

Preliminary 2025 Ag Drought Impact Survey Results

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Drought Survey Respondents

200

Number of
Counties

14

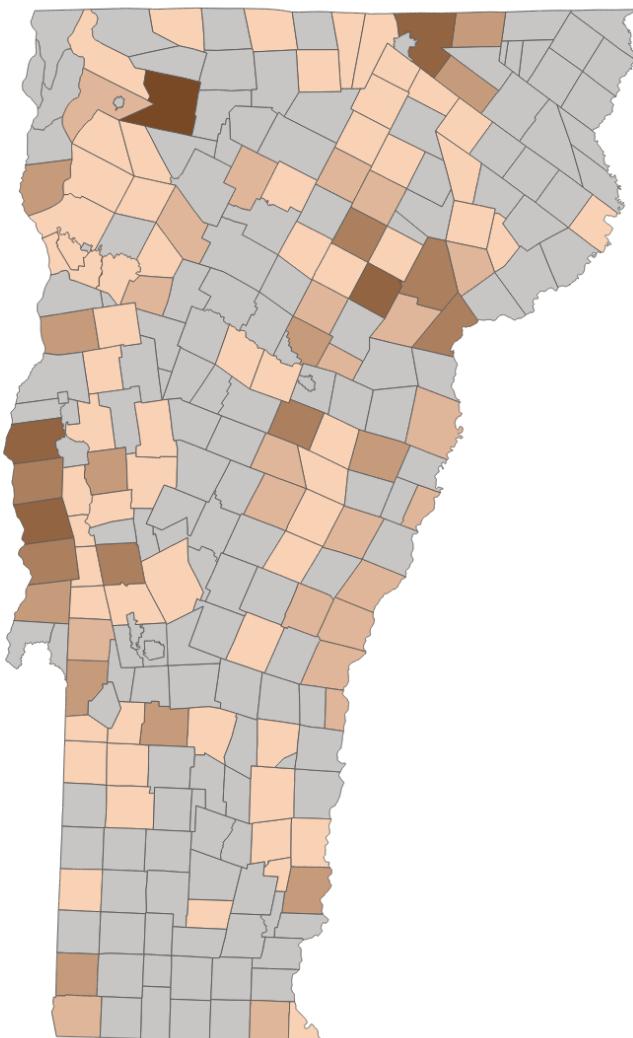
Number of
Towns

110

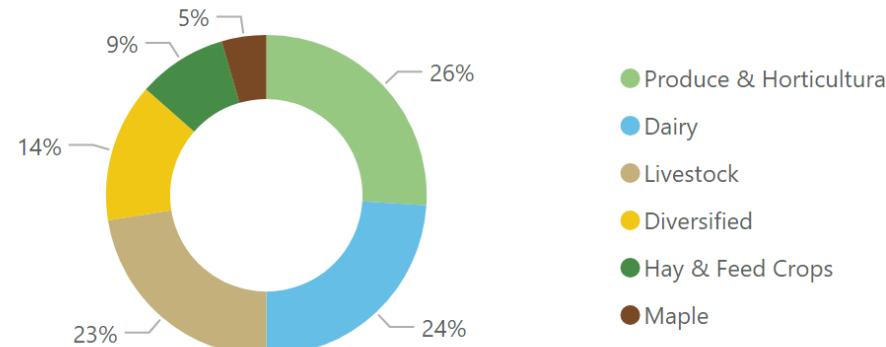
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The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets, in coordination with the Vermont Agricultural Recovery Task Force asked drought-impacted agricultural producers to participate in the **2025 Drought Impact Survey** to capture the scale and location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

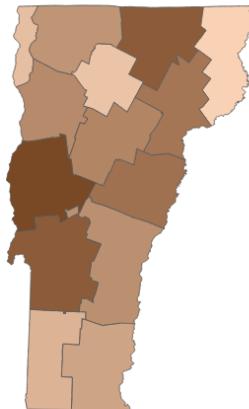
Responses by Town



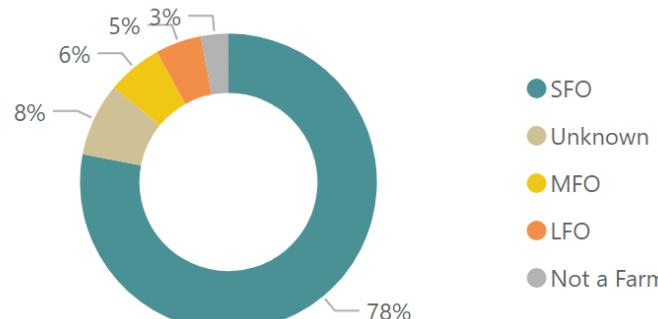
Responses by Primary Agricultural Business



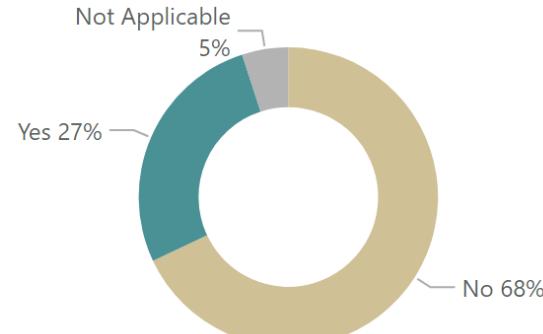
Responses by County



Responses by Farm Size



Responses by Certified Organic



Drought Reporting & Insurance

Number of respondents
with **no insurance**

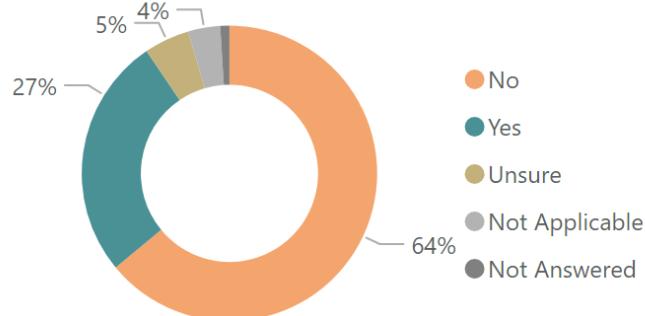
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Number of respondents
with **no reporting**

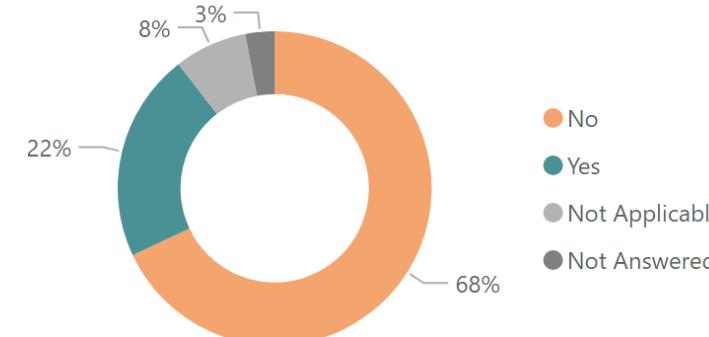
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Crop or Livestock Insurance

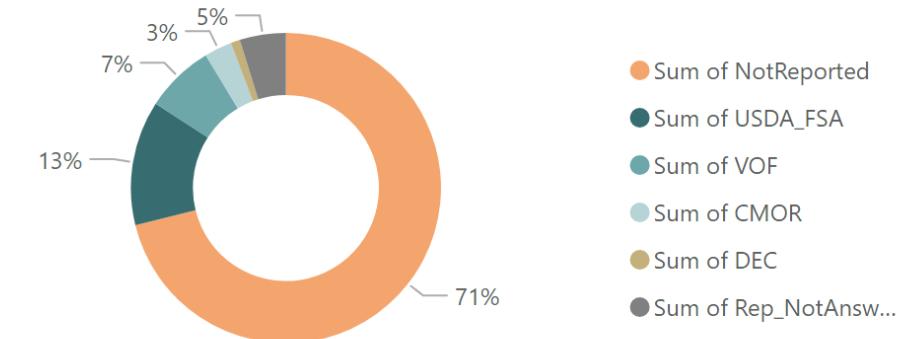


Enroll in Insurance within Last 3 Years

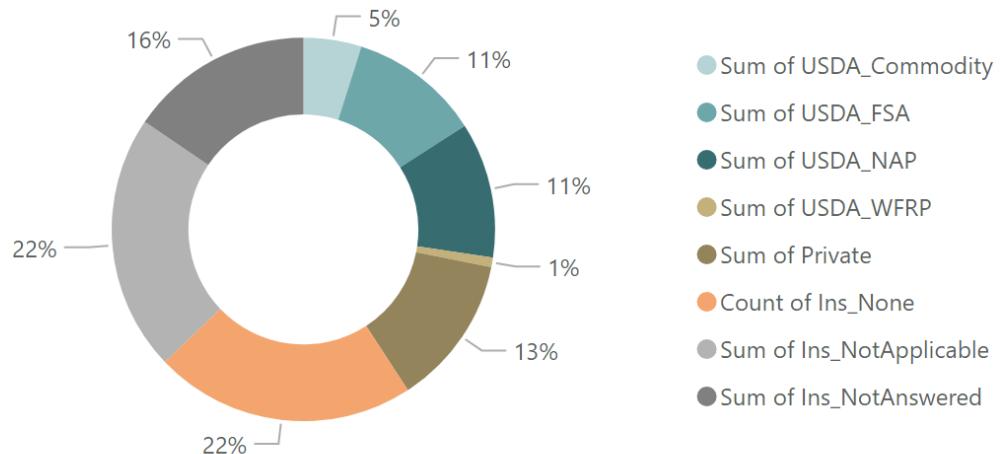


Drought Reporting

To what entities have you already reported drought impacts?

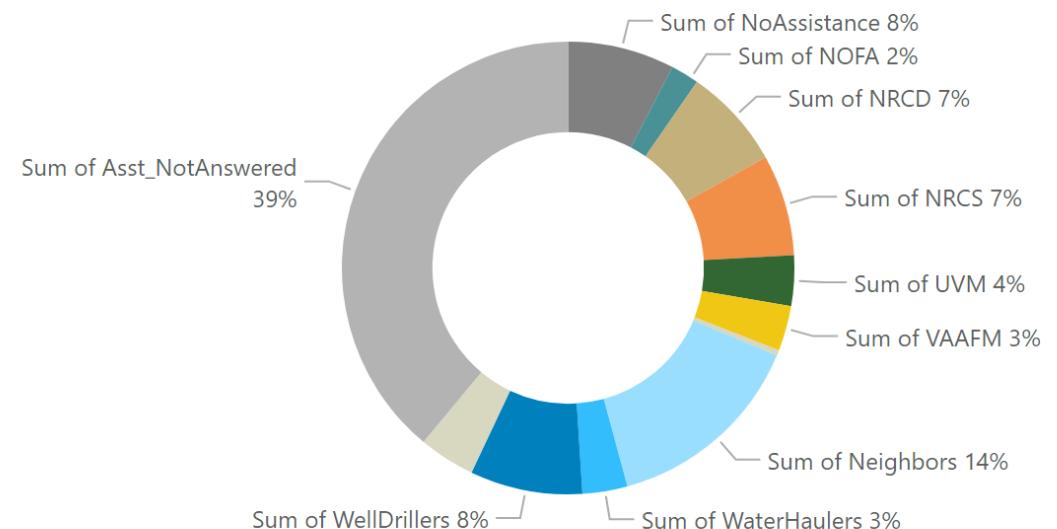


Crop or Livestock Insurance Coverage



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

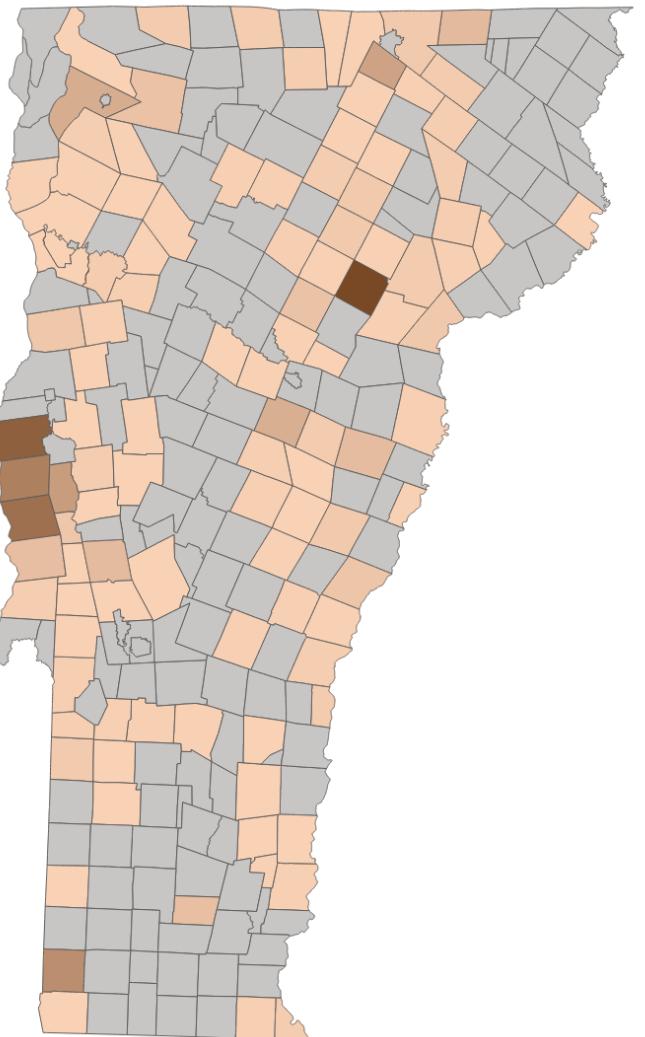
Primary Ag Business

- 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
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

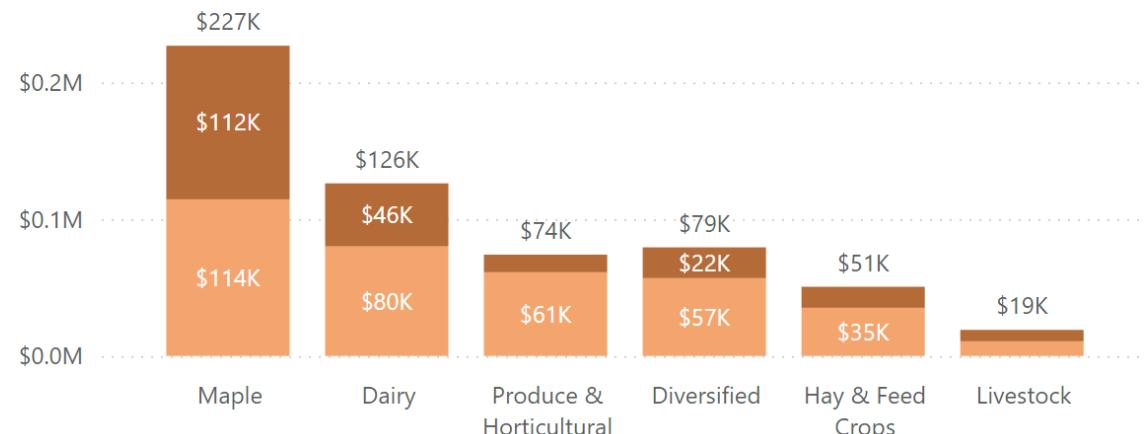
Min of Income Impacted

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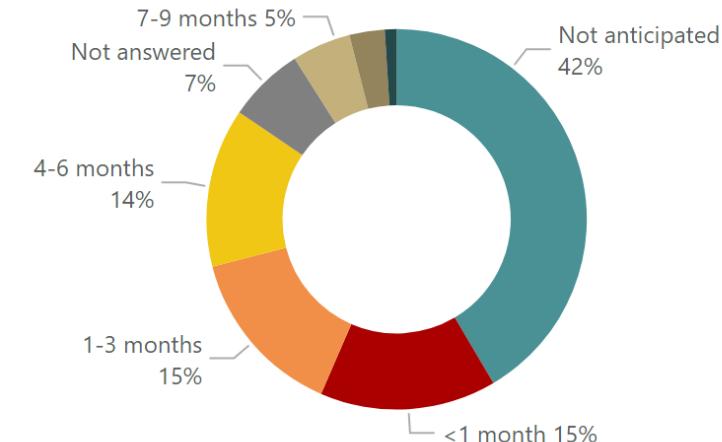
Count of Income Impacted

Average Estimated Income Loss & Costs Incurred by Farm Type

● Average of Production Losses ● Average of Coping Costs

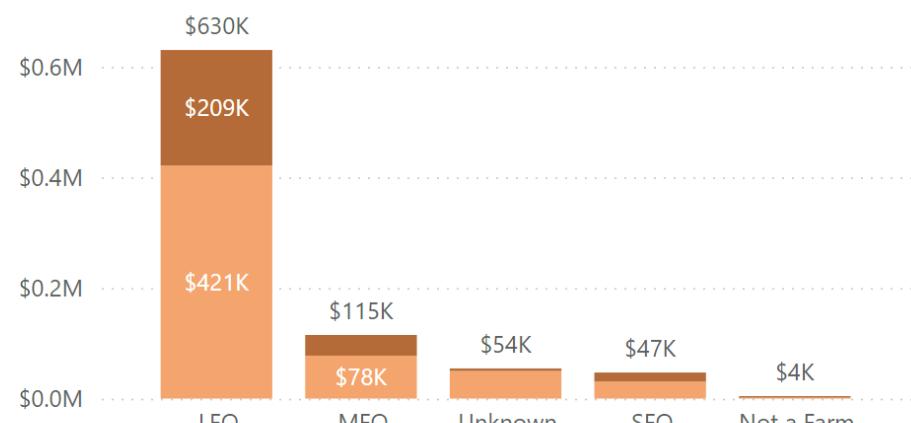


Negative Cash Flow Anticipated Within

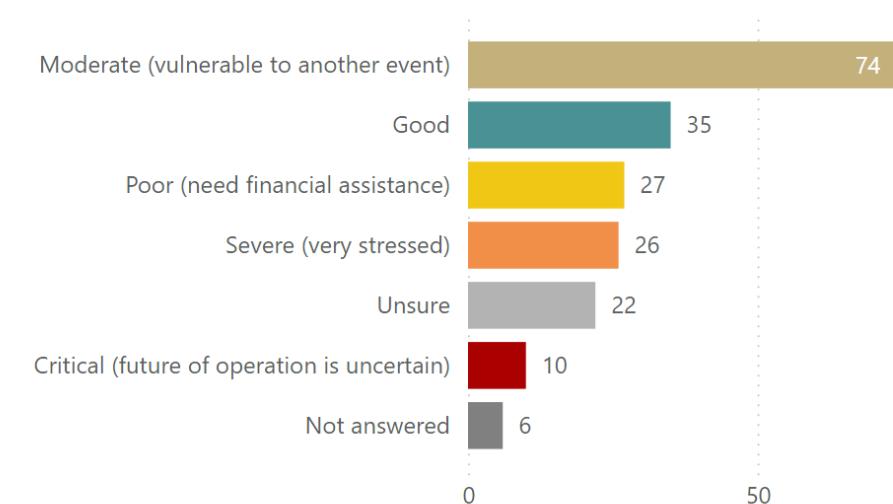


Average Estimated Income Loss & Costs Incurred by Farm Size

● Average of Production Losses ● Average of Coping Costs



Financial Health



Drought Impacts

Farm Size

All

Primary Ag Business

All

Insurance

All

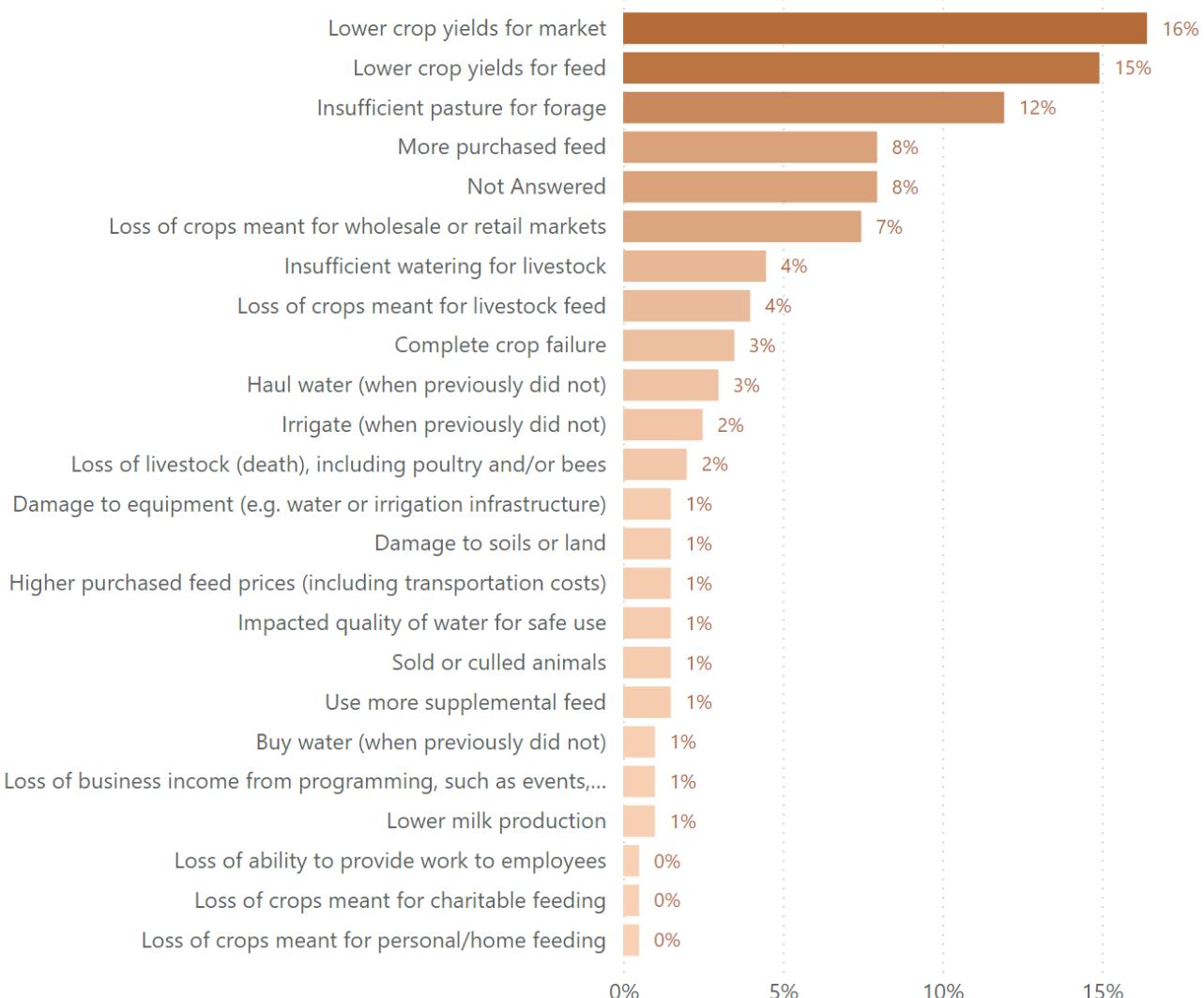
County

All

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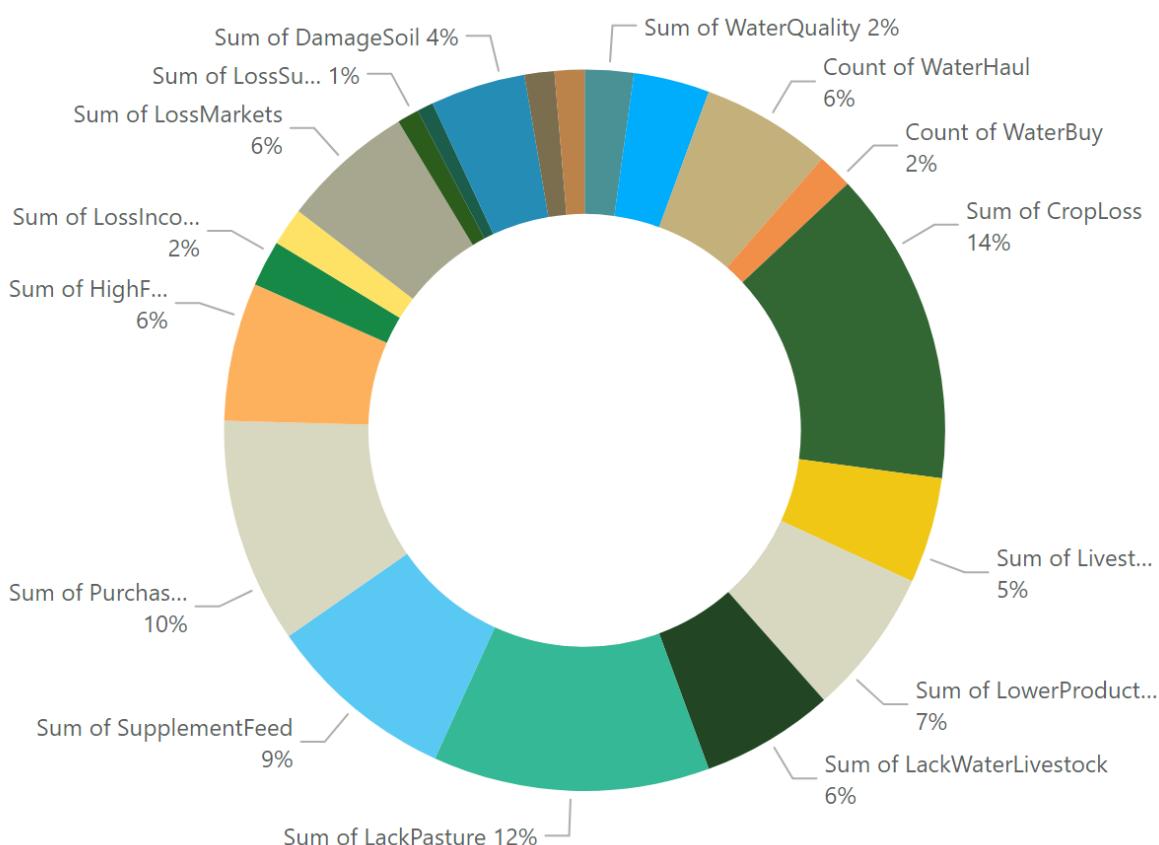
Most Detrimental Impact

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

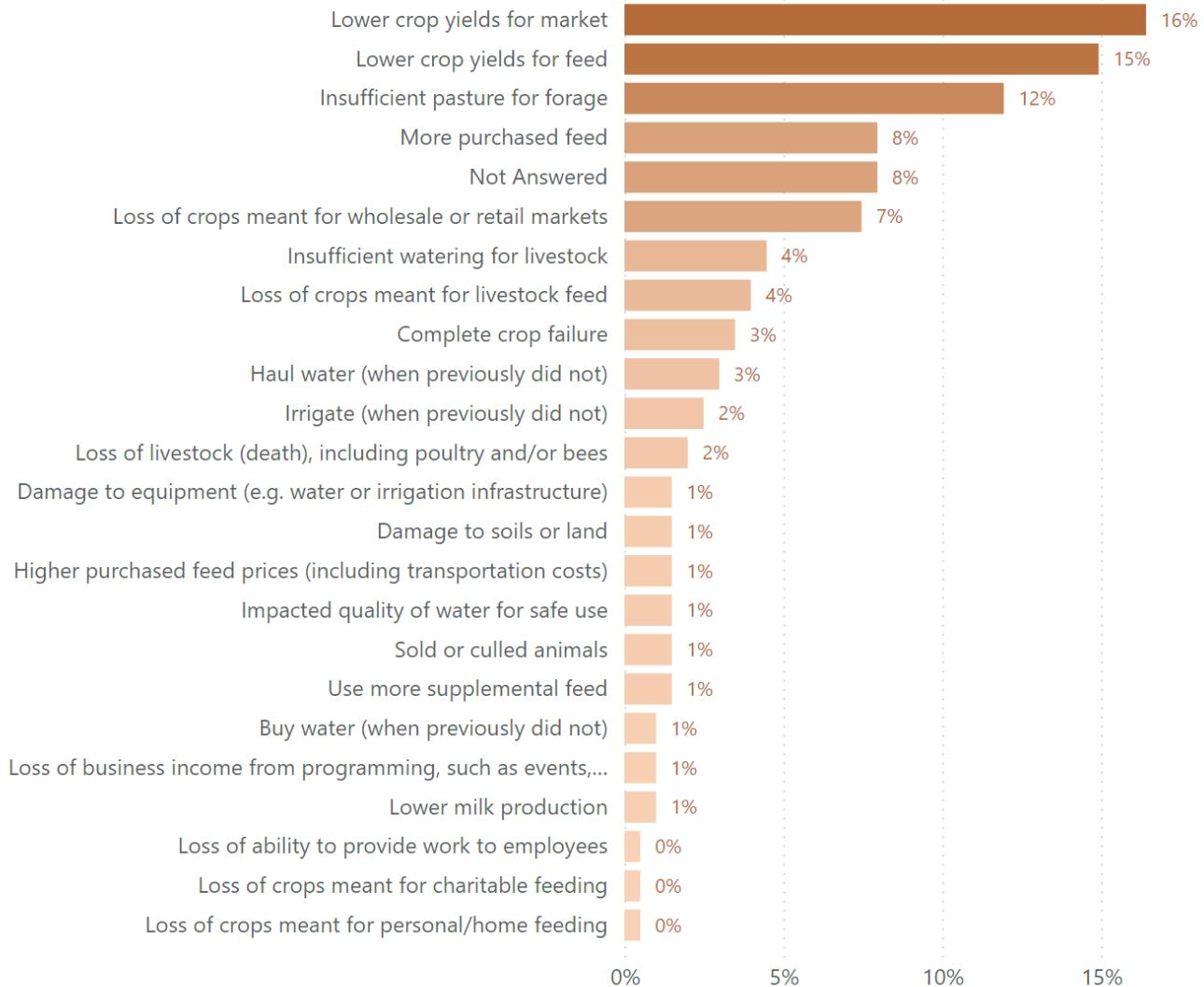
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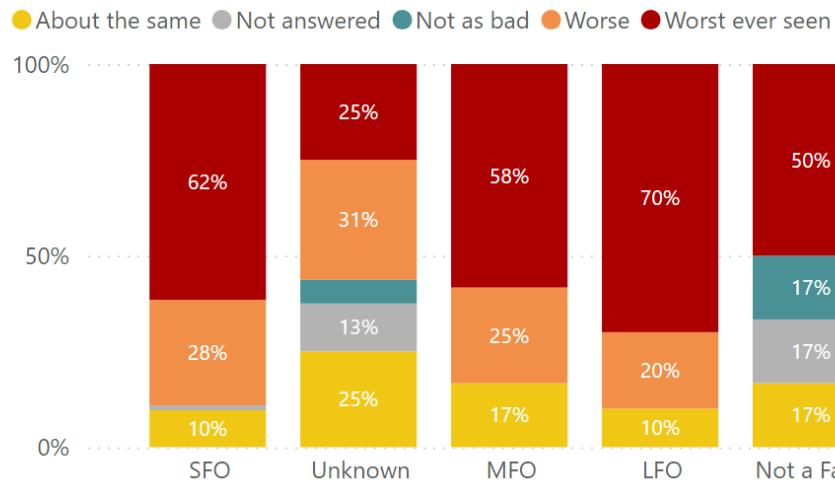
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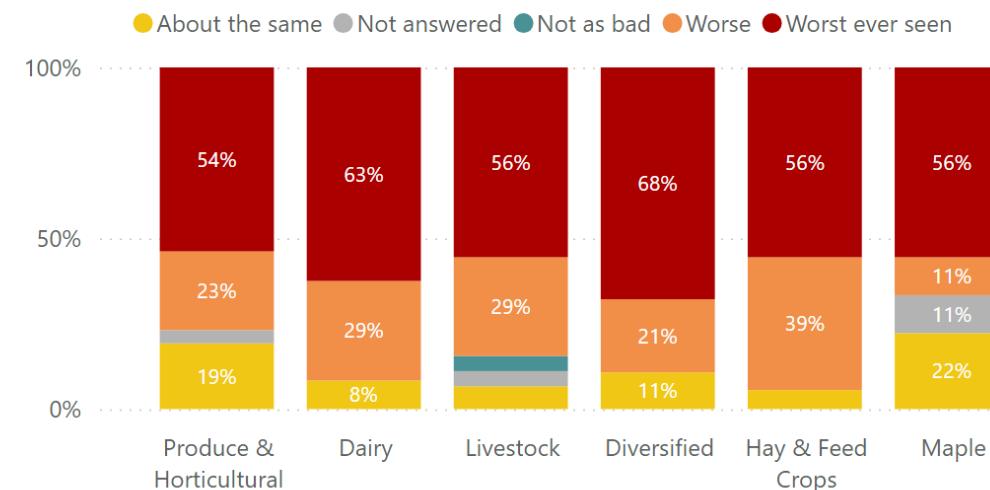
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Drought Comparison by Farm Size



Drought Comparison by Primary Agricultural Business

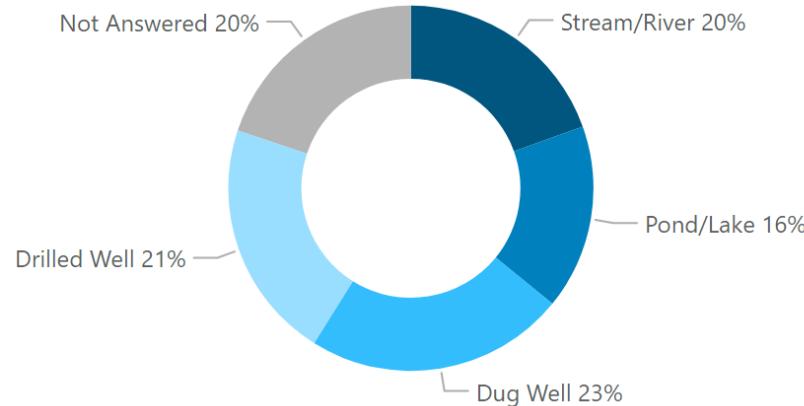


Drought Water & Feed Impacts

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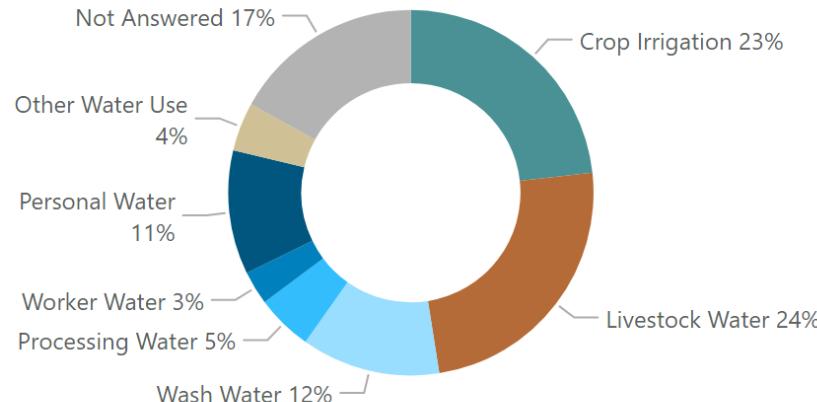
Water Sources Impacted by Drought

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

Moderate - Feed quality and shortages will require me to ...

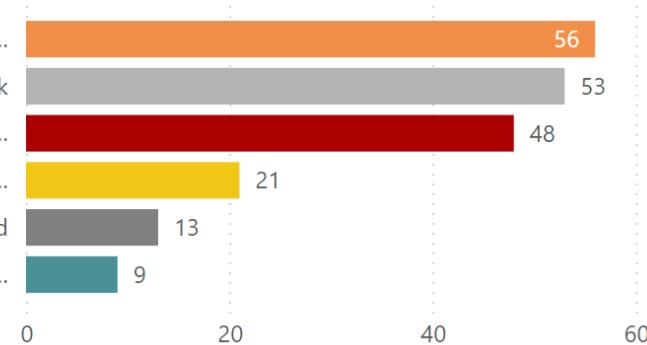
Does not apply - I do not feed livestock

Severe - Feed quality and shortages are already impacting...

Minor - Feed quality and shortage may be impacting prod...

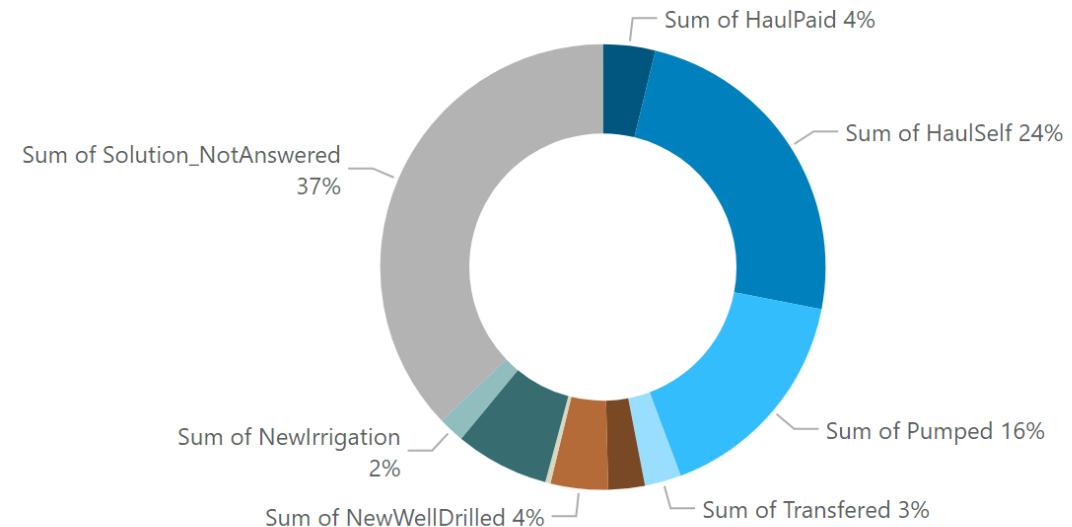
Not answered

None - I am not experiencing feed quality issues or shorta...



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?

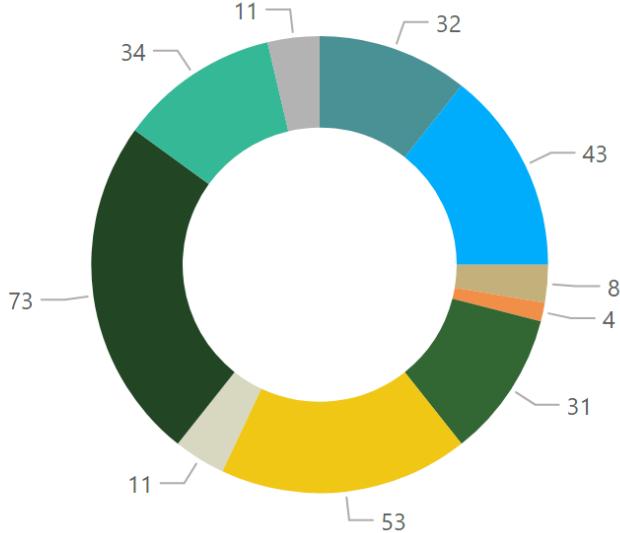


Drought Changes & Resources Needed

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Changes

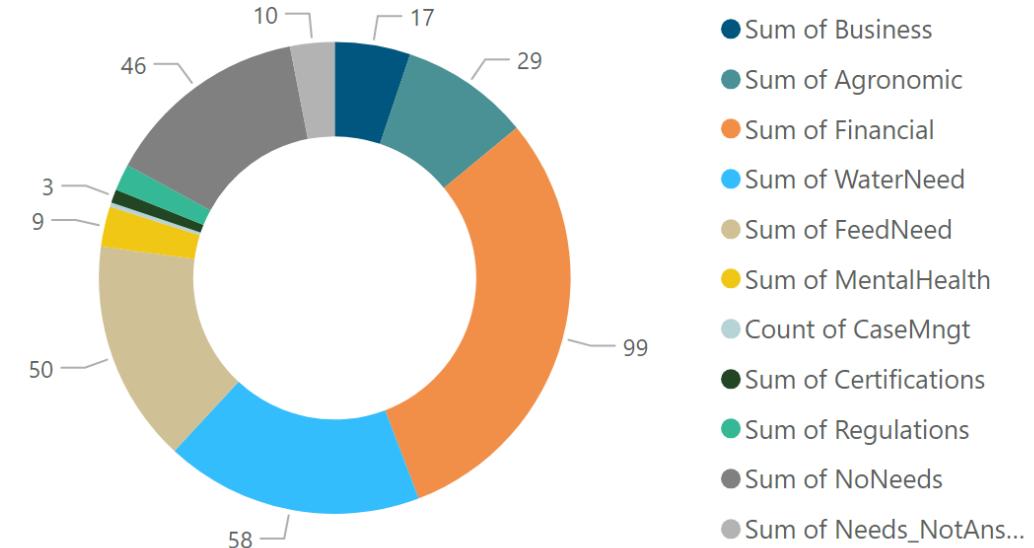
What changes, if any, are you considering to your business or land base in the coming years in response to the drought?



- Sum of ChangeAgType
- Sum of ChangeScale
- Sum of CloseBusiness
- Sum of Relocate
- Sum of GetAcres
- Sum of GetFeed
- Sum of GetInsurance
- Sum of GetWater
- Sum of SoilHealth
- Sum of Changes_NotAns...

Resources Needed

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



- Sum of Business
- Sum of Agronomic
- Sum of Financial
- Sum of WaterNeed
- Sum of FeedNeed
- Sum of MentalHealth
- Count of CaseMngt
- Sum of Certifications
- Sum of Regulations
- Sum of NoNeeds
- Sum of Needs_NotAns...

Drought Comparison

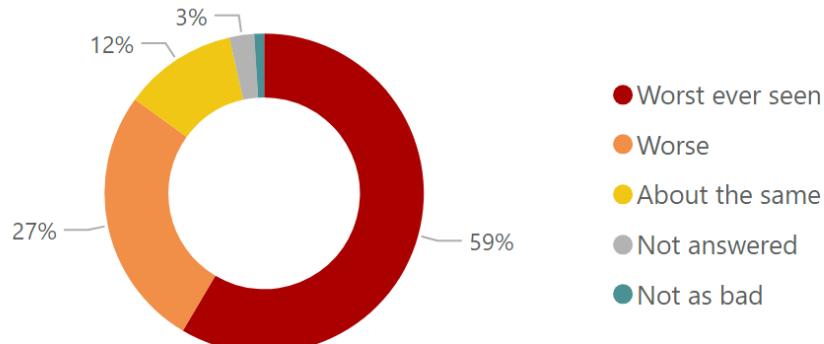
2025 drought **worse** than other droughts

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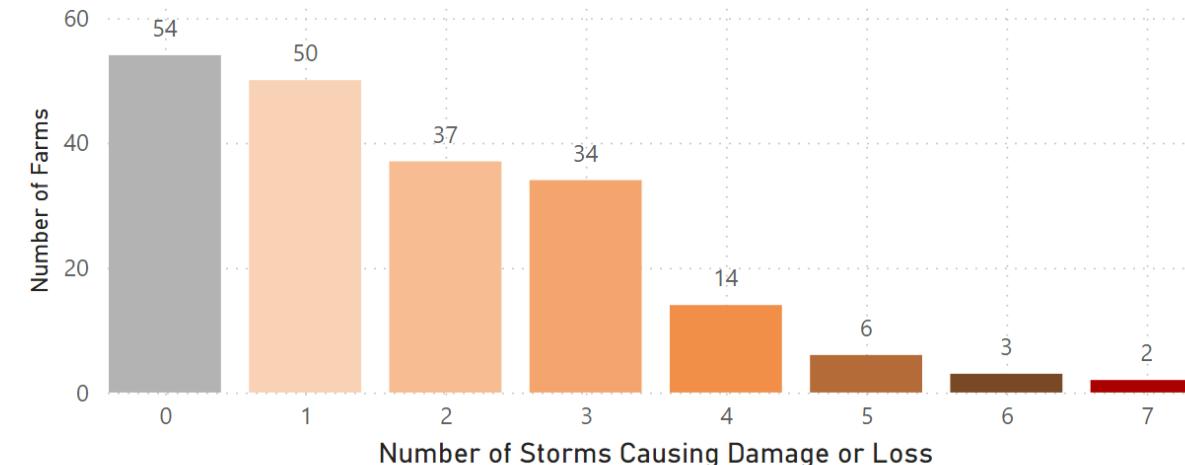
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Drought Comparison

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

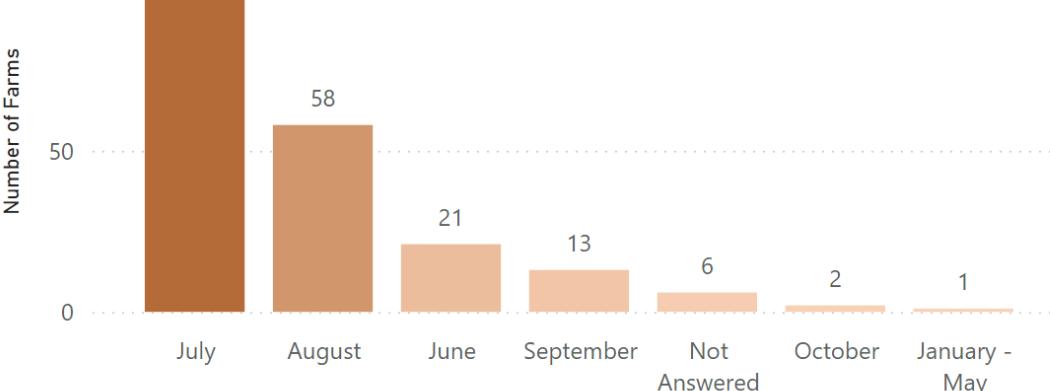


Number of Farms Impacted by Number of Storms



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?

