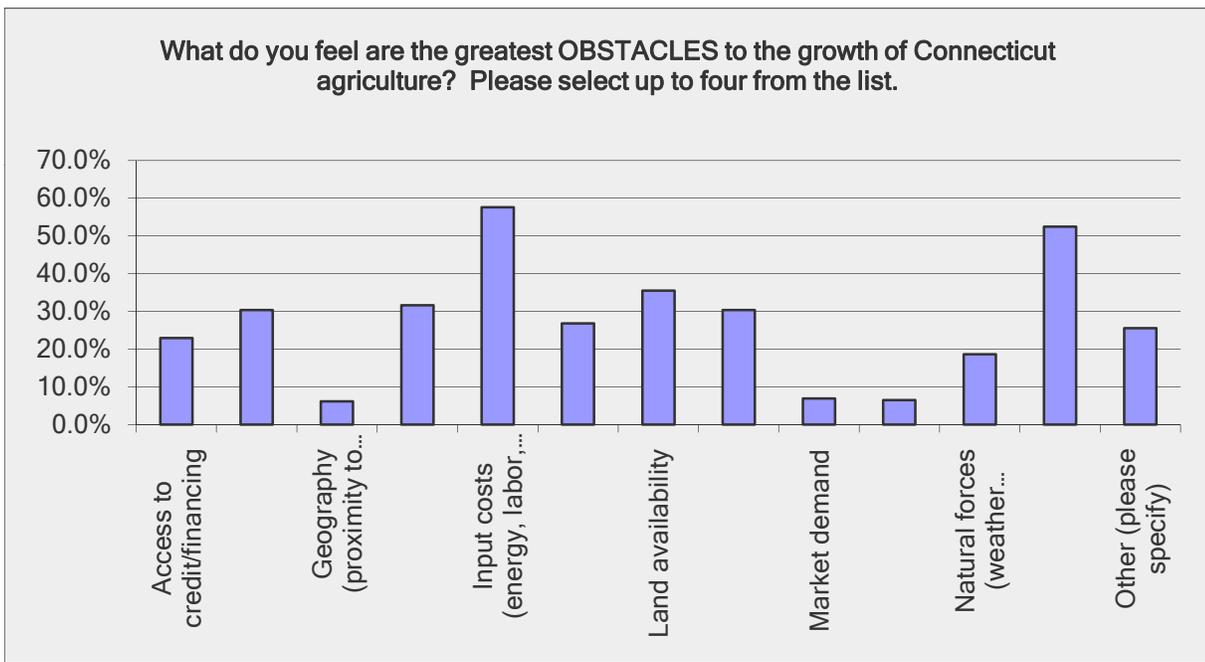


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What do you feel are the greatest OBSTACLES to the growth of Connecticut agriculture?
Please select up to four from the list.

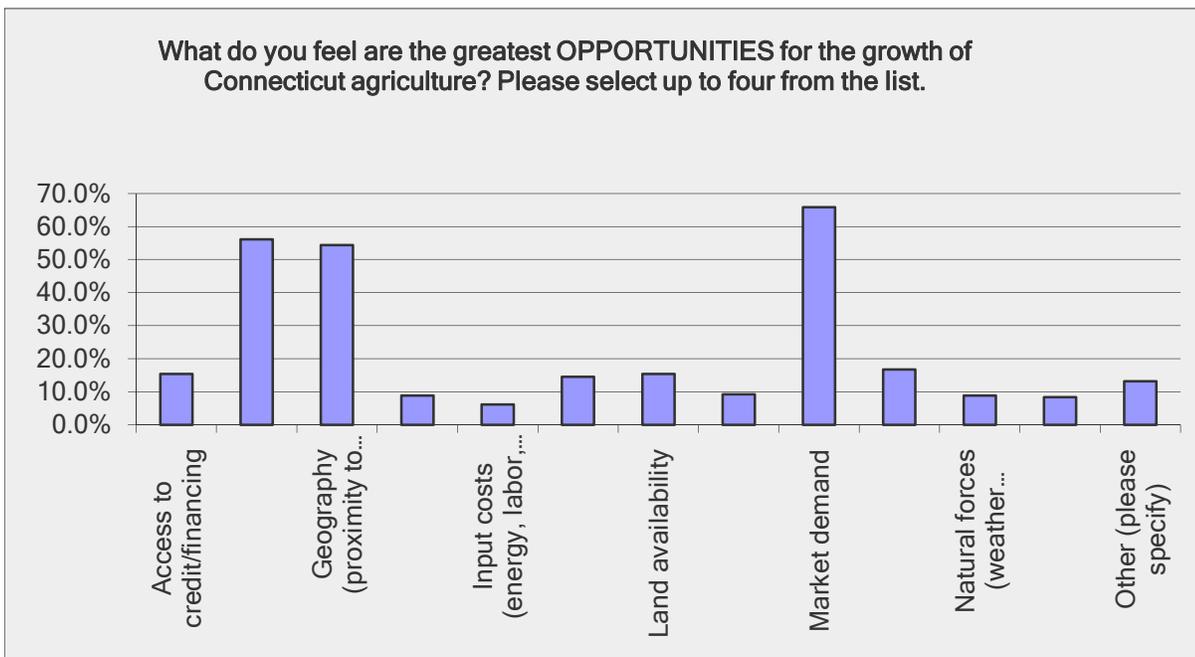
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Access to credit/financing	22.9%	53
Consumer knowledge of Connecticut Grown products	30.3%	70
Geography (proximity to populations, season length,	6.1%	14
Infrastructure gaps (transportation, processing,	31.6%	73
Input costs (energy, labor, etc.)	57.6%	133
Labor availability/skills	26.8%	62
Land availability	35.5%	82
Market competition (regional, national, global)	30.3%	70
Market demand	6.9%	16
Market supply	6.5%	15
Natural forces (weather events, natural disasters, climate	18.6%	43
Regulations (federal, state, local)	52.4%	121
Other (please specify)	25.5%	59
<i>answered question</i>		231
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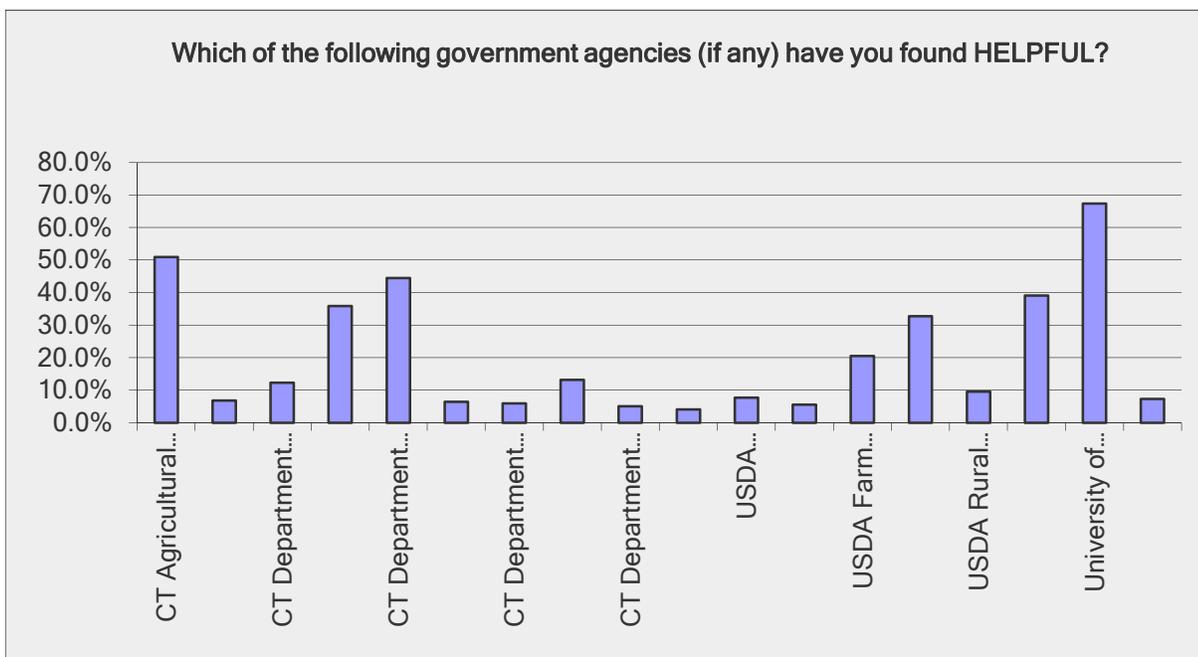
What do you feel are the greatest OPPORTUNITIES for the growth of Connecticut agriculture? Please select up to four from the list.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Access to credit/financing	15.4%	35
Consumer knowledge of Connecticut Grown products	56.1%	128
Geography (proximity to populations, season length,	54.4%	124
Infrastructure gaps (transportation, processing,	8.8%	20
Input costs (energy, labor, etc.)	6.1%	14
Labor availability/skills	14.5%	33
Land availability	15.4%	35
Market competition (regional, national, global)	9.2%	21
Market demand	65.8%	150
Market supply	16.7%	38
Natural forces (weather events, natural disasters, climate	8.8%	20
Regulations (federal, state, local)	8.3%	19
Other (please specify)	13.2%	30
<i>answered question</i>		228
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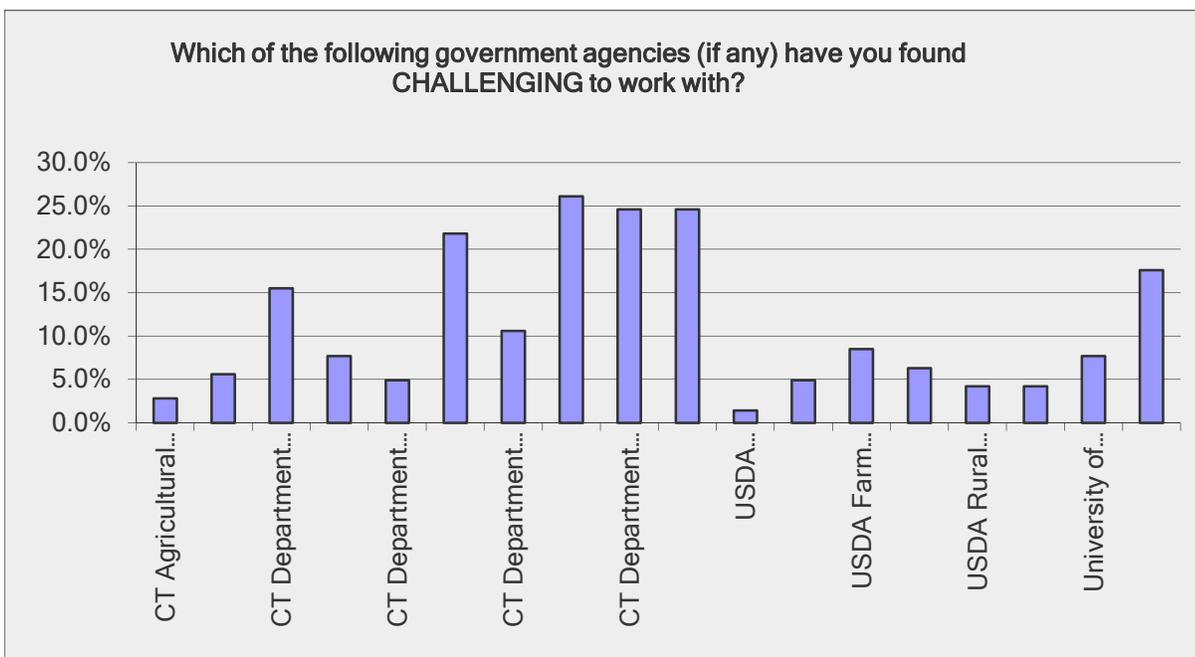
Which of the following government agencies (if any) have you found HELPFUL?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
CT Agricultural Experiment Station (New	50.9%	112
CT Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture	6.8%	15
CT Department of Agriculture Bureau of Regulation and	12.3%	27
CT Department of Agriculture Farmland Preservation	35.9%	79
CT Department of Agriculture Marketing Division	44.5%	98
CT Department of Consumer Protection	6.4%	14
CT Department of Economic and Community	5.9%	13
CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	13.2%	29
CT Department of Public Health	5.0%	11
CT Department of Revenue Services	4.1%	9
USDA Agricultural Marketing Service	7.7%	17
USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	5.5%	12
USDA Farm Service Agency	20.5%	45
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service	32.7%	72
USDA Rural Development	9.5%	21
University of Connecticut College of Agriculture and	39.1%	86
University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System	67.3%	148
Other (please specify)	7.3%	16
<i>answered question</i>		220
<i>skipped question</i>		12



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Which of the following government agencies (if any) have you found **CHALLENGING** to work with?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
CT Agricultural Experiment Station (New	2.8%	4
CT Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture	5.6%	8
CT Department of Agriculture Bureau of Regulation and	15.5%	22
CT Department of Agriculture Farmland Preservation	7.7%	11
CT Department of Agriculture Marketing Division	4.9%	7
CT Department of Consumer Protection	21.8%	31
CT Department of Economic and Community	10.6%	15
CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	26.1%	37
CT Department of Public Health	24.6%	35
CT Department of Revenue Services	24.6%	35
USDA Agricultural Marketing Service	1.4%	2
USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	4.9%	7
USDA Farm Service Agency	8.5%	12
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service	6.3%	9
USDA Rural Development	4.2%	6
University of Connecticut College of Agriculture and	4.2%	6
University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System	7.7%	11
Other (please specify)	17.6%	25
<i>answered question</i>		142
<i>skipped question</i>		90

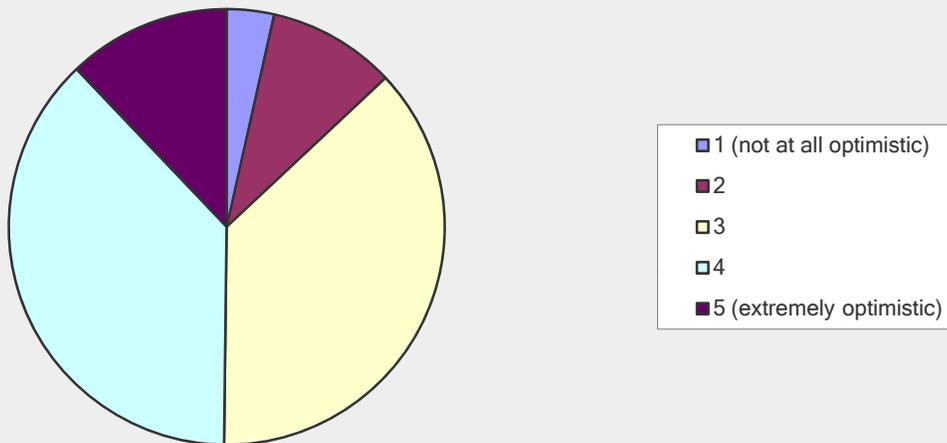


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On a scale of 1-5 (5 is highest), how optimistic are you about the future of Connecticut agriculture?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
1 (not at all optimistic)	3.5%	8
2	9.5%	22
3	37.2%	86
4	37.7%	87
5 (extremely optimistic)	12.1%	28
<i>answered question</i>		231
<i>skipped question</i>		1

On a scale of 1-5 (5 is highest), how optimistic are you about the future of Connecticut agriculture?

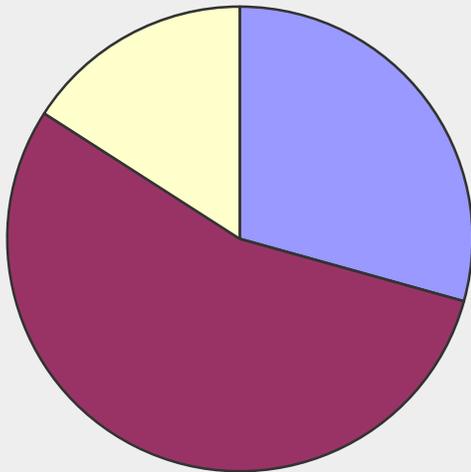


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Ten years from now in Connecticut, do you think there will be

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
More acres of farmland in production?	29.3%	68
Fewer acres of farmland in production?	54.7%	127
The same number of acres in production?	15.9%	37
<i>answered question</i>		232
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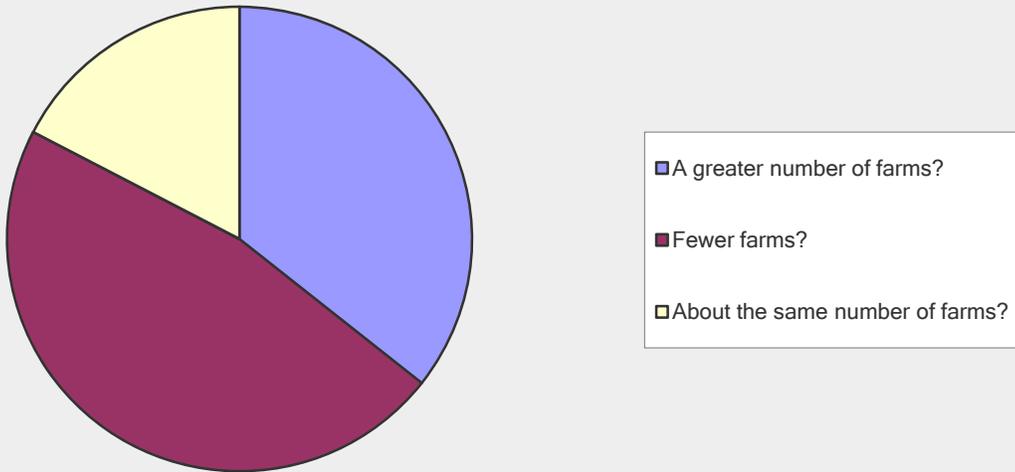
- More acres of farmland in production?
- Fewer acres of farmland in production?
- The same number of acres in production?

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Ten years from now in Connecticut, do you think there will be

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A greater number of farms?	35.7%	82
Fewer farms?	47.0%	108
About the same number of farms?	17.4%	40
<i>answered question</i>		230
<i>skipped question</i>		2

Ten years from now in Connecticut, do you think there will be

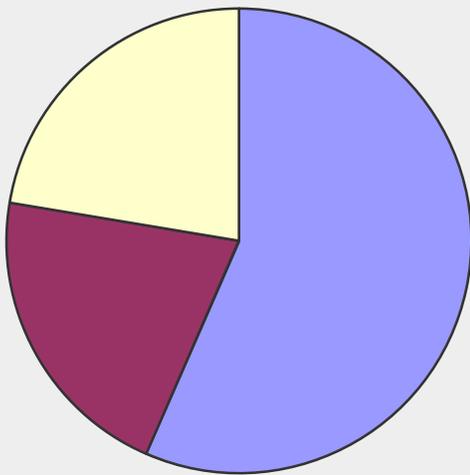


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Ten years from now in Connecticut, do you think there will be

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Greater total economic value of agriculture?	56.6%	129
Lower total economic value of agriculture?	21.1%	48
About the same total economic value of agriculture?	22.4%	51
<i>answered question</i>		228
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Ten years from now in Connecticut, do you think there will be

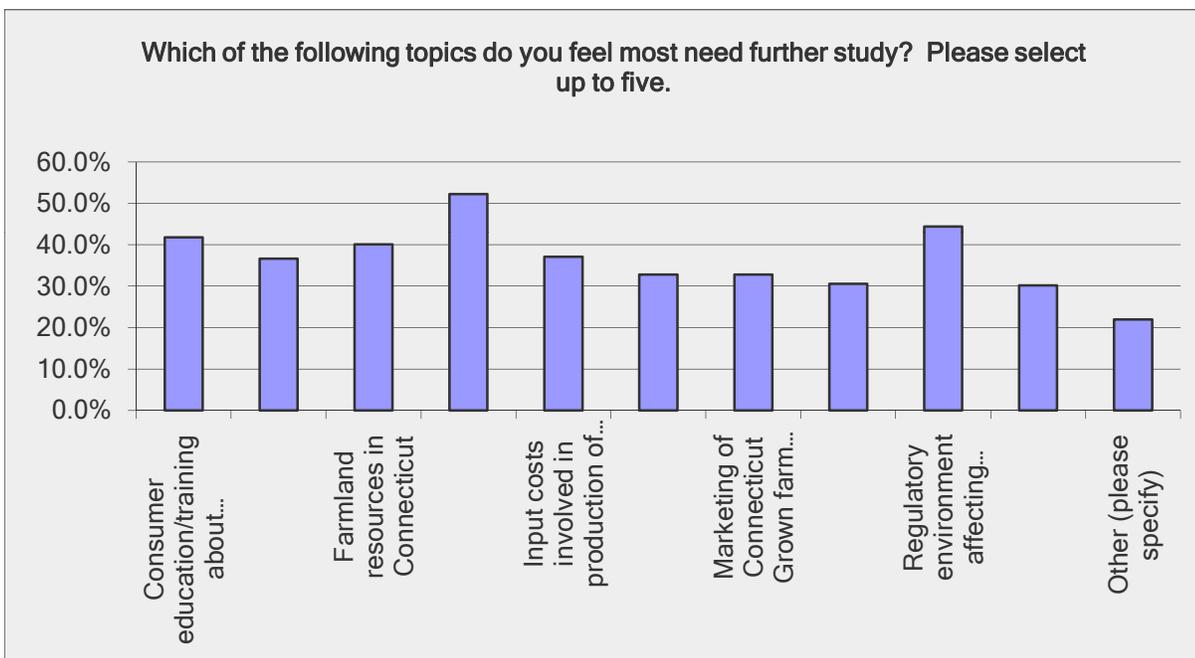


- Greater total economic value of agriculture?
- Lower total economic value of agriculture?
- About the same total economic value of agriculture?

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Which of the following topics do you feel most need further study? Please select up to five.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Consumer education/training about Connecticut Grown	41.8%	97
Farm-to-Institution channels for Connecticut Grown farm	36.6%	85
Farmland resources in Connecticut	40.1%	93
Infrastructure necessary for Connecticut agriculture	52.2%	121
Input costs involved in production of Connecticut Grown	37.1%	86
Labor needed by Connecticut agriculture	32.8%	76
Marketing of Connecticut Grown farm products	32.8%	76
Producer education/training necessary for Connecticut	30.6%	71
Regulatory environment affecting Connecticut agriculture	44.4%	103
Urban agriculture	30.2%	70
Other (please specify)	22.0%	51
<i>answered question</i>		232
<i>skipped question</i>		0



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Please indicate which of the following best describes you (select as many as applicable).

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Connecticut agricultural nonprofit organization	12.1%	28
Connecticut business involved in agricultural (not farmer)	10.4%	24
Connecticut farmer/agricultural producer	55.8%	129
Connecticut researcher, trainer, or academic	10.8%	25
Government employee	10.8%	25
Other (please specify)	27.3%	63
<i>answered question</i>		231
<i>skipped question</i>		1

