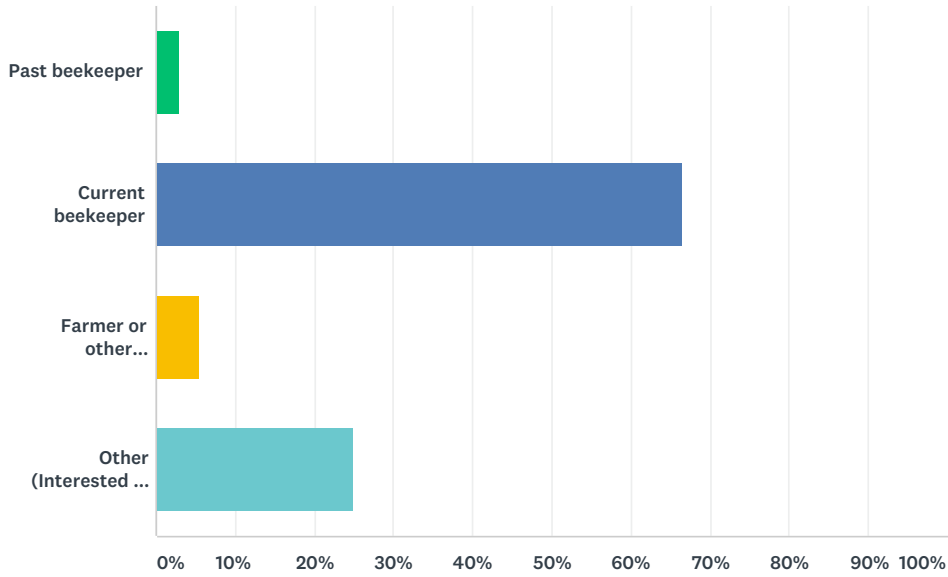


Q1 What best describes you?

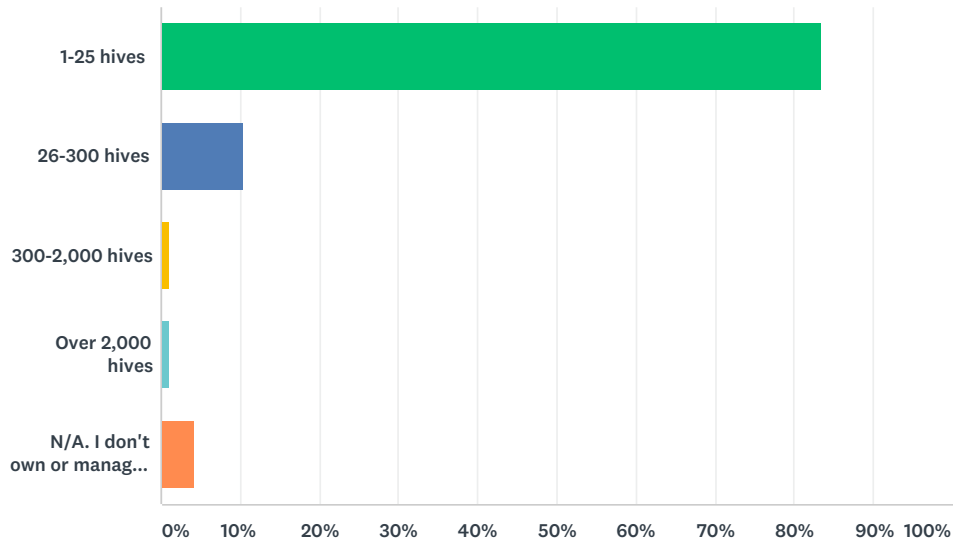
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Past beekeeper	3.02%	24
Current beekeeper	66.54%	529
Farmer or other profession related to bees or pollinators	5.53%	44
Other (Interested in bee and pollinator issues)	24.91%	198
TOTAL		795

Q2 What size operation do you have (or did you have, if you used to have bees)

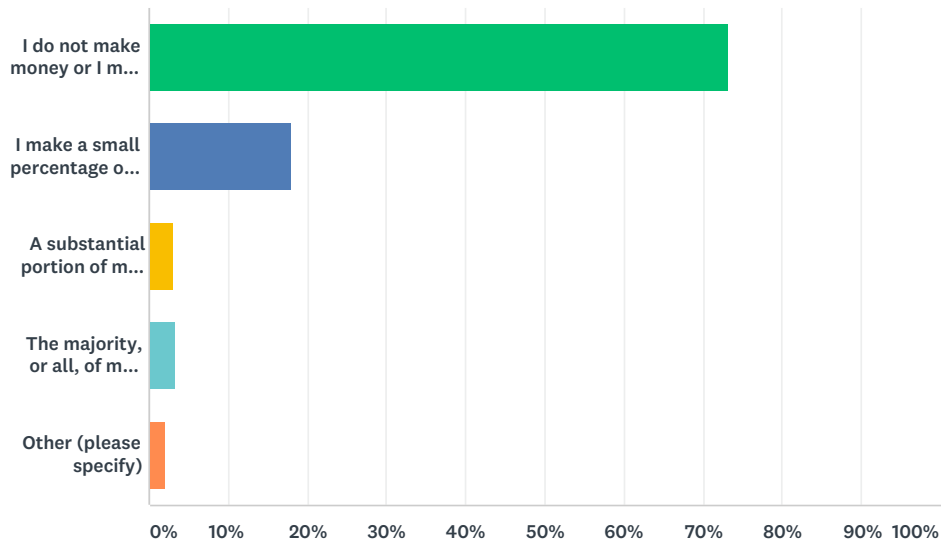
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-25 hives	83.39%	497
26-300 hives	10.40%	62
300-2,000 hives	1.01%	6
Over 2,000 hives	1.01%	6
N/A. I don't own or manage hives.	4.19%	25
TOTAL		596

Q3 What portion of your income is generated by bees and bee products?

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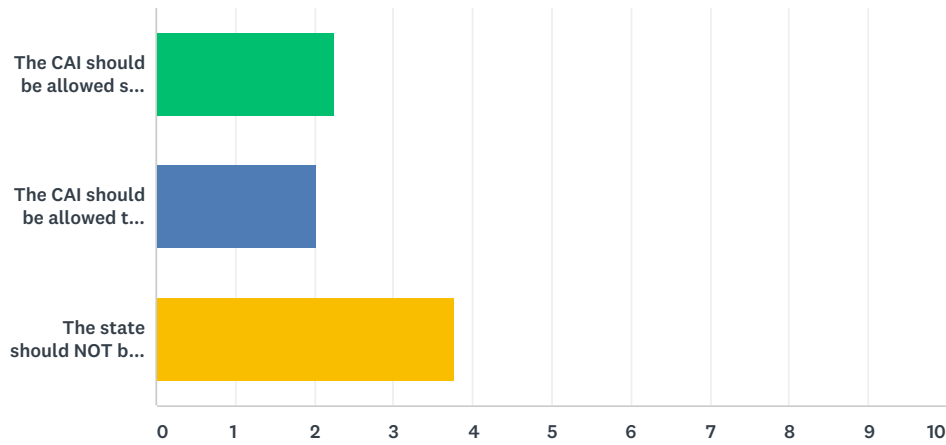
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not make money or I make an insignificant amount, from bees & bee products.	73.30%	409
I make a small percentage of my income from bees & bee products.	17.92%	100
A substantial portion of my livelihood is made from bees.	3.23%	18
The majority, or all, of my income is from bees & bee products.	3.41%	19
Other (please specify)	2.15%	12
TOTAL		558

Q4 In what county or counties do you keep your hives?

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Q5 Please indicate what you think of each of the following statements.

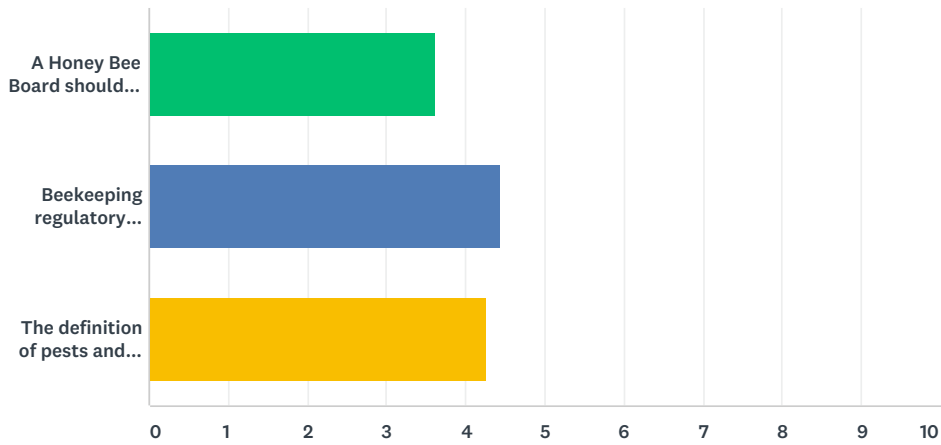
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The CAI should be allowed sole discretion to decide what diseases and pests merit a quarantine, mandatory treatment, or seize-&-destroy order.	39.28% 196	25.85% 129	10.42% 52	19.04% 95	5.41% 27	499	2.25
The CAI should be allowed the discretion to categorize subspecies of honey bees as pests and require their extermination.	47.26% 233	24.34% 120	11.56% 57	12.78% 63	4.06% 20	493	2.02
The state should NOT be able to limit what types of bees people keep on their property.	8.40% 42	16.20% 81	7.20% 36	26.00% 130	42.20% 211	500	3.77

Q6 Please indicate what you think of each of the following statements:

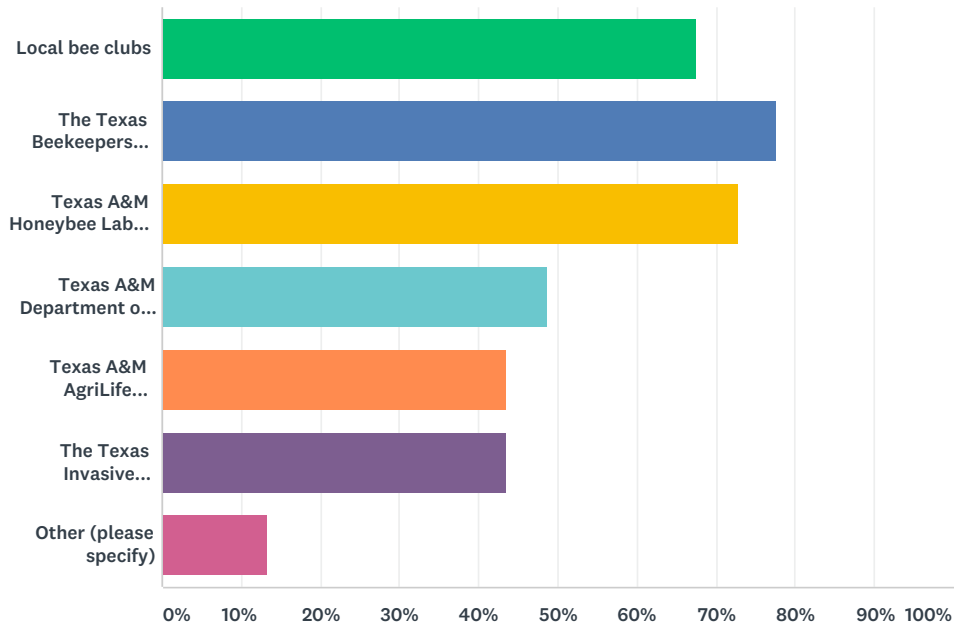
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
A Honey Bee Board should determine what diseases and pests merit a quarantine, mandatory treatment, or seize-&-destroy order.	11.04% 55	11.65% 58	9.44% 47	39.56% 197	28.31% 141	498	3.62
Beekeeping regulatory authorities should be subject to normal legal provisions such as the Open Records Act, Open Meetings Act, and Sunset Review.	3.21% 16	1.40% 7	10.42% 52	17.84% 89	67.13% 335	499	4.44
The definition of pests and diseases should be subject to standards, guidelines, or processes.	3.83% 19	3.02% 15	8.87% 44	31.85% 158	52.42% 260	496	4.26

Q7 Who should be able to nominate people to serve on the Board? Select all that you would support.

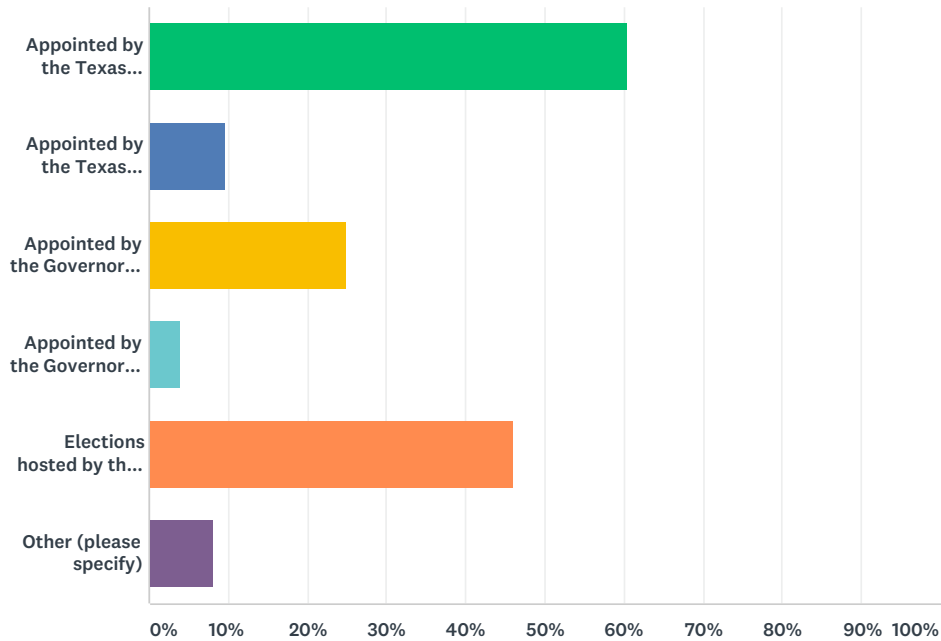
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Local bee clubs	67.66% 318
The Texas Beekeepers Association (a trade association for beekeepers)	77.66% 365
Texas A&M Honeybee Lab (a program within the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences that focuses on research and teaching regarding honey bee biology and management)	72.77% 342
Texas A&M Department of Entomology	48.72% 229
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service	43.62% 205
The Texas Invasive Species Institute (a collaborative program within the Texas State University System)	43.62% 205
Other (please specify)	13.40% 63
Total Respondents: 470	

Q8 How should the members of the Board be selected from among the nominations? Select all that you would support.

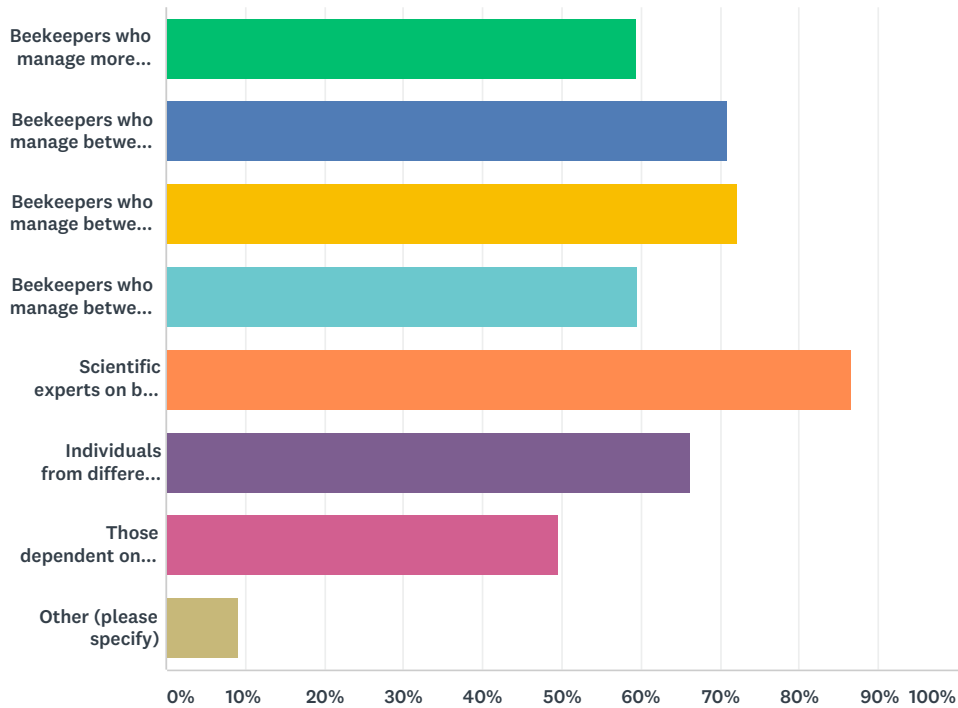
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Appointed by the Texas Department of Agriculture from nominations made by bee-related groups and entities	60.52%	282
Appointed by the Texas Department of Agriculture from nominations made by anyone	9.66%	45
Appointed by the Governor from nominations made by bee-related groups and entities	24.89%	116
Appointed by the Governor from nominations made by anyone	4.08%	19
Elections hosted by the Texas Apiary Inspection Service	45.92%	214
Other (please specify)	8.15%	38
Total Respondents: 466		

Q9 If such a Board is authorized, who should be on it? Please select as many of the below options as are applicable:

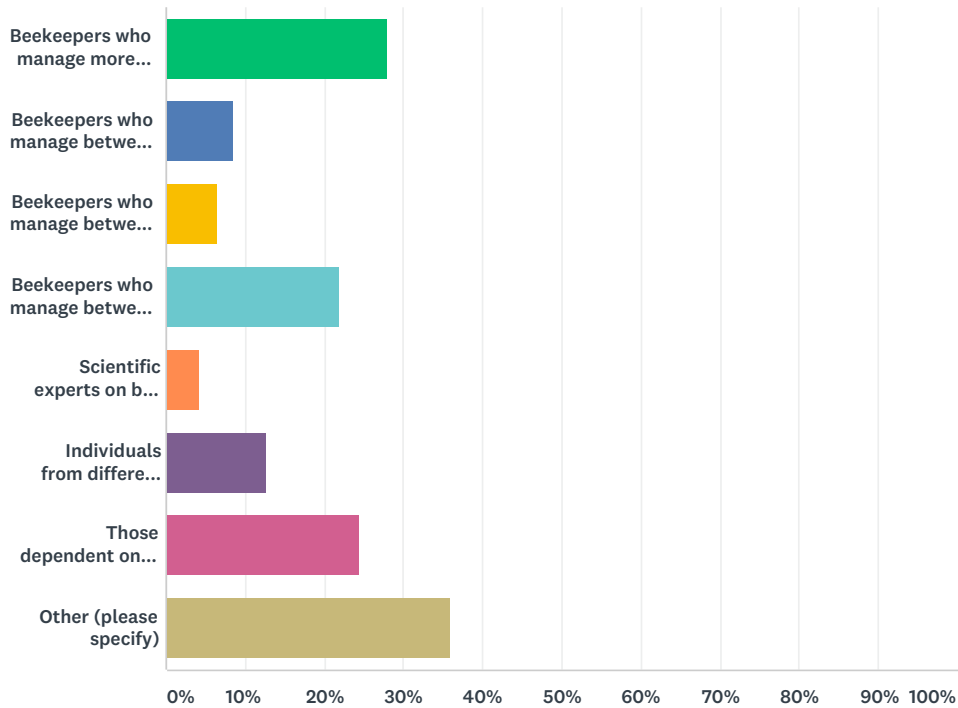
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Beekeepers who manage more than 2,000 hives	59.36%	279
Beekeepers who manage between 301 and 2,000 hives	70.85%	333
Beekeepers who manage between 26 and 300 hives	72.13%	339
Beekeepers who manage between 1 and 25 hives	59.57%	280
Scientific experts on bee diseases, epidemiology, and related fields	86.60%	407
Individuals from different geographic regions of the state	66.38%	312
Those dependent on pollinators (e.g. farmers)	49.57%	233
Other (please specify)	9.15%	43
Total Respondents: 470		

Q10 If such a Board is authorized, who should NOT be on it? Please select as many of the below options as are applicable:

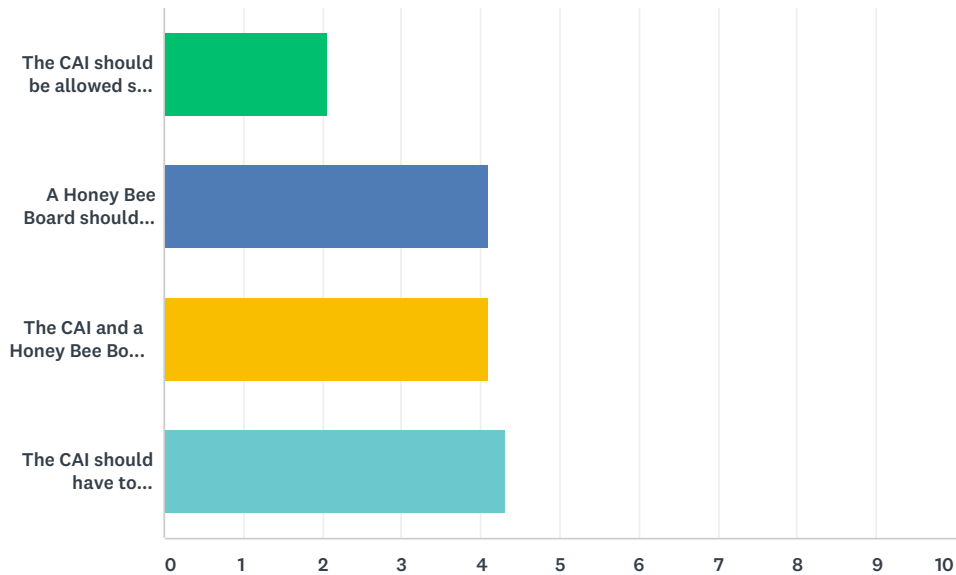
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Beekeepers who manage more than 2,000 hives	28.07%	96
Beekeepers who manage between 301 and 2,000 hives	8.48%	29
Beekeepers who manage between 26 and 300 hives	6.43%	22
Beekeepers who manage between 1 and 25 hives	21.93%	75
Scientific experts on bee diseases, epidemiology, and related fields	4.09%	14
Individuals from different geographic regions of the state	12.87%	44
Those dependent on pollinators (e.g. farmers)	24.56%	84
Other (please specify)	35.96%	123
Total Respondents: 342		

Q11 Please indicate what you think of each of the following statements:

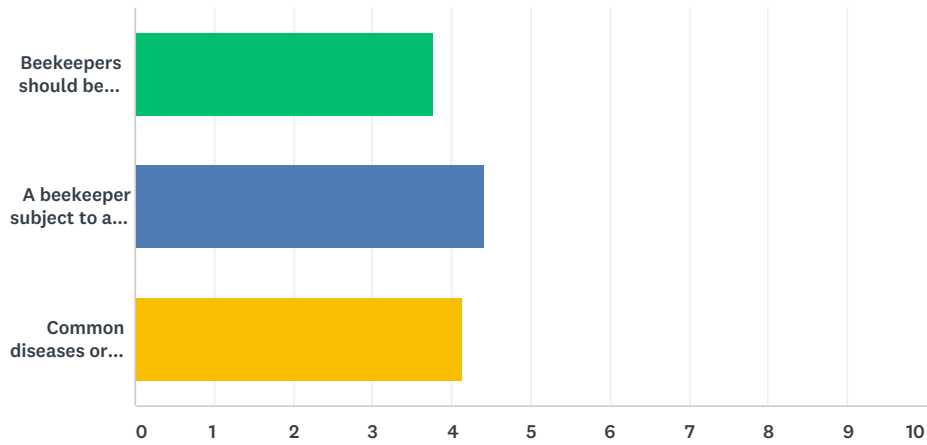
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The CAI should be allowed sole discretion in issuing quarantine, mandatory treatment, and seize and destroy orders.	44.42% 199	27.90% 125	8.04% 36	14.51% 65	5.13% 23	448	2.08
A Honey Bee Board should adopt rules that govern the CAI's issuance of quarantine, mandatory treatment, and seize and destroy orders.	6.71% 30	4.25% 19	7.61% 34	36.24% 162	45.19% 202	447	4.09
The CAI and a Honey Bee Board should consider feral bee populations in evaluating the effectiveness of the treatments, quarantines, or destruction.	4.03% 18	4.47% 20	11.63% 52	37.81% 169	42.06% 188	447	4.09
The CAI should have to consider specific factors, established in statute or by a Board, before ordering a quarantine or mandatory treatment.	3.82% 17	1.80% 8	7.64% 34	34.16% 152	52.58% 234	445	4.30

Q12 Please indicate what you think of each of the following statements:

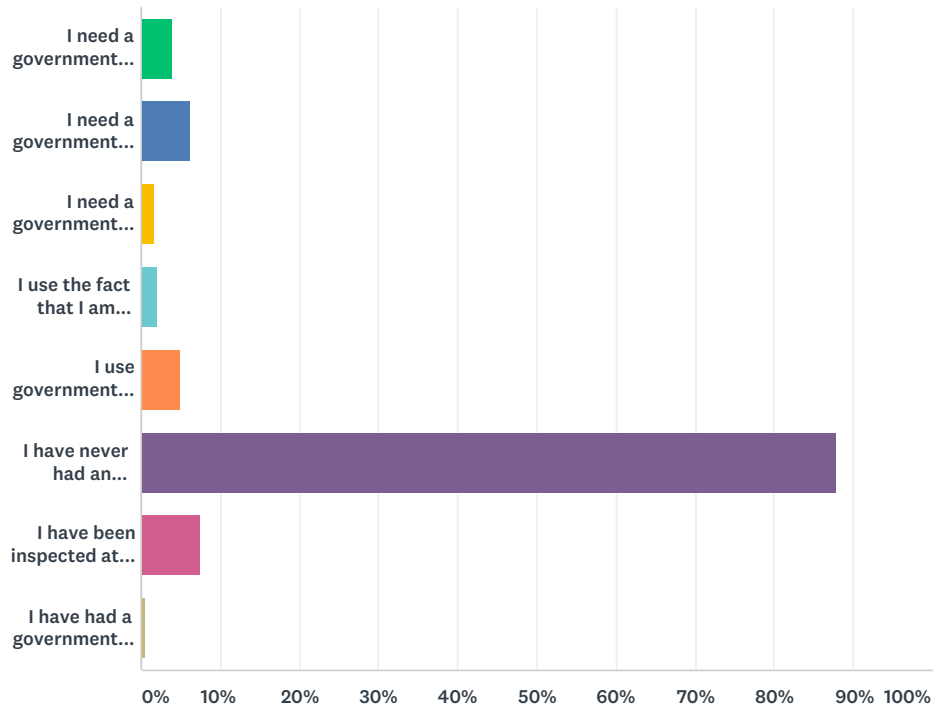
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Beekeepers should be compensated by the state when the state orders the destruction of their hives.	7.61% 34	12.08% 54	14.09% 63	28.41% 127	37.81% 169	447	3.77
A beekeeper subject to a quarantine, treatment, or seize-&-destroy order should be able to appeal the CAI's order to a Honey Bee Board.	2.02% 9	2.91% 13	5.38% 24	30.94% 138	58.74% 262	446	4.41
Common diseases or pests already widespread and managed should NOT be subject to quarantines, mandatory treatments, or destruction.	3.58% 16	5.59% 25	12.08% 54	30.20% 135	48.55% 217	447	4.15

Q13 Please indicate which of the following applies to you (check as many as apply):

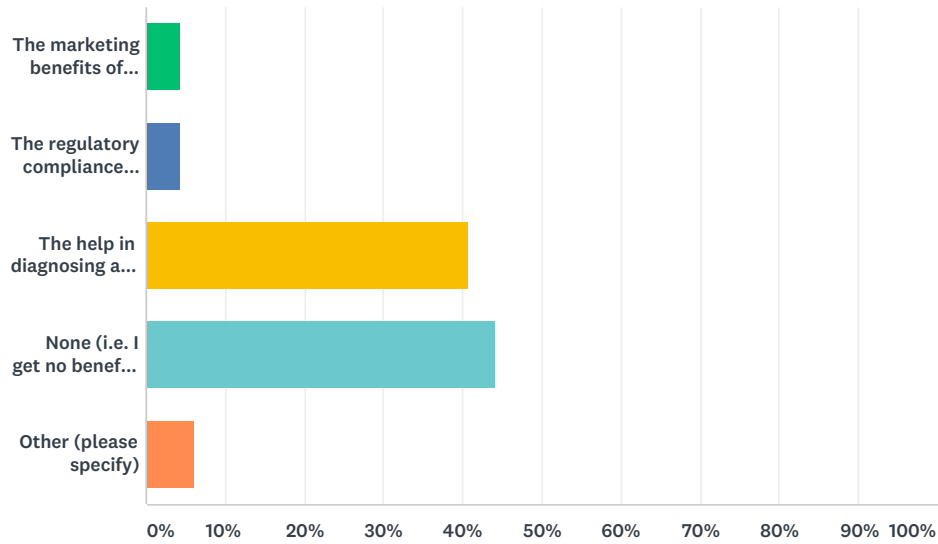
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I need a government inspection in order to sell bees to out of state customers	4.05%	17
I need a government inspection in order to transport bees to other states	6.19%	26
I need a government inspection for insurance purposes	1.67%	7
I use the fact that I am government-inspected for marketing purposes.	2.14%	9
I use government inspections to help me diagnose or identify problems with my bees	5.00%	21
I have never had an inspection	87.86%	369
I have been inspected at my own request	7.62%	32
I have had a government inspection due to someone else's request or concern	0.71%	3
Total Respondents: 420		

Q14 Please indicate which of the following is the most important to you (select one):

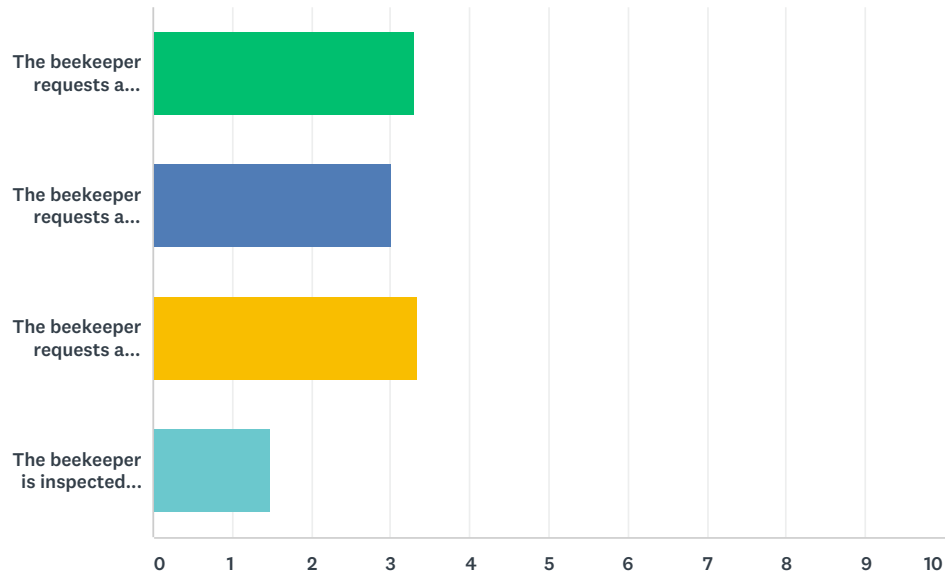
Answered: 425 Skipped: 370



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The marketing benefits of being government inspected	4.47%	19
The regulatory compliance requirements of being government inspected	4.47%	19
The help in diagnosing a problem by a government inspector	40.71%	173
None (i.e. I get no benefit from inspections)	44.24%	188
Other (please specify)	6.12%	26
TOTAL		425

Q15 Please indicate whether you think a beekeeper should have to pay a fee to be inspected in each of the following situations:

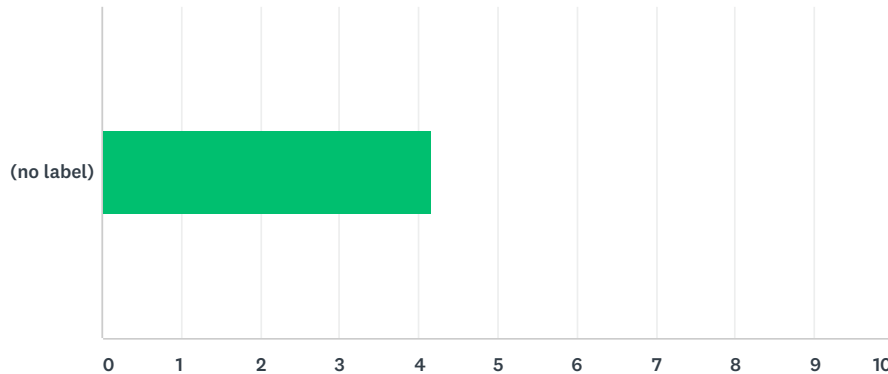
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The beekeeper requests a government inspection in order to get a permit to sell or move bees.	18.33% 79	10.44% 45	12.76% 55	39.44% 170	19.03% 82	431	3.30
The beekeeper requests a government inspection to help identify or help with a suspected disease or pest in their hives.	18.18% 78	19.11% 82	17.02% 73	33.57% 144	12.12% 52	429	3.02
The beekeeper requests a government inspection to help address a management concern in their hives.	12.85% 55	12.85% 55	17.52% 75	40.65% 174	16.12% 69	428	3.34
The beekeeper is inspected at the government's instigation.	70.47% 303	16.28% 70	8.14% 35	3.72% 16	1.40% 6	430	1.49

Q16 There have been concerns raised about how the Texas Apiary Inspection Service can contact beekeepers if there is a disease or pest problem in their area. One proposal is to set up a voluntary system under which anyone can register to receive communications and alerts related to a county or multiple counties. Individuals would provide their name, email or phone, and the county(ies) for which they want to receive notifications. Would you support or oppose such a proposal?

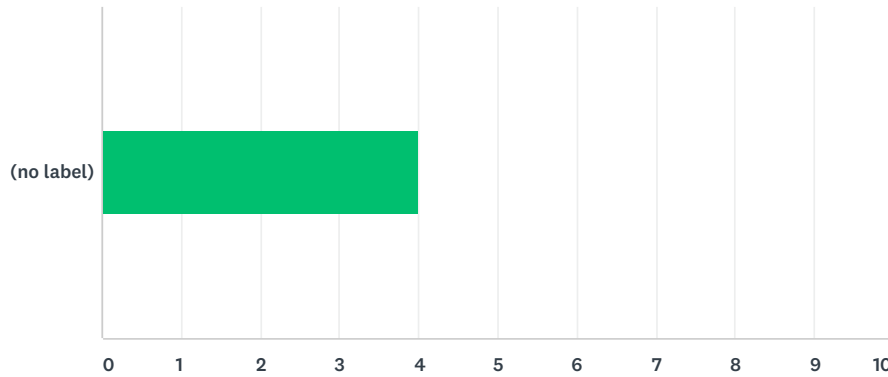
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	STRONGLY OPPOSE	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	STRONGLY SUPPORT	TOTAL	WEIGHT AVERAGE
(no label)	3.76% 16	1.88% 8	12.91% 55	36.62% 156	44.84% 191	426	

Q17 Under Chapter 131, you currently need a permit to take bees on combs across county lines, although that requirement is not enforced at this time. Do you agree that the requirement for a permit to move bees on combs within the state of Texas should be abolished?

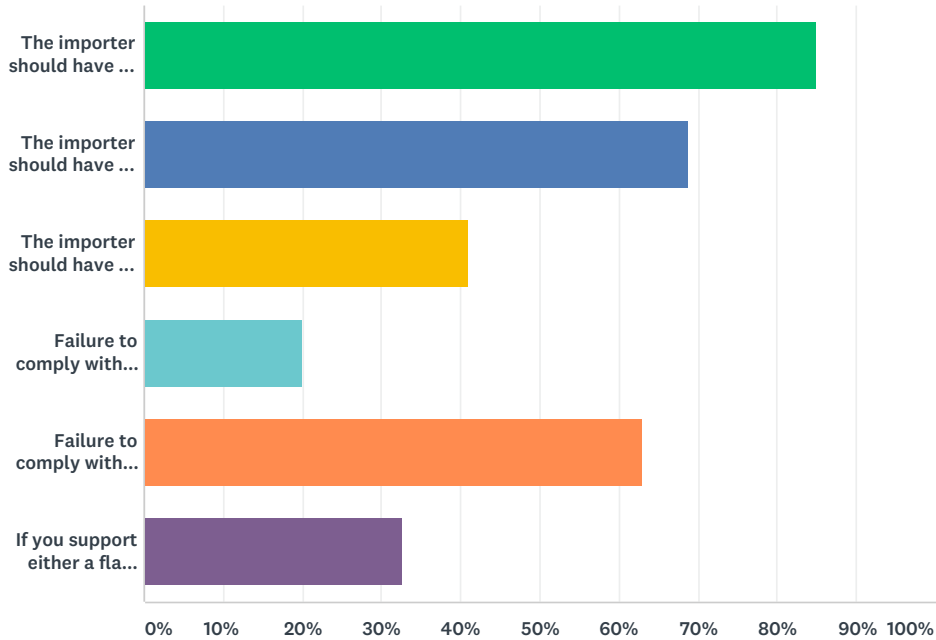
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE (I.E. INTRA-STATE PERMIT SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED)	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	5.61% 23	11.46% 47	11.95% 49	20.49% 84	50.49% 207	410	3.99

Q18 Please select each of the following statements you agree with, as applied to people who are bringing bees into Texas from another state (whether or not the beekeeper is based in Texas).

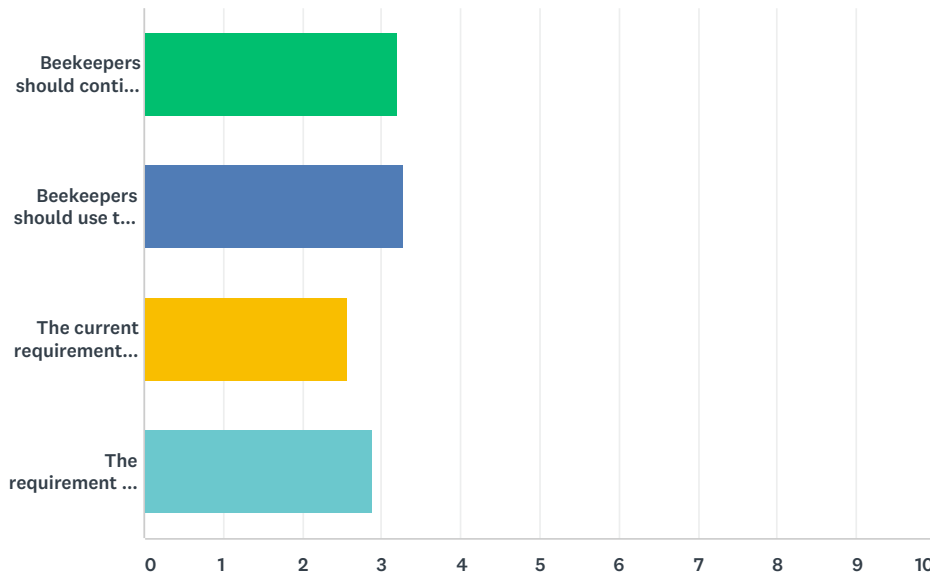
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The importer should have to register with TAIS.	84.99%	317
The importer should have to specify what county the bees will be located.	68.90%	257
The importer should have to specify the exact location at which the bees will be located.	41.02%	153
Failure to comply with import requirements should be subject to a flat fine.	20.11%	75
Failure to comply with import requirements should be subject to a sliding-scale fine based on size.	63.00%	235
If you support either a flat fine or a sliding scale fine, please indicate what you would suggest as the amount:	32.71%	122
Total Respondents: 373		

Q19 Currently, Chapter 131 requires that all hives be indelibly marked with owners' contact information or with a brand registered with Texas Apiary Inspection Service. This is not strictly enforced, and beekeepers currently use various methods to mark their hives. Please indicate what you think of each of the following statements:

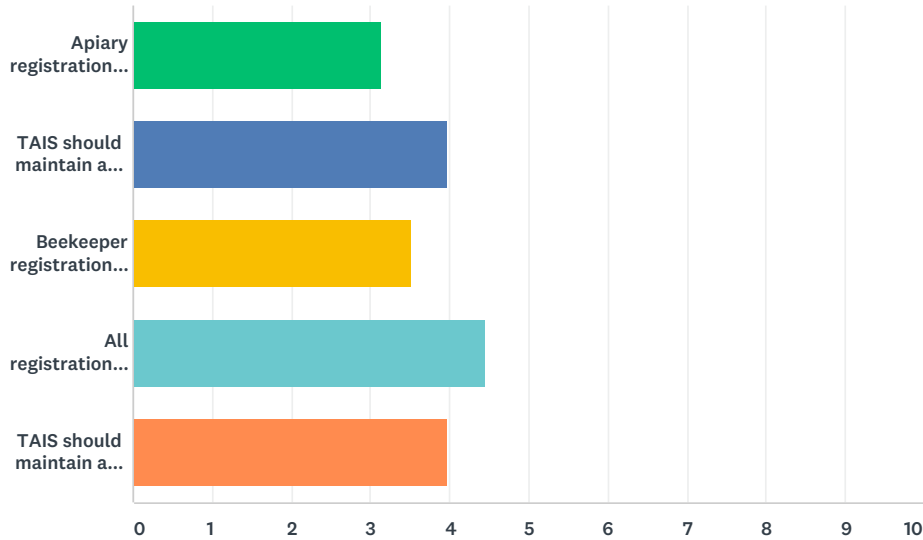
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Beekeepers should continue to be required to mark each hive, but using the method of their choice.	17.72% 70	13.67% 54	18.48% 73	30.38% 120	19.75% 78	395	3.21
Beekeepers should use the currently required marking methods, but the labeling can be EITHER on the hive OR in the beeyard.	14.11% 56	9.32% 37	28.97% 115	29.22% 116	18.39% 73	397	3.28
The current requirement should remain as it is, and be enforced.	27.85% 110	15.44% 61	37.22% 147	10.89% 43	8.61% 34	395	2.57
The requirement to mark hives should be abolished.	23.17% 92	18.39% 73	24.18% 96	14.61% 58	19.65% 78	397	2.89

Q20 Registration: Currently, registration is not mandatory for all beekeepers, but is required for certain activities. Please indicate what you think of each of the following statements:

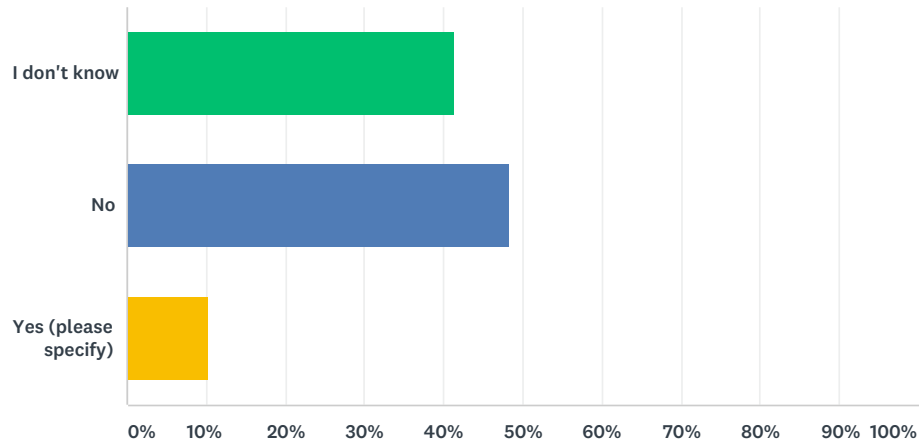
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Apiary registration should continue to be required for people who do bee removals.	17.56% 72	15.12% 62	22.44% 92	26.59% 109	18.29% 75	410	3.13
TAIS should maintain a voluntary registration for any beekeeper who desires registration for any purpose.	3.89% 16	2.92% 12	18.25% 75	40.88% 168	34.06% 140	411	3.98
Beekeeper registration should not include apiary location, or the locations should also be voluntary.	7.33% 30	16.63% 68	20.05% 82	30.07% 123	25.92% 106	409	3.51
All registration data held by TAIS should be considered confidential unless specifically released by the beekeeper.	2.94% 12	3.92% 16	4.90% 20	21.81% 89	66.42% 271	408	4.45
TAIS should maintain a registration of bee brands for beekeepers who desire a brand.	2.68% 11	3.90% 16	21.71% 89	37.56% 154	34.15% 140	410	3.97

Q21 Zoning: Does your municipality currently have any restrictions on beekeeping in your city or town?

Answered: 399 Skipped: 396

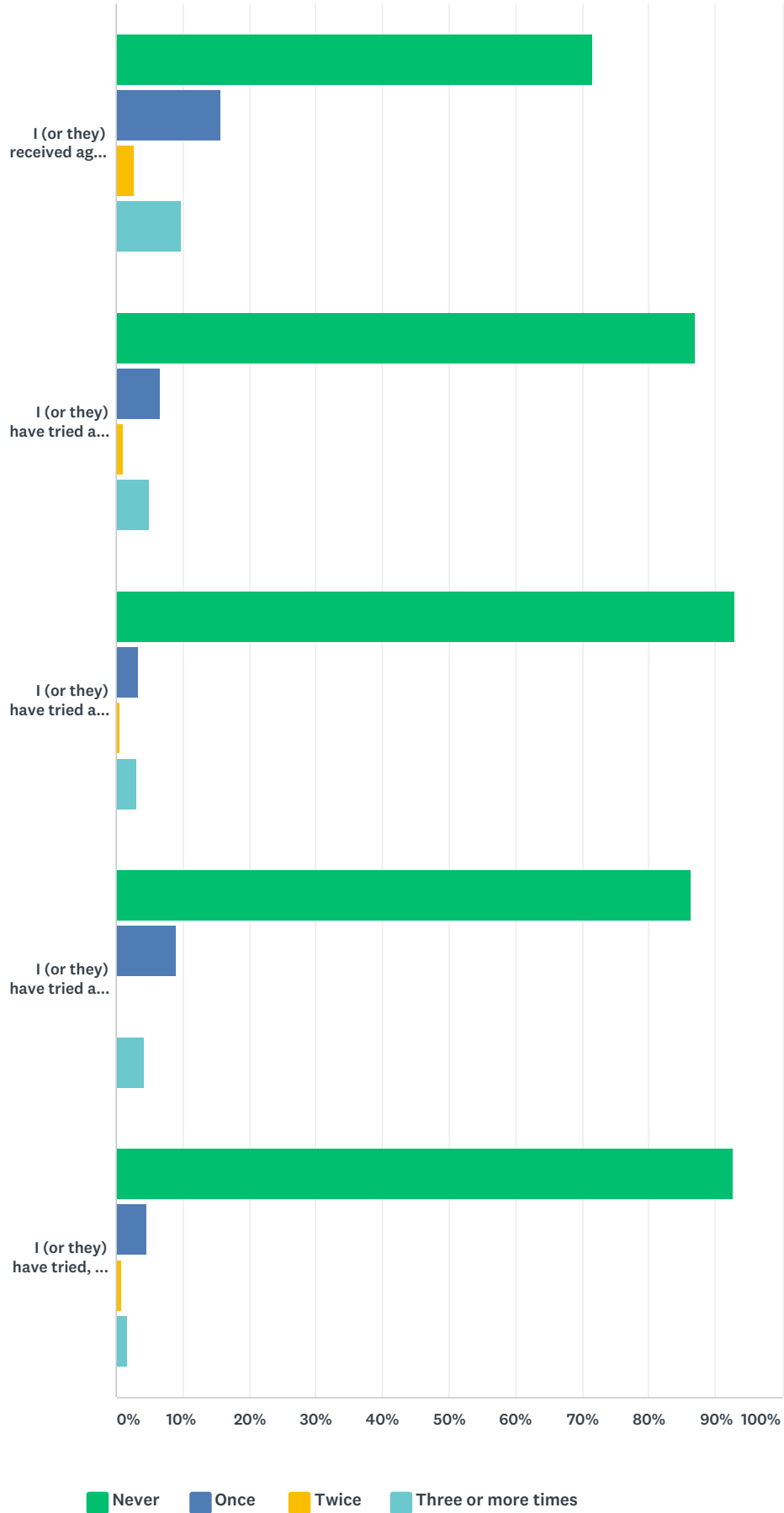


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't know	41.35%	165
No	48.37%	193
Yes (please specify)	10.28%	41
TOTAL		399

Q22 With respect to agricultural valuation for property taxes, how often have each of the following occurred to you or any of your customers (relating to property where bees are kept)?

Answered: 364 Skipped: 431

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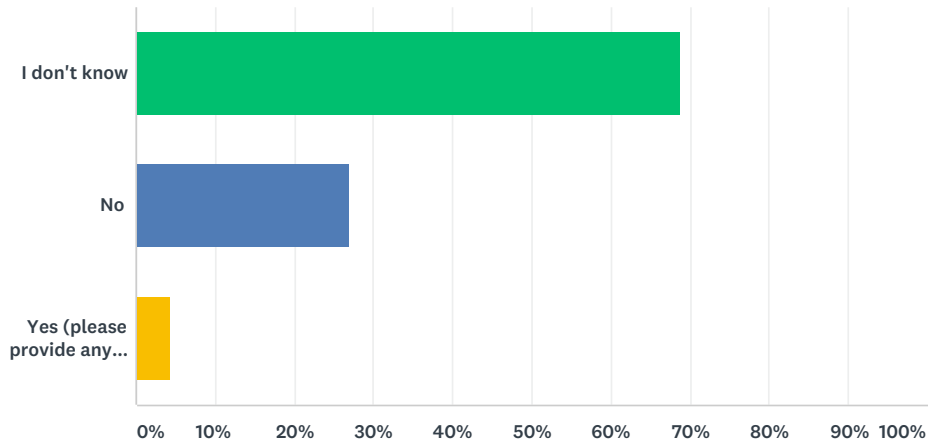


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	NEVER	ONCE	TWICE	THREE OR MORE TIMES	TOTAL
I (or they) received ag valuation without a problem.	71.63% 260	15.70% 57	2.75% 10	9.92% 36	363
I (or they) have tried and been denied because I/they had too few acres.	86.97% 307	6.80% 24	1.13% 4	5.10% 18	353
I (or they) have tried and been denied because I/they had too many acres.	92.90% 327	3.41% 12	0.57% 2	3.13% 11	352
I (or they) have tried and been denied because I didn't have enough hives (either total hives or the required number of hives per acre in my county).	86.40% 305	9.07% 32	0.28% 1	4.25% 15	353
I (or they) have tried, but the county will only provide lower taxes for the land that is literally under the hives.	92.75% 320	4.64% 16	0.87% 3	1.74% 6	345

Q23 Has there been any discussion of your municipality adopting zoning restrictions related to beekeeping?

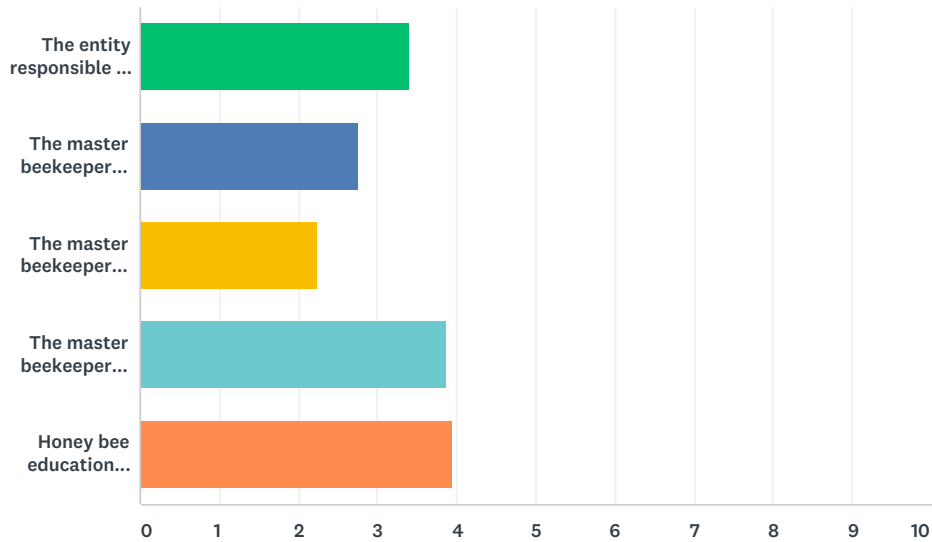
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't know	68.78%	271
No	26.90%	106
Yes (please provide any details you might know)	4.31%	17
TOTAL		394

Q24 Please indicate what you think of each of the following statements relating to education:

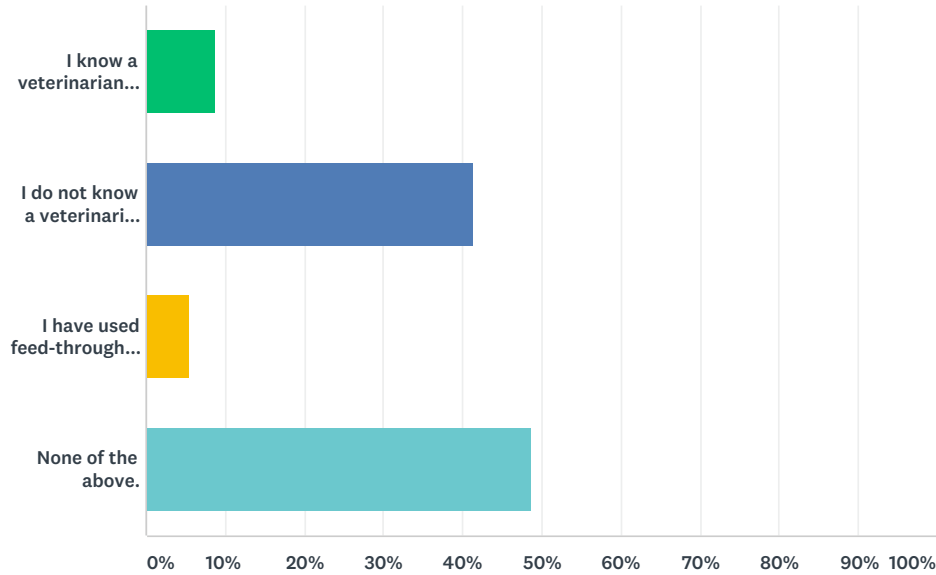
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The entity responsible for education should be separate from the entity responsible for regulatory actions.	7.35% 28	14.96% 57	29.66% 113	26.25% 100	21.78% 83	381	3.40
The master beekeeper program should be funded by government tax dollars (i.e. general revenue).	23.76% 91	19.32% 74	25.59% 98	19.06% 73	12.27% 47	383	2.77
The master beekeeper program should be funded through fees imposed on beekeepers.	41.25% 158	19.58% 75	19.32% 74	14.36% 55	5.48% 21	383	2.23
The master beekeeper program should be self-funded through fees for services provided (i.e. those who use the service pay fees).	6.46% 25	4.13% 16	16.28% 63	42.38% 164	30.75% 119	387	3.87
Honey bee education programs should be part of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service's responsibility.	3.11% 12	3.89% 15	21.76% 84	37.56% 145	33.68% 130	386	3.95

Q25 Antibiotics: Under the FDA’s new feed directive, access to feed-through antibiotics is limited to veterinary prescriptions only. Please indicate which of the following apply to you:

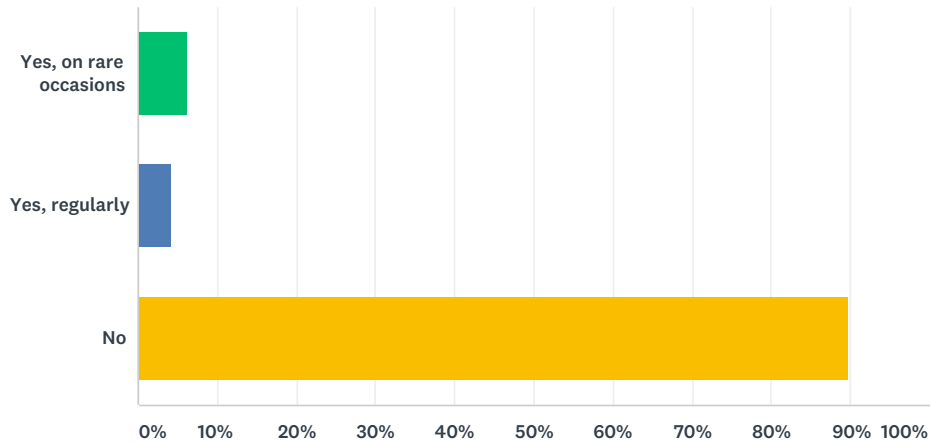
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I know a veterinarian who is willing to prescribe for bees if I need it.	8.76%	34
I do not know a veterinarian who is willing to treat bees.	41.49%	161
I have used feed-through antibiotics with my bees in the past.	5.41%	21
None of the above.	48.71%	189
Total Respondents: 388		

Q26 Hauling: Do you haul your bees more than 150 miles from your home base?

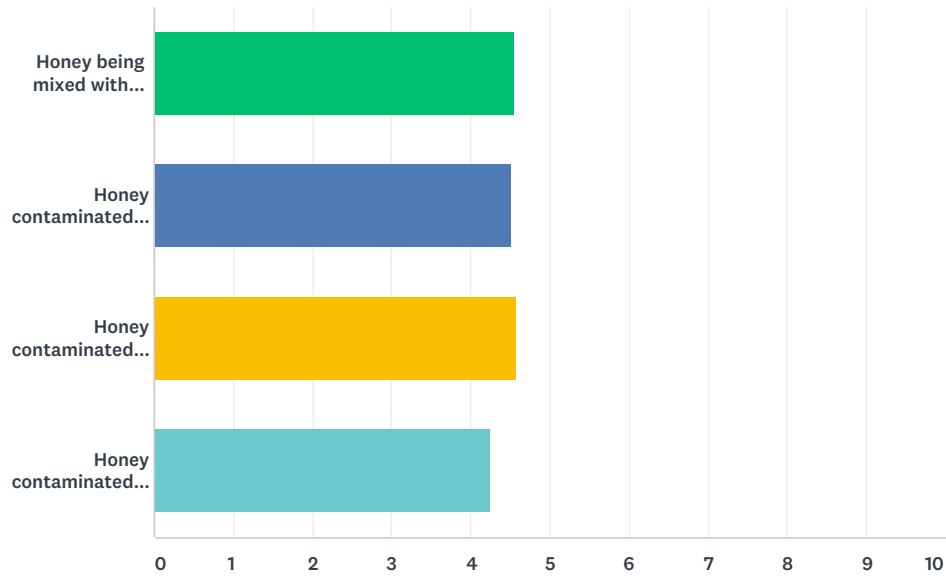
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, on rare occasions	6.20%	24
Yes, regularly	4.13%	16
No	89.66%	347
TOTAL		387

Q27 How concerned are you about each of the following statements relating to honey purity?

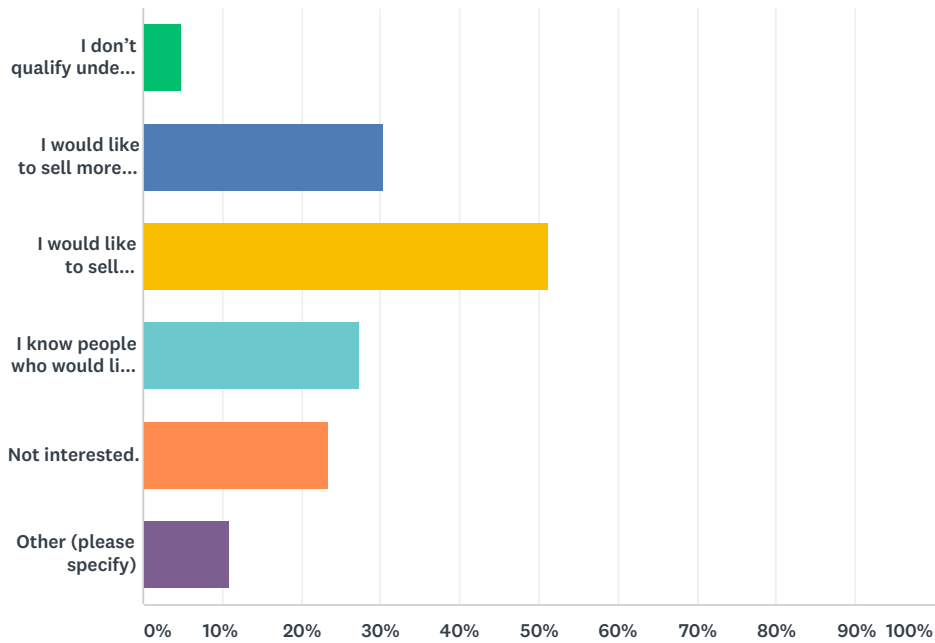
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	NOT AT ALL CONCERNED	MOSTLY UNCONCERNED	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT CONCERNED	EXTREMELY CONCERNED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Honey being mixed with adulterants such as sugar syrups.	1.83% 7	2.35% 9	3.66% 14	20.89% 80	71.28% 273	383	4.57
Honey contaminated with environmental contaminants, such as lead or chemicals.	2.35% 9	3.66% 14	4.44% 17	19.06% 73	70.50% 270	383	4.52
Honey contaminated with field-applied pesticides.	1.31% 5	2.62% 10	4.19% 16	19.63% 75	72.25% 276	382	4.59
Honey contaminated with beekeeper-applied pesticides.	4.20% 16	5.77% 22	6.56% 25	27.56% 105	55.91% 213	381	4.25

Q28 Sales of honey from home kitchens: Under current law, someone who owns and manages their own hives entirely by themselves or with help from immediate family members can sell the honey from those hives, up to 2,500 lbs/year, directly to consumers at certain locations, without having to use a commercial kitchen (i.e. it can be processed in their home kitchen). FARFA is working on proposals that would expand the ability of people to sell honey or honey-based products made in their home kitchens. Please check all that apply:

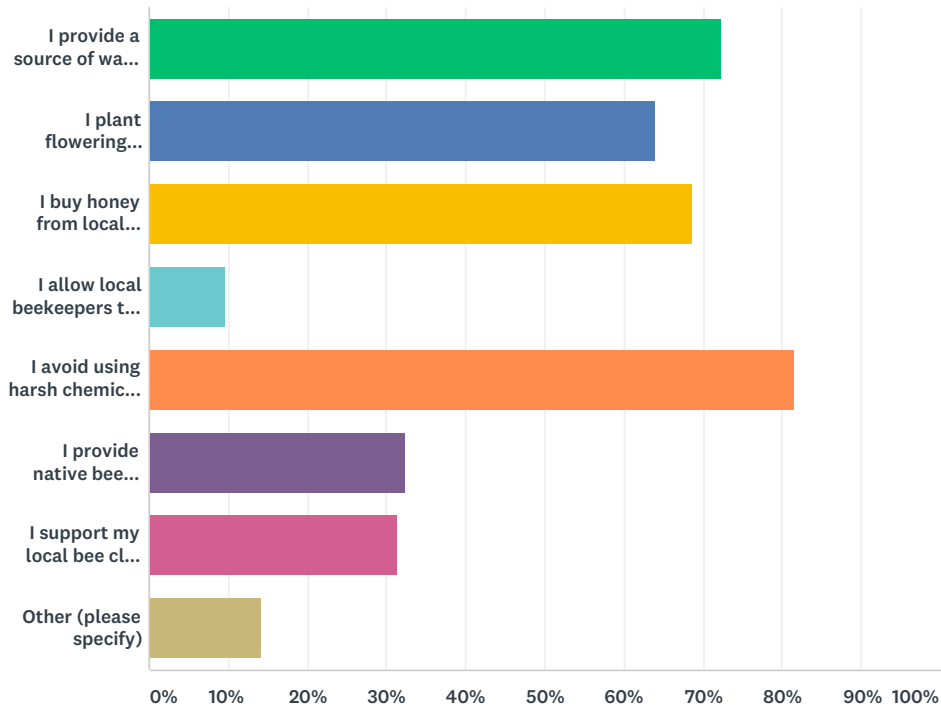
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't qualify under the current law because someone besides me & my immediate family either own or help manage my hives.	4.88%	19
I would like to sell more than 2,500 lbs/year.	30.33%	118
I would like to sell honey-based products (i.e. not just pure honey).	51.16%	199
I know people who would like to buy honey from me in order to make honey-based products in their home kitchens.	27.51%	107
Not interested.	23.39%	91
Other (please specify)	10.80%	42
Total Respondents: 389		

Q29 What actions do you take to support honey bees and other pollinators?

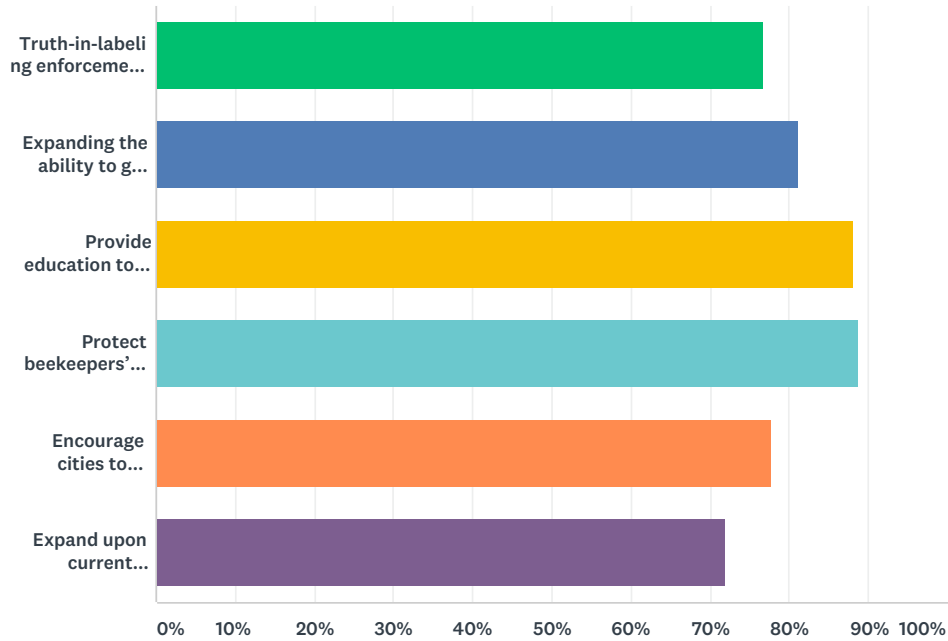
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I provide a source of water during hot seasons	72.44%	205
I plant flowering plants in a dedicated pollinator garden	63.96%	181
I buy honey from local beekeepers	68.55%	194
I allow local beekeepers to place hives on my land	9.54%	27
I avoid using harsh chemicals in my yard and home	81.63%	231
I provide native bee habitats in my yard (bee hotels)	32.51%	92
I support my local bee club and regularly attend meetings	31.45%	89
Other (please specify)	14.13%	40
Total Respondents: 283		

Q30 What policy issues do you support to help bees and pollinators?

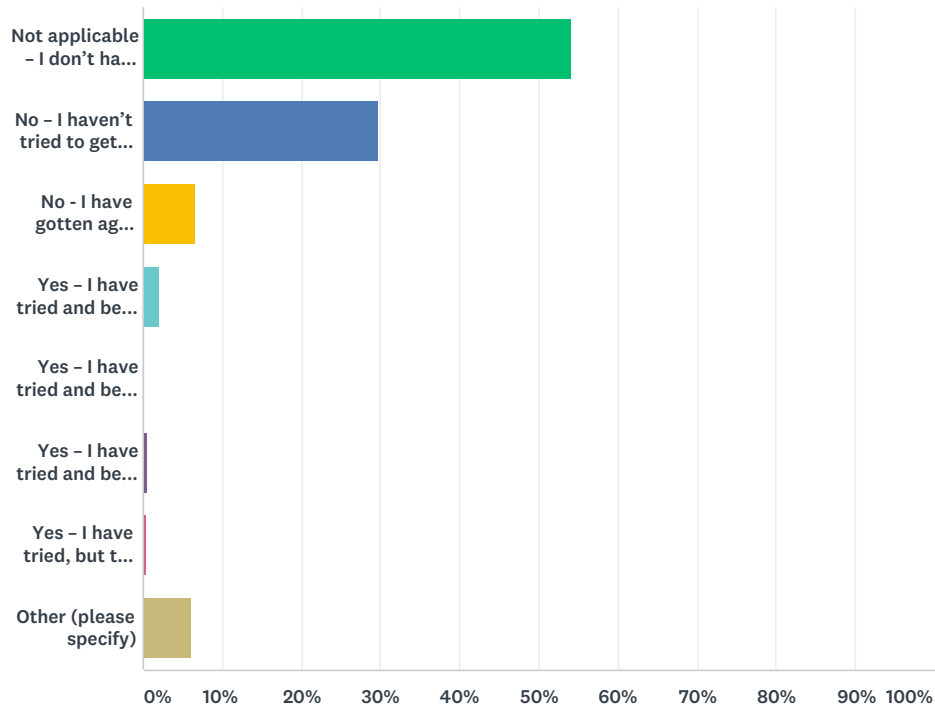
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Truth-in-labeling enforcement in Texas.	76.73% 211
Expanding the ability to get agricultural valuation (and lower property taxes) for having bee hives on people's property.	81.09% 223
Provide education to Texans on protecting and raising bees.	88.00% 242
Protect beekeepers' right to farm on private property.	88.73% 244
Encourage cities to provide protections to beekeepers.	77.82% 214
Expand upon current programs to maintain open space habitats (road easements, etc.).	72.00% 198
Total Respondents: 275	

Q31 Agricultural Valuation & Property Taxes: Have you had any difficulty in getting agricultural valuation on your property related to keeping bees?

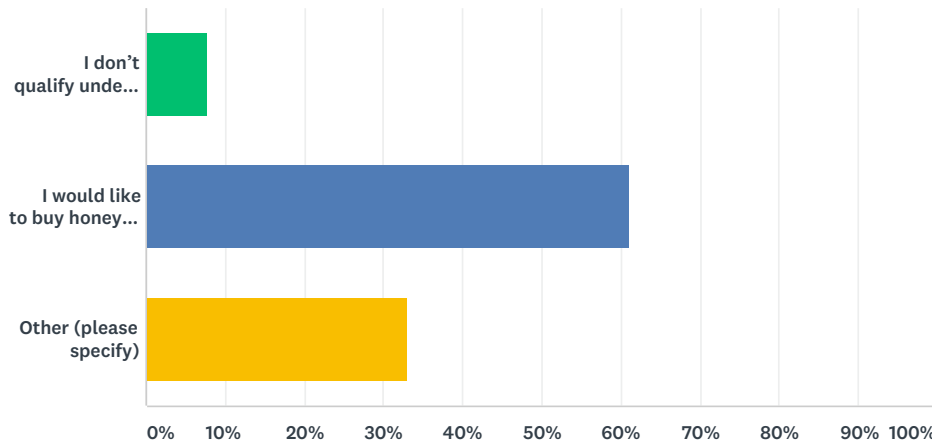
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not applicable – I don't have bees on my property.	54.26%	153
No – I haven't tried to get ag valuation.	29.79%	84
No - I have gotten ag valuation without a problem.	6.74%	19
Yes – I have tried and been denied because I had too few acres.	2.13%	6
Yes – I have tried and been denied because I had too many acres.	0.00%	0
Yes – I have tried and been denied because I didn't have enough hives.	0.71%	2
Yes – I have tried, but the county will only provide lower taxes for the land that is literally under the hives.	0.35%	1
Other (please specify)	6.03%	17
TOTAL		282

Q32 Sales of honey from home kitchens: Under current law, someone who owns and manages their own hives entirely by themselves or with help from immediate family members can sell the honey from those hives, up to 2,500 lbs/year, directly to consumers at certain locations, without having to use a commercial kitchen (i.e. it can be processed in their home kitchen). Farm & Ranch Freedom Alliance (FARFA) is working on proposals that would expand the ability of people to sell honey or honey-based products made in their home kitchens. Please check all that apply:

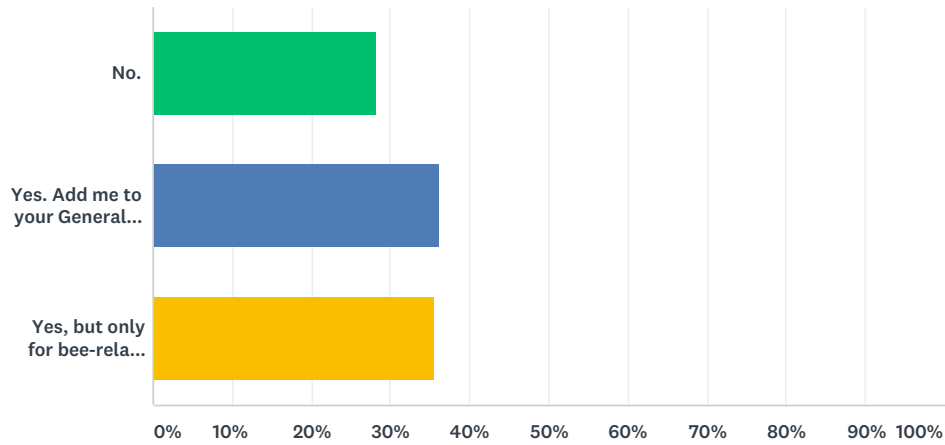
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I don't qualify under the current law because someone besides me & my immediate family either own or help manage my hives.	7.77% 16
I would like to buy honey from local producers and make honey-based products in my home kitchen to sell to others.	61.17% 126
Other (please specify)	33.01% 68
Total Respondents: 206	

Q33 Would you like to receive future communications from the Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance?

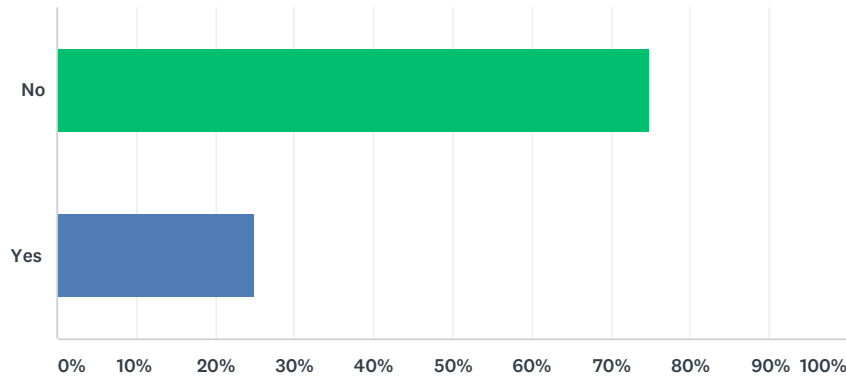
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No.	28.25%	137
Yes. Add me to your General Email list.	36.29%	176
Yes, but only for bee-related work.	35.46%	172
TOTAL		485

Q34 May we contact you if we need more information or clarification relating to this survey?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	75.00%	72
Yes	25.00%	24
TOTAL		96

Q35 Please provide your email address.

Answered: 397 Skipped: 398