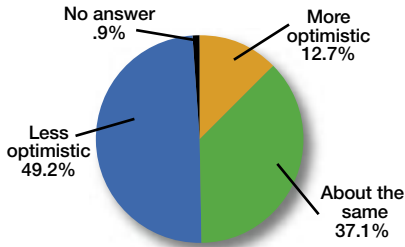
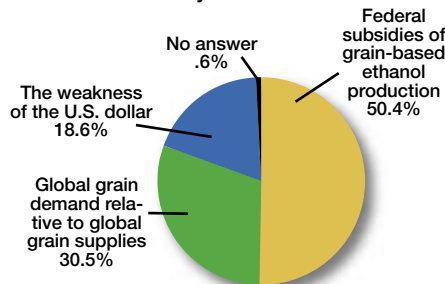


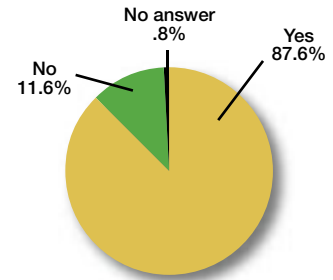
Compared to last year, what is your current level of optimism regarding the "short-term future" within the next two years of the beef industry?



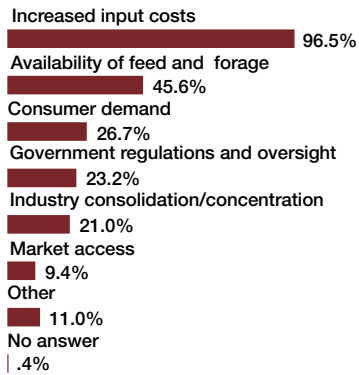
Do you believe rising grain costs are due mostly to:



Are you making changes in your management and procurement strategies to reduce feed costs?

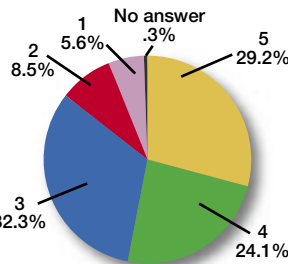


What factors are the main contributors to your being less optimistic concerning the "short term?"

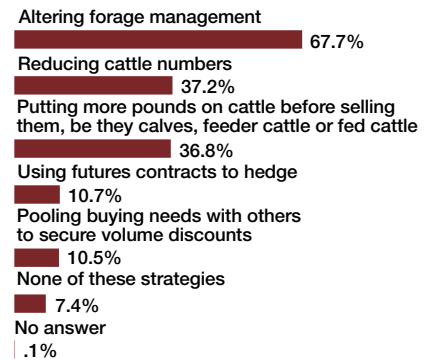


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How much impact do you think biofuels have had on your operational expenses? 5=major impact, 3=some impact, 1=no impact

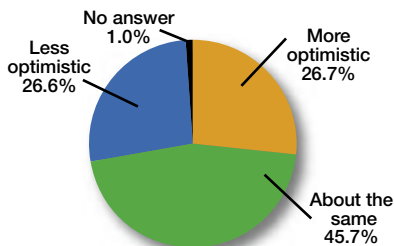


Which of these strategies, if any, are you utilizing to decrease feed costs in the short term?

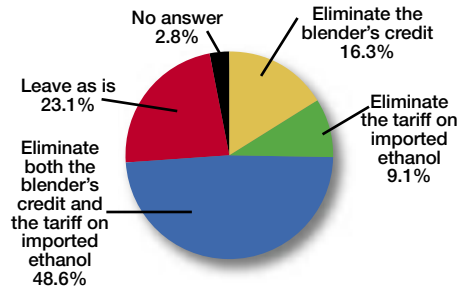


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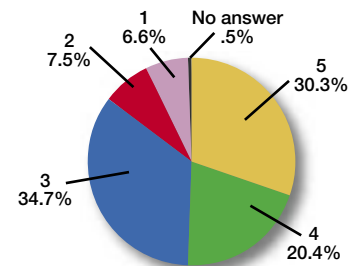
Compared to last year, what is your current level of optimism regarding the "long-term future" – five years and beyond – of the U.S. beef industry?



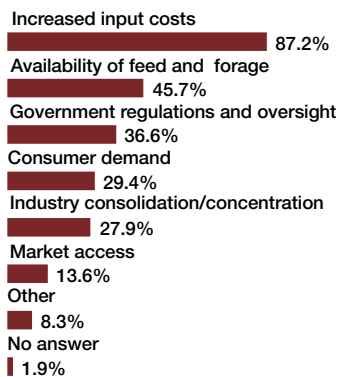
What do you think the government policy toward biofuels should be?



How concerned are you about the increased consolidation and concentration in the feedlot and beef-packing sectors over the past year? 5=major concern, 3=somewhat concerned, 1=not concerned

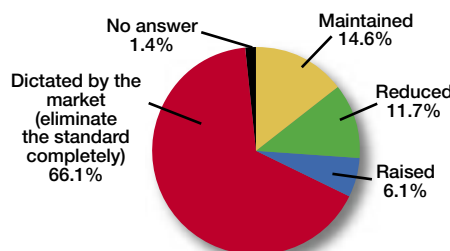


What factors are the main contributors to your being less optimistic concerning the "long-term?"

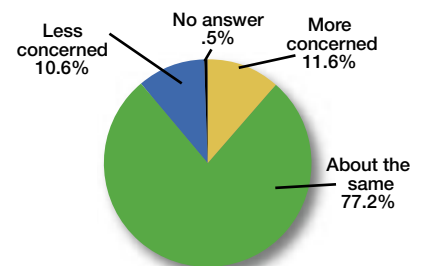


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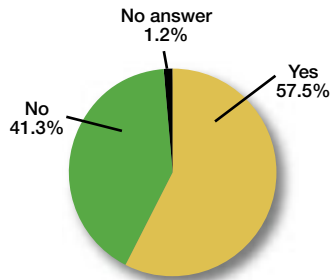
The current renewable fuels standard calls for the production of 36 billion gals. of biofuels by 2022. In your opinion, should this level be:



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

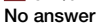
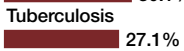


Have you registered your livestock premises under an official state or tribal livestock ID program?



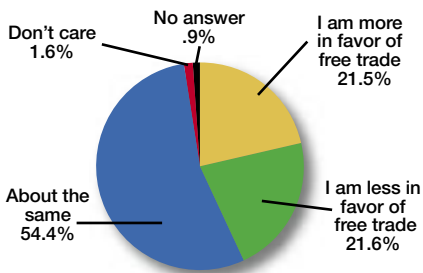
To which cattle diseases do you believe USDA and state government should devote more resources for surveillance, testing and prevention?

Cattle persistently infected with BVD



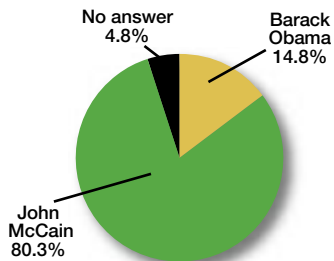
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Has your viewpoint regarding free trade changed in the past year?



Which major-party Presidential candidate would you most likely vote for if the major-party matchups are:

Obama vs. McCain



Clinton vs. McCain

