



UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS SURVEY RESULTS: OHIO

A Survey of Farmers

March 26, 2018

1. As you may know, Congress is writing a five-year new Farm Bill this year. How closely are you following the details of that process?

	Total
Extremely closely	16%
Very closely	20%
Somewhat closely	31%
Not very closely	33%

2. If you had to rate the importance of the Farm Bill to your personal livelihood on a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 being completely unimportant and 7 being extremely important, what would you say?

Mean Score	Total
Very important (6-7)	43%
Somewhat important (4-5)	32%
Not very important (1-3)	25%

414 interviews among Ohio farmers were conducted March 12-19, 2018 via automated phone survey and online interviews. The results were weighted to ensure proportional response.

Margin of error for these results is +/- 4.81%.

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3. Next, I'm going to read a list of ways that US farm policy can shape agriculture in the years ahead. Answer yes or no to indicate which you think are important to the future of farming:

	Yes	No
Offering incentives for farmers to take steps to reduce runoff and soil loss, improve water quality, and increase resilience to floods and droughts	76%	24%
Strengthening the hand of farmers in dealings with companies that control the production chain	74%	26%
Supporting research on ways to increase farm profitability by decreasing the need for costly chemical inputs	75%	25%
Improving crop insurance options for a wider range of crops	57%	43%
Helping connect farmers with new buyers through marketing arrangements like food hubs and farm-to-school programs	73%	27%

4. Now I'm going to ask about different kinds of farm programs created by the Farm Bill and carried out by the US Department of Agriculture. Have you ever participated in a USDA program aimed at helping you implement conservation practices, get access to farmland, diversify your production, or market your products?

	Total
Yes	57%
No	43%

5. For any of these kinds of Farm Bill programs, what would make you MORE likely to participate in the future?

	Yes	No
More USDA outreach about the programs that are available to me and how they can help my business	60%	40%
Greater financial incentives to implement new practices	66%	34%
Greater technical support to implement new practices	54%	46%
Less burdensome paperwork or other administrative requirements	64%	36%



6. If a candidate for public office seemed to favor farm success through sustainable ag priorities instead of business as usual, would you be more or less likely to support that candidate?

	Total
More likely	73%
Less likely	19%
Makes no difference/unsure	8%

7. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, or something else?

	Total
Republican	63%
Democrat	17%
Something else	21%

8. What is your gender?

	Total
Men	79%
Women	11%
Don't know/refused	9%

9. What is your age?

	Total
18-24	1%
25-44	12%
45-64	41%
65+	37%
Unknown	9%