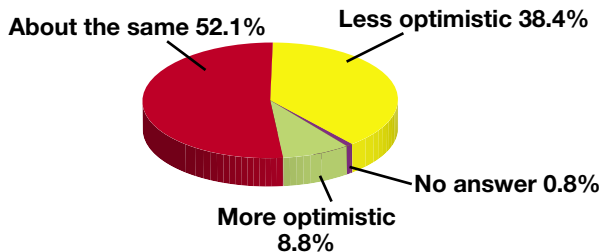


State of the Industry Survey Results

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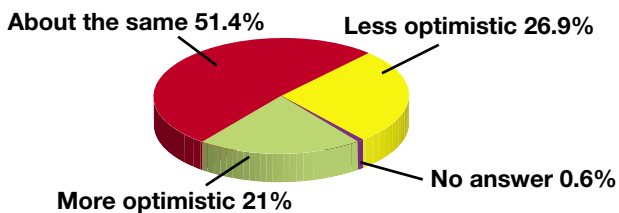
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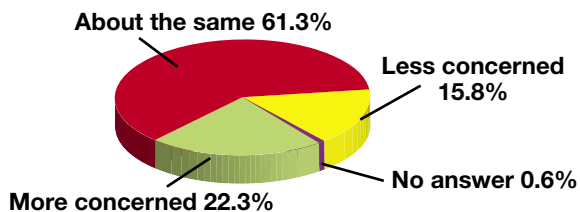
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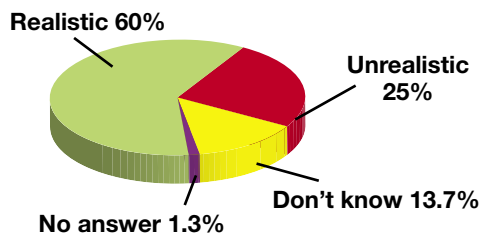
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Compared to last year, what is your level of concern regarding bioterrorism and the U.S. beef industry?



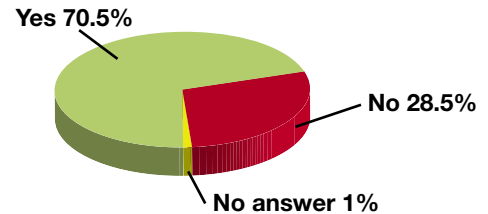
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USDA's recently announced implementation plan for NAIS calls for all livestock premises to be registered by 2009, as well as a significant number of cattle to be individually identified and their movement reported. Do you believe that timeline is:



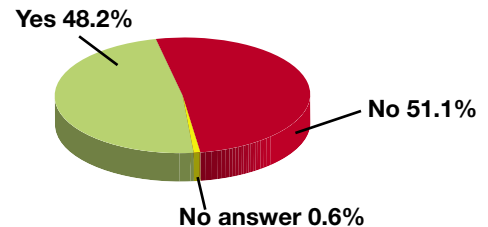
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Do you currently ID animals individually in your operation using a system that doesn't include hot-iron brands?



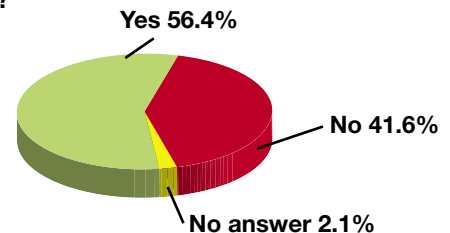
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Have you registered your livestock premises under an official state or tribal livestock ID program?



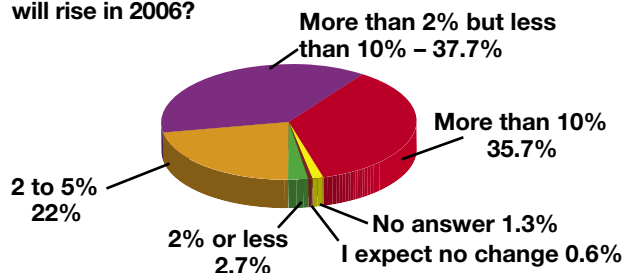
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Given the ongoing decline in large-animal veterinarians, are you concerned about local access to veterinary care in the future?



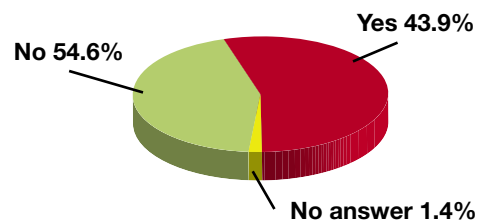
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In light of rising input costs for fuel, machinery, etc., how much do you estimate your operating expenses will rise in 2006?



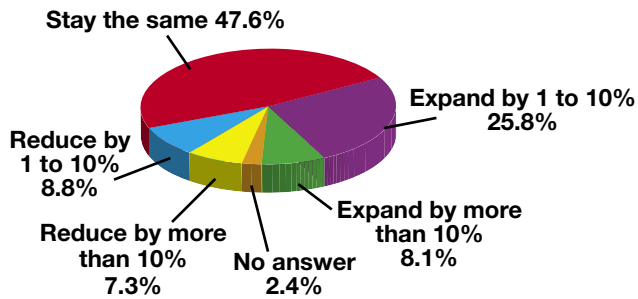
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Did you expand your herd in 2005?



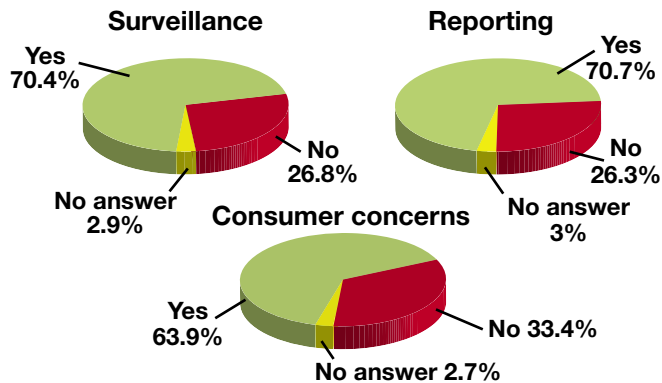
Question 10

What are your plans for herd-size management in 2006?



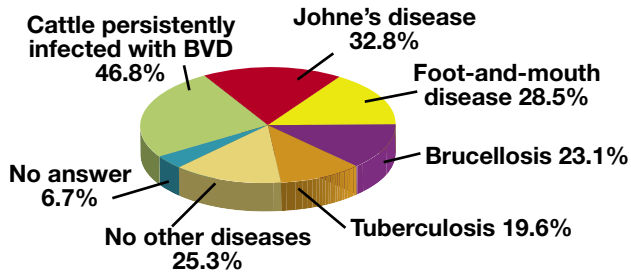
Question 11

Do you believe current USDA programs and procedures effectively address BSE for the following?



Question 12

Are there other cattle diseases you believe USDA and state government should devote more resources to for surveillance testing and prevention?



Question 13

Are you currently a member of these national cattlemen's organizations?

