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For the following issues, please rank how important the issue is to you. Please note, this question is not designed to gauge your opinion on these issues but only how much you personally care about them. If you care a great deal about the issue, check 'very important'; if you don't care about the issue at all, check very unimportant.

Overall Matrix Scorecard

	Question	Count	Score	Very Unimportant	Not Important	Neutral	Important	Very Important
1.	Irrigation/agricultural water management	214	4.477					
2.	Food security	213	4.277					
3.	Genetically modified crops	212	3.632					
4.	Environmental best practice on farm	211	4.332					
5.	Sustainability	211	4.512					
6.	Organic farming/food production	210	3.548					
7.	Chemical use on farm	213	3.756					
8.	Natural Sequence Farming	207	3.213					
9.	No Till or Low Till Farming	210	3.386					
10.	Role of farmer organisations	213	3.455					
11.	Farming around metropolitan areas (Periurban farming)	211	3.512					
12.	Animal welfare in agriculture	214	4.136					
13.	Live Exports	213	3.723					
14.	Biosecurity and quarantine	212	4.316					
15.	World Trade Organisation(WTO) and Free Trade	208	3.947					

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	Agreements			
16.	Managed Investment Schemes (MIS)	208	3.135	
17.	Subsidies and other financial support of agriculture and farming	213	3.596	
18.	Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and its impact on agriculture	212	3.892	
19.	Climate change and its impact on agriculture	213	4.239	
20.	National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS)/farm product traceability	209	3.507	
21.	Health and welfare of farmers	211	4.100	
22.	The right of farmers to farm	213	3.812	
23.	Farm succession	213	3.394	
Average			3.822	



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Do you believe Agriculture should be included in the Government's proposed Emissions Trading Scheme?

Frequency Analysis

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	113	52.80%					
2. No	38	17.76%					
3. Maybe	25	11.68%					
4. Not sure	25	11.68%					
5. Other	13	6.07%					
Total	214	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.005	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70.56% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No • Least chosen option 6.07% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.832 - 2.178] n = 214	
Standard Deviation	1.291	
Standard Error	0.088	



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Do you believe that Climate Change is real?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	Yes	156	72.90%					
2.	No	1	0.47%					
3.	Maybe	9	4.21%					
4.	Not sure	6	2.80%					
5.	We have always had climate variability, this is not new	30	14.02%					
6.	Other	12	5.61%					
	Total	214	100%					









Key Analytics

Mean	2.014	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 86.92% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ We have always had climate variability, this is not new • Least chosen option 0.47% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.780 - 2.248] n = 214	
Standard Deviation	1.748	
Standard Error	0.120	

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Assuming that Climate Change is real, what impact do you believe climate change will have on agriculture?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	No impact	2	0.94%					
2.	Minimal positive impact	1	0.47%					
3.	Minimal negative impact	7	3.29%					
4.	Negative and positive impacts will most likely even each other out	33	15.49%					
5.	Significant positive impact	7	3.29%					
6.	Significant negative impact	131	61.50%					
7.	Not sure	19	8.92%					
8.	Other	13	6.10%					
	Total	213	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	5.704	<p>Key Facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 77% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Significant negative impact ○ Negative and positive impacts will most likely even each other out • Least chosen option 0.47% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimal positive impact
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[5.539 - 5.869] n = 213	
Standard Deviation	1.229	
Standard Error	0.084	



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Do you think farmers will need to change farming practices in response to Climate Change?

Frequency Analysis

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	156	73.24%					
2. No more than usual - farmers are always changing practices to keep up with changing conditions	46	21.60%					
3. No	1	0.47%					
4. Not sure	7	3.29%					
5. Other	3	1.41%					
Total	213	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	1.380	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 94.84% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No more than usual - farmers are always changing practices to keep up with changing conditions • Least chosen option 0.47% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.275 - 1.486] n = 213	
Standard Deviation	0.784	
Standard Error	0.054	

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Do you believe Governments should regulate or introduce programs to encourage farmers to change practices to mitigate the impact of Climate Change?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	Yes, regulate to prohibit negative practices	19	8.88%					
2.	Yes, offer incentives such as structural adjustment assistance to encourage positive change	54	25.23%					
3.	Yes, a combination of regulation and incentives	107	50.00%					
4.	No, farmers should be left to make the best decisions for their property	17	7.94%					
5.	No, the market will sort it out	5	2.34%					
6.	Not sure	7	3.27%					
7.	Other	5	2.34%					
	Total	214	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.888	<p>Key Facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75.23% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, a combination of regulation and incentives ○ Yes, offer incentives such as structural adjustment assistance to encourage positive change • Least chosen option 2.34% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No, the market will sort it out
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[2.727 - 3.049] n = 214	
Standard Deviation	1.201	
Standard Error	0.082	



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Do you believe that farmers should be able to use irrigation?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	Yes	25	9.29%					
2.	Yes, if the water is available	53	19.70%					
3.	Yes, if they have best practices for water management in place	117	43.49%					
4.	It depends on the situation	71	26.39%					
5.	No	1	0.37%					
6.	Not sure	2	0.74%					
	Total	269	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.911	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 69.89% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, if they have best practices for water management in place ○ It depends on the situation • Least chosen option 0.37% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[2.797 - 3.025] n = 269	
Standard Deviation	0.954	
Standard Error	0.058	



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Do you believe farmers should be able to trade water they have a licence for?

Frequency Analysis

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	44	20.56%					
2. Yes, with restrictions on who it can be sold to	101	47.20%					
3. No	42	19.63%					
4. Not sure	27	12.62%					
Total	214	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.243	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 67.76% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, with restrictions on who it can be sold to ○ Yes • Least chosen option 12.62% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not sure
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[2.119 - 2.367] n = 214	
Standard Deviation	0.923	
Standard Error	0.063	



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Do you believe the Government should be buying up agricultural water licences?

Frequency Analysis

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	70	32.71%					
2. Depends on the situation	97	45.33%					
3. No	24	11.21%					
4. Not sure	18	8.41%					
5. Other	5	2.34%					
Total	214	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.023	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 78.04% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Depends on the situation ○ Yes • Least chosen option 2.34% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.890 - 2.157] n = 214	
Standard Deviation	0.995	
Standard Error	0.068	



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Do you believe we should be investigating the feasibility of large scale irrigation areas in currently undeveloped parts of the country that have a suitable water supply?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	Yes	63	29.44%					
2.	Depends on the intent and situation	122	57.01%					
3.	No	25	11.68%					
4.	Not sure	4	1.87%					
	Total	214	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	1.860	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 86.45% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Depends on the intent and situation ○ Yes • Least chosen option 1.87% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not sure
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.768 - 1.952] n = 214	
Standard Deviation	0.684	
Standard Error	0.047	



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Do you believe it is in Australia's interests to be part of the World Trade Organisation?

Frequency Analysis

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	140	66.35%					
2. No	17	8.06%					
3. Maybe	26	12.32%					
4. Not sure	24	11.37%					
5. Other	4	1.90%					
Total	211	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	1.744	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 78.67% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ Maybe • Least chosen option 1.9% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.587 - 1.901] n = 211	
Standard Deviation	1.163	
Standard Error	0.080	



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Do you believe it is in Australia's interests to have Free Trade Agreements with other countries?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	Yes	85	40.28%					
2.	No	23	10.90%					
3.	Maybe	23	10.90%					
4.	Depends on the country	49	23.22%					
5.	Not sure	20	9.48%					
6.	Other	11	5.21%					
	Total	211	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.664	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63.51% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ Depends on the country • Least chosen option 5.21% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[2.442 - 2.885] n = 211	
Standard Deviation	1.643	
Standard Error	0.113	

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Should we allow live exports of agricultural animals?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	Yes	27	11.49%					
2.	Yes, if animal welfare guidelines are followed	106	45.11%					
3.	Yes, but for breeding stock only	24	10.21%					
4.	Depends on the situation	21	8.94%					
5.	No	51	21.70%					
6.	Not sure	6	2.55%					
	Total	235	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.919	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66.81% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, if animal welfare guidelines are followed ○ No • Least chosen option 2.55% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not sure
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[2.734 - 3.104] n = 235	
Standard Deviation	1.449	
Standard Error	0.095	



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Should we allow imports of agricultural goods in to Australia from other countries?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	Yes	11	5.29%					
2.	Yes, if biosecurity and quarantine measures are followed	105	50.48%					
3.	Yes, if the product can not be produced in sufficient quantity locally	71	34.13%					
4.	No	17	8.17%					
5.	Not sure	4	1.92%					
	Total	208	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.510	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 84.62% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, if biosecurity and quarantine measures are followed ○ Yes, if the product can not be produced in sufficient quantity locally • Least chosen option 1.92% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not sure
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[2.401 - 2.618] n = 208	
Standard Deviation	0.798	
Standard Error	0.055	



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What level of confidence do you have in Australia's quarantine and biosecurity systems?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	Very High	28	13.33%					
2.	High	92	43.81%					
3.	Average	55	26.19%					
4.	Low	26	12.38%					
5.	Very Low	9	4.29%					
	Total	210	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.505	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High ○ Average • Least chosen option 4.29% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very Low
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[2.368 - 2.642] n = 210	
Standard Deviation	1.013	
Standard Error	0.070	



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Do you think Australia should seek to restore and/or retain single desk trading for any agricultural products?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	Yes	34	16.27%					
2.	Depends on the product	60	28.71%					
3.	No	59	28.23%					
4.	Not Sure	56	26.79%					
	Total	209	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.656	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56.94% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Depends on the product ○ No • Least chosen option 16.27% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[2.514 - 2.797] n = 209	
Standard Deviation	1.045	
Standard Error	0.072	



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Do you believe farmers should take environmental concerns into consideration when managing their farms?

Frequency Analysis

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	201	95.26%					
2. Depends on the situation	8	3.79%					
3. No	1	0.47%					
4. Not sure	1	0.47%					
Total	211	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	1.062	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 99.05% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ Depends on the situation • Least chosen option 0.47% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.020 - 1.103] n = 211	
Standard Deviation	0.310	
Standard Error	0.021	

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Which of the following statements do you most strongly agree with?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	All good farmers already include environmental considerations in farm management decisions.	75	36.06%					
2.	Most farmers would like to improve their environmental practices on farm.	68	32.69%					
3.	It is up to each individual farmer to decide to what extent they will base farm management decisions on environmental considerations.	12	5.77%					
4.	Government should regulate what farmers can and cannot do to ensure their practices have minimal impact on the environment.	52	25.00%					
5.	Farmers should not have to consider their impact on the environment.	1	0.48%					
	Total	208	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.212	<p>Key Facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 68.75% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All good farmers already include environmental considerations in farm management decisions. ○ Most farmers would like to improve their environmental practices on farm. • Least chosen option 0.48% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Farmers should not have to
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[2.049 - 2.374] n = 208	
Standard Deviation	1.193	
Standard Error	0.083	

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		consider their impact on the environment.
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Do you believe Governments should regulate or introduce programs to encourage farmers to change practices to mitigate the impact of farming on the environment?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	Yes, regulate to prohibit negative practices	28	11.24%					
2.	Yes, offer incentives such as structural adjustment assistance to encourage positive change	63	25.30%					
3.	Yes, a combination of regulation and incentives	130	52.21%					
4.	No, farmers should be left to make the best decisions for their property	13	5.22%					
5.	No, the market will sort it out	2	0.80%					
6.	Not sure	5	2.01%					
7.	Other	8	3.21%					
	Total	249	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.779	<p>Key Facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 77.51% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, a combination of regulation and incentives ○ Yes, offer incentives such as structural adjustment assistance to encourage positive change • Least chosen option 0.8% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No, the market will sort it out
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[2.630 - 2.928] n = 249	
Standard Deviation	1.200	
Standard Error	0.076	



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Do you believe chemical use on farms is properly regulated and controlled?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	Yes	41	19.52%					
2.	No, it is over-regulated	5	2.38%					
3.	No, it is under-regulated	73	34.76%					
4.	Dont know/not sure	76	36.19%					
5.	Chemical use should be banned	15	7.14%					
	Total	210	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	3.090	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70.95% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dont know/not sure ○ No, it is under-regulated • Least chosen option 2.38% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No, it is over-regulated
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[2.928 - 3.253] n = 210	
Standard Deviation	1.205	
Standard Error	0.083	



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Do you believe farmers should be able to grow Genetically Modified crops (GM or GMO) in Australia?

Frequency Analysis

	Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1.	Yes	32	15.24%					
2.	Yes, with restrictions	63	30.00%					
3.	Yes if they are non-food crops	11	5.24%					
4.	No	82	39.05%					
5.	Not sure	22	10.48%					
	Total	210	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.995	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 69.05% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No ○ Yes, with restrictions • Least chosen option 5.24% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes if they are non-food crops
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[2.817 - 3.173] n = 210	
Standard Deviation	1.314	
Standard Error	0.091	



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Do you believe consumers have a right to know where their food has come from and if it contains any genetically modified material?

Frequency Analysis

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	144	68.57%					
2. Yes within reason	60	28.57%					
3. No	1	0.48%					
4. Not sure	1	0.48%					
5. Other	4	1.90%					
Total	210	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	1.386	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 97.14% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ Yes within reason • Least chosen option 0.48% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.290 - 1.482] n = 210	
Standard Deviation	0.711	
Standard Error	0.049	

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Should governments encourage organic farming?

Frequency Analysis

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	146	69.52%					
2. No	37	17.62%					
3. Not sure	27	12.86%					
Total	210	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	1.433	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 87.14% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes No Least chosen option 12.86% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not sure
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.337 - 1.529] n = 210	
Standard Deviation	0.711	
Standard Error	0.049	

How important do you believe agriculture is to our nation?

Frequency Analysis

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Very Important	164	79.23%					
2. Important	33	15.94%					
3. Neutral	6	2.90%					
4. Not Important	3	1.45%					
5. Very Unimportant	1	0.48%					
Total	207	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	1.280	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95.17% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very Important Important Least chosen option 0.48% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very Unimportant
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.193 - 1.367] n = 207	
Standard Deviation	0.638	
Standard Error	0.044	



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Do you feel farmers' contribution to Australia is properly valued?

Frequency Analysis

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	31	14.83%					
2. No, it is under-valued	146	69.86%					
3. No, it is over-valued	20	9.57%					
4. Not sure	12	5.74%					
Total	209	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	2.062	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 84.69% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No, it is under-valued ○ Yes • Least chosen option 5.74% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not sure
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.969 - 2.155] n = 209	
Standard Deviation	0.687	
Standard Error	0.048	



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Should farmers be able to access financial assistance in times of significant drought?

Frequency Analysis

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	73	35.10%					
2. Depends on the severity of the drought and the position of the farmer	113	54.33%					
3. No	13	6.25%					
4. Not sure	2	0.96%					
5. Other	7	3.37%					
Total	208	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	1.832	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 89.42% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Depends on the severity of the drought and the position of the farmer ○ Yes • Least chosen option 0.96% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not sure
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.716 - 1.948] n = 208	
Standard Deviation	0.854	
Standard Error	0.059	



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Should farmers be able to access structural adjustment and other measures to either significantly alter farming practices or to leave farming?

Frequency Analysis

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	106	50.96%					
2. Depends on the situation	91	43.75%					
3. No	6	2.88%					
4. Not sure	5	2.40%					
Total	208	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	1.567	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 94.71% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ Depends on the situation • Least chosen option 2.4% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not sure
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.476 - 1.658] n = 208	
Standard Deviation	0.670	
Standard Error	0.046	



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Should we be doing more to help manage the mental health and wellbeing of farmers and their families?

Frequency Analysis

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	166	79.43%					
2. No	13	6.22%					
3. Not Sure	22	10.53%					
4. Other	8	3.83%					
Total	209	100%					

Key Analytics

Mean	1.388	Key Facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 89.95% chose the following options : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ Not Sure • Least chosen option 3.83% : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other
Confidence Interval @ 95%	[1.276 - 1.499] n = 209	
Standard Deviation	0.825	
Standard Error	0.057	