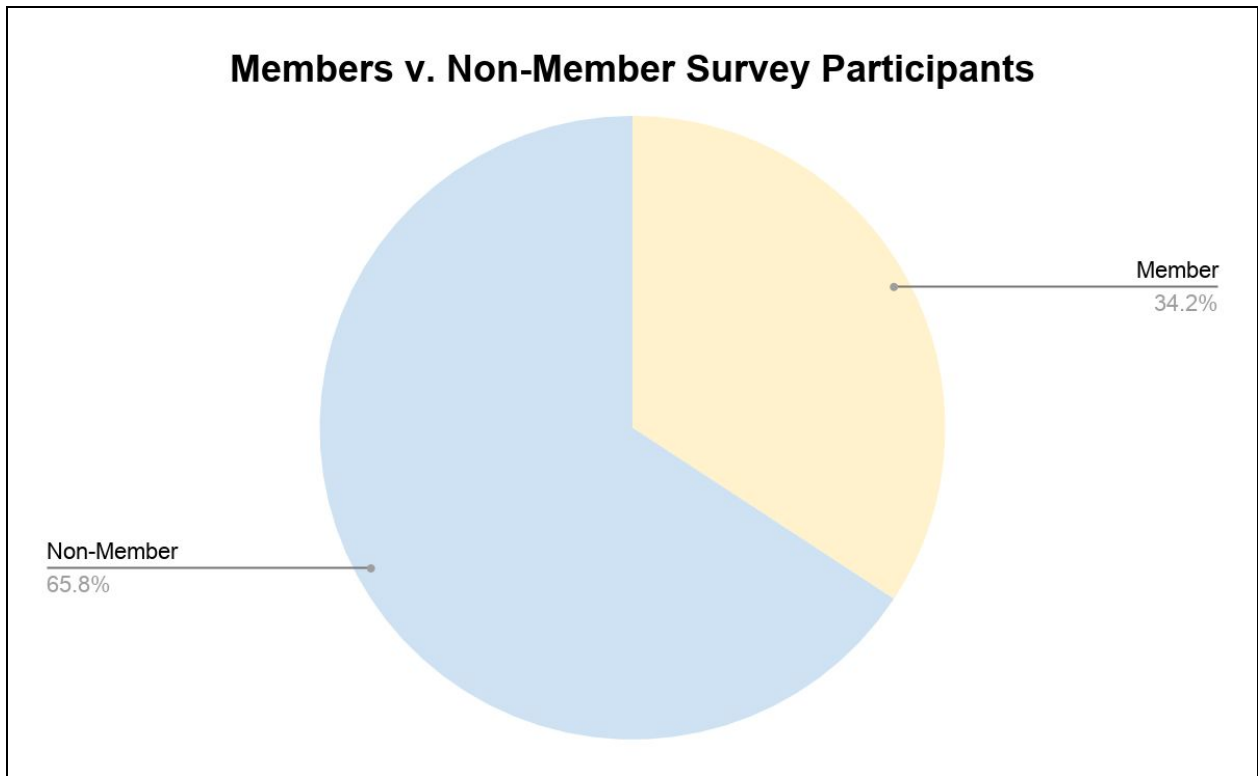
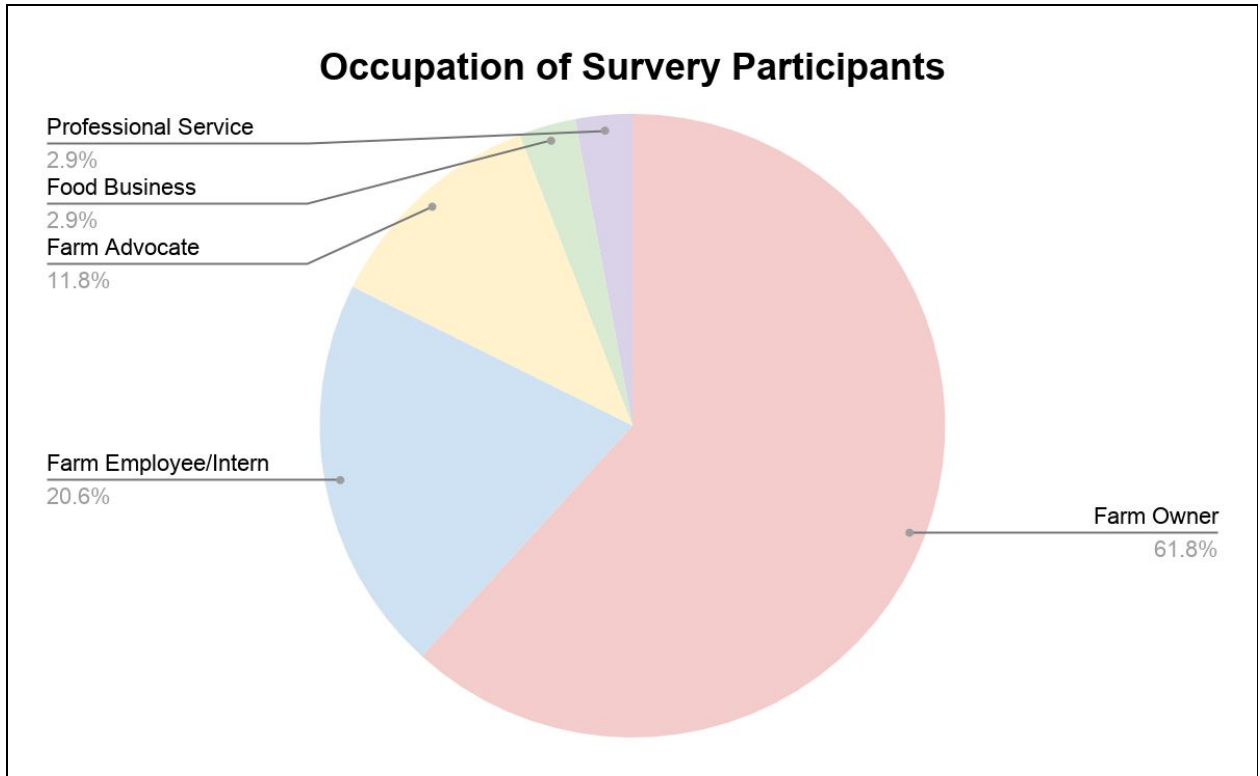


2019 CAFF Policy Survey Summary



| # | Policy Interest | Votes | Notes: |
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| 1 | Climate Smart Farming | 42 | |
| 2 | Farmland Access | 25 | One survey participant shared that they'd like this support specifically for "historically underserved farmers". |
| 3 | Affordable and Nearby Housing | 19 | One survey participant shared that they would want support with, "- anything regarding farmworker housing! We have the land, but permitting itself is prohibitively expensive, before we even factor in the cost of building housing for us/our employees." |
| 4 | Rural and Economic Development | 15 | |
| 5 | Water Access | 15 | |
| 6 | Labor | 12 | One surveyor participant shared that they wanted support providing " farmworker housing , apprentice programs, and health insurance for family and employees". |
| 7 | Insurance | 11 | |
| 8 | Compost | 10 | |
| 9 | Capital/Financing | 9 | One surveyor participant expressed that the creation of a "sharing/rental [program for] large farm equipment through intercounty farm resource extensions and other farmer assistance entities." would be helpful. |
| 10 | Sustainable Pest Management | 8 | One survey participant expressed a need for more restrictions on the sale and use of herbicides based on one's water district. |
| 11 | Farmers Markets | 7 | One survey participant expressed the need for "greater CalFresh support at farmer's markets for farmers". |
| 12 | Technical Assistance | 7 | One survey participant shared that pushing for widespread broadband internet connection would help farmers take advantage of agriculture technologies, help with the lack of labor, and ultimately help increase climate smart ag practices. A second surveyor noted improving rural access as a priority in public policy. |
| 13 | Institutional Procurement | 6 | |
| 14 | Food Safety | 2 | One survey participant shared that they'd want an overall reduction or elimination of "regulation and permits required for small farms and their products". and local family farms should not be |

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| | | | <p>“subject to regulation until they reach a significant market size.” Another survey participant shared that they needed support “getting food from the small farm to the public. The rules and regulations are geared towards large farmers and are not affordable to a small farm, particularly dairy.”</p> |
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Top Priorities specifically for *farm owners*:

1. Climate Smart Farming
2. Affordable and Nearby Housing
3. Insurance
4. Farmland Access
5. Water Access

Topics listed in the open-ended answer section:

- Water Conservation and Safety
- Fire Resiliency
- Food waste and recovery
- Education, youth outreach, supporting the next generation of farmers
- Carbon taxing on agricultural export
- Increased attention to small dairy farms
- Removing impediments to hemp production
- Funding and financial assistance for:
 - Food hubs
 - Farmer training education
 - Installing efficient water systems, with the absence of the SWEEP program
 - Revitalizing & expanding the BIFS & BIOS programs

Notes:

- A common theme was the frustration over unequal application of farm policies and regulations, benefiting large farms while unnecessarily hindering small farms. A desire for us to challenge preferential treatment provided to industrial agriculture.