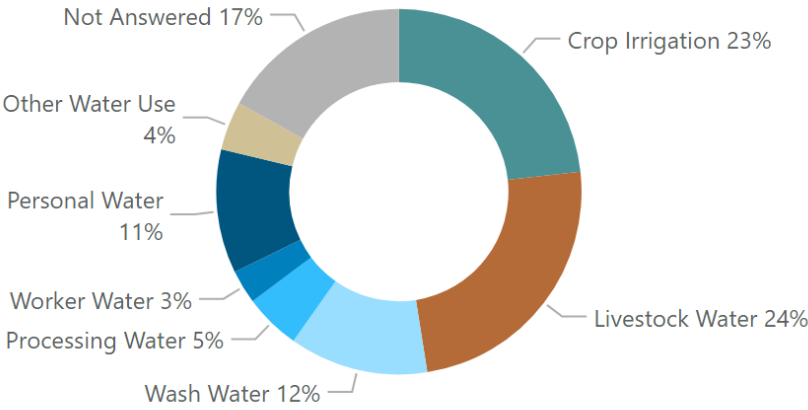
## Water Sources Impacted by Drought

What water sources that you use for your business were impacted by the drought?

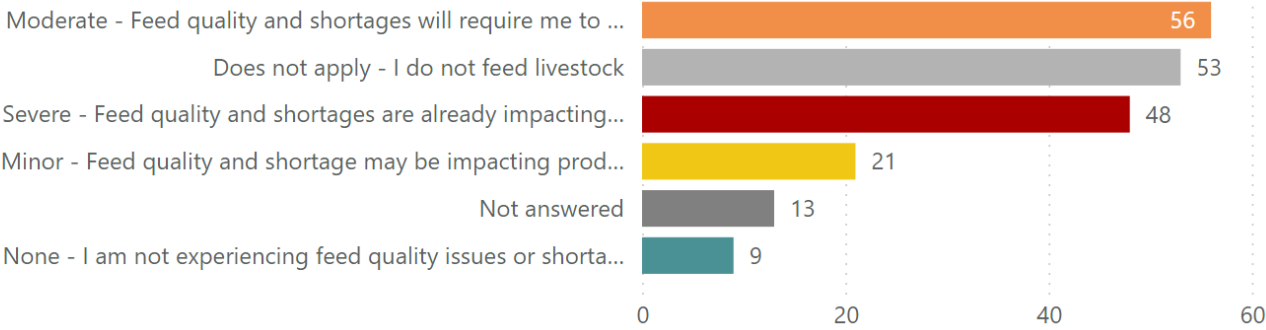


## Water Uses Impacted by Drought

What water uses were impacted by the drought?

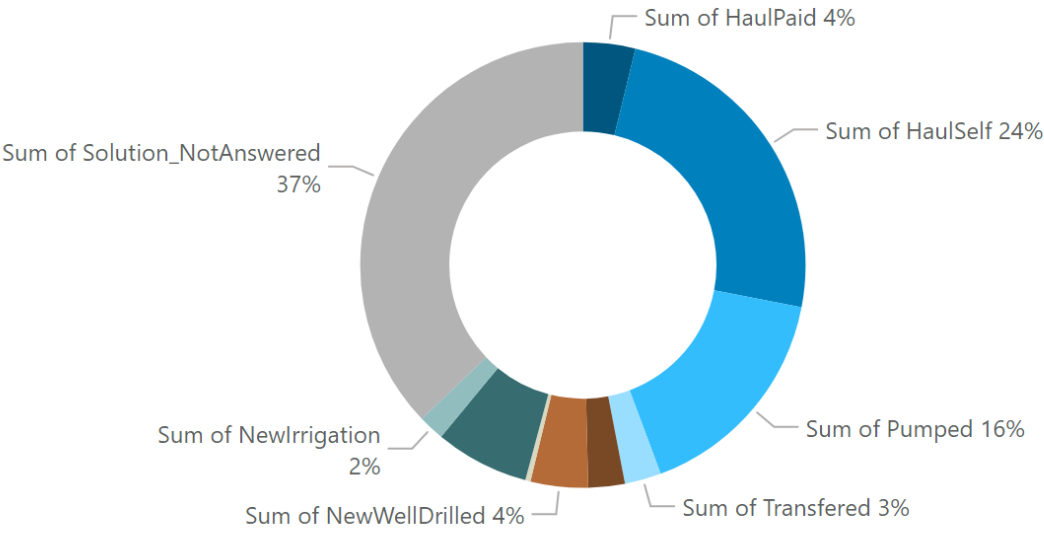


## Feed Shortages



## Short-Term Solutions used to Cope with Drought

What short-term solutions have you had to implement to deal with the drought-related impacts on water sources?



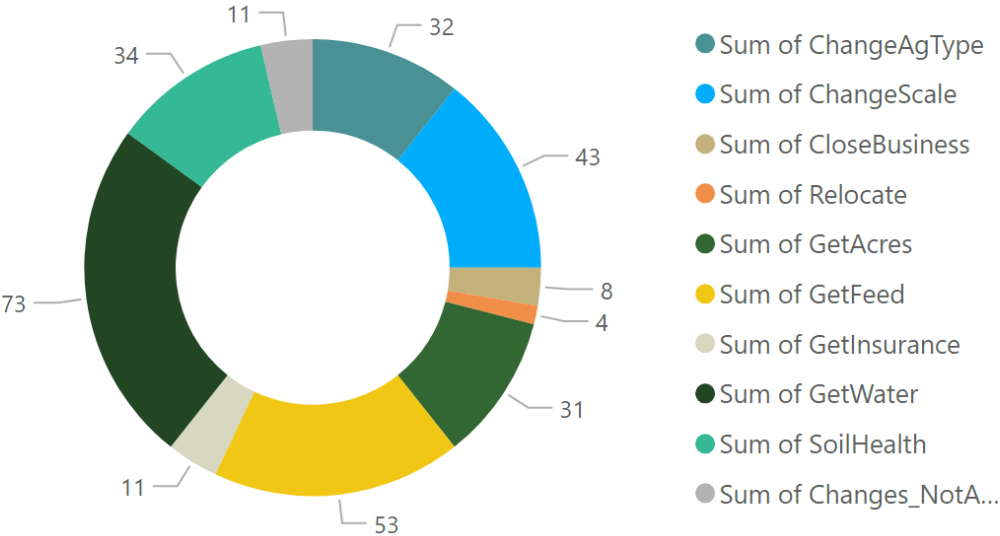


# Drought Changes & Resources Needed

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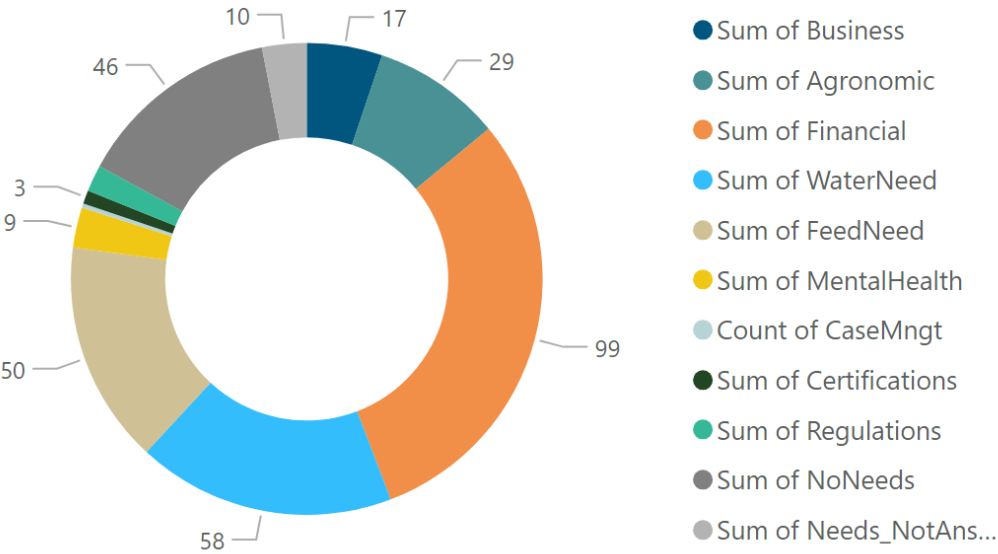
## Changes

What changes, if any, are you considering to you business or land base in the coming years in response to the drought?



## Resources Needed

What resources do you anticipate needing as you recover from the drought?



# Drought Comparison

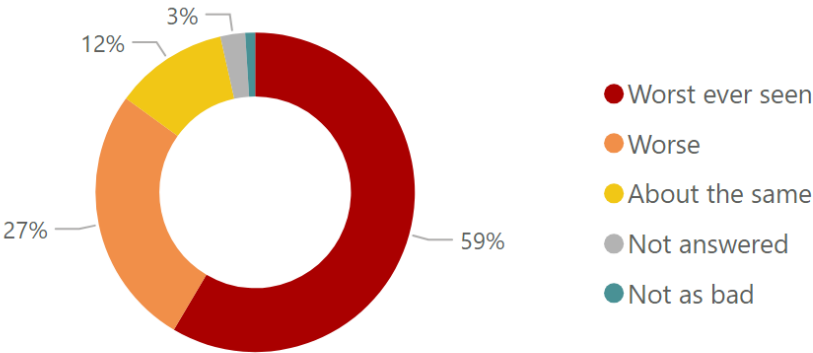
2025 drought **worse**  
than other droughts

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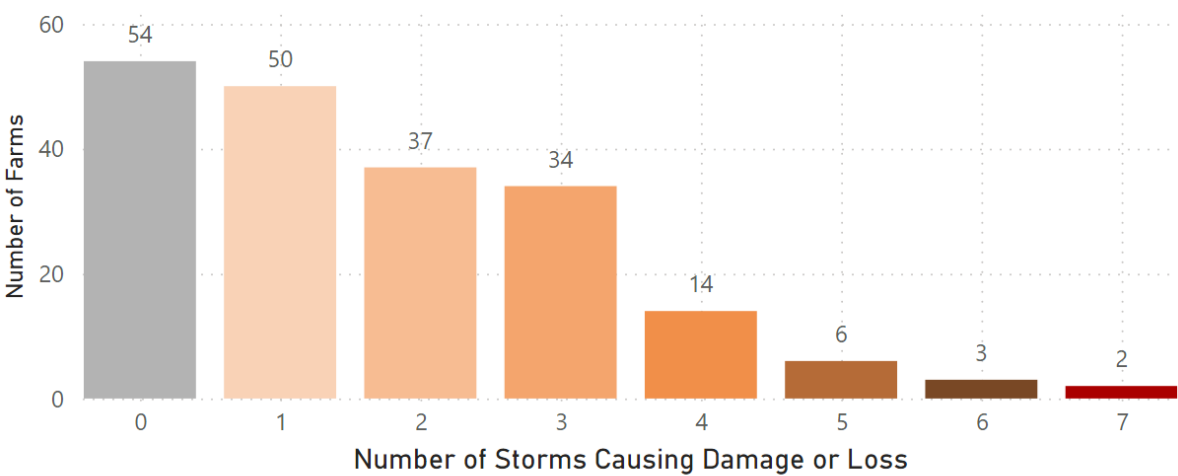
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## Drought Comparison

How do the 2025 drought impacts compare to prior droughts that you have experienced in the same locale?

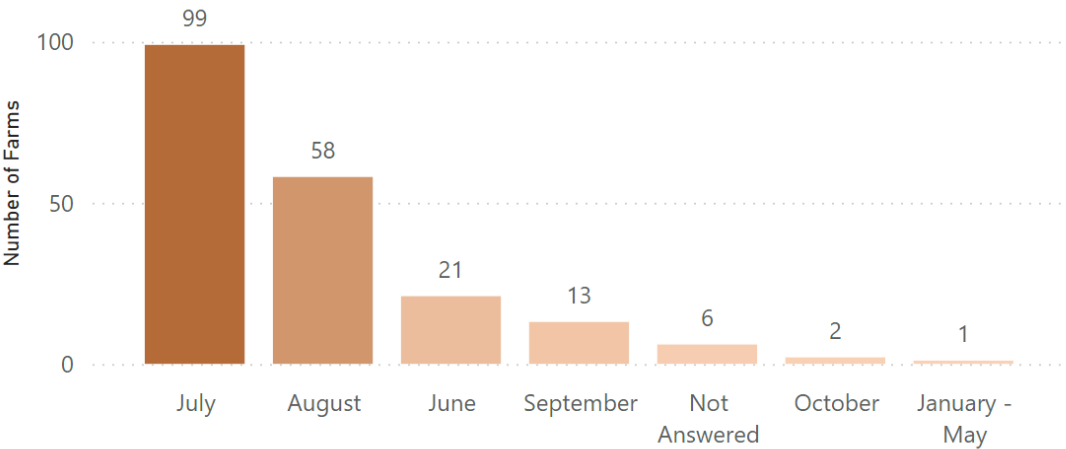


## Number of Farms Impacted by Number of Storms



## Drought Impacts Start

When did you first notice impacts of the drought on your farm or land base in 2025?



## Impacted by Other Weather Events

Did you also experience damage or loss from any of the following weather events?

