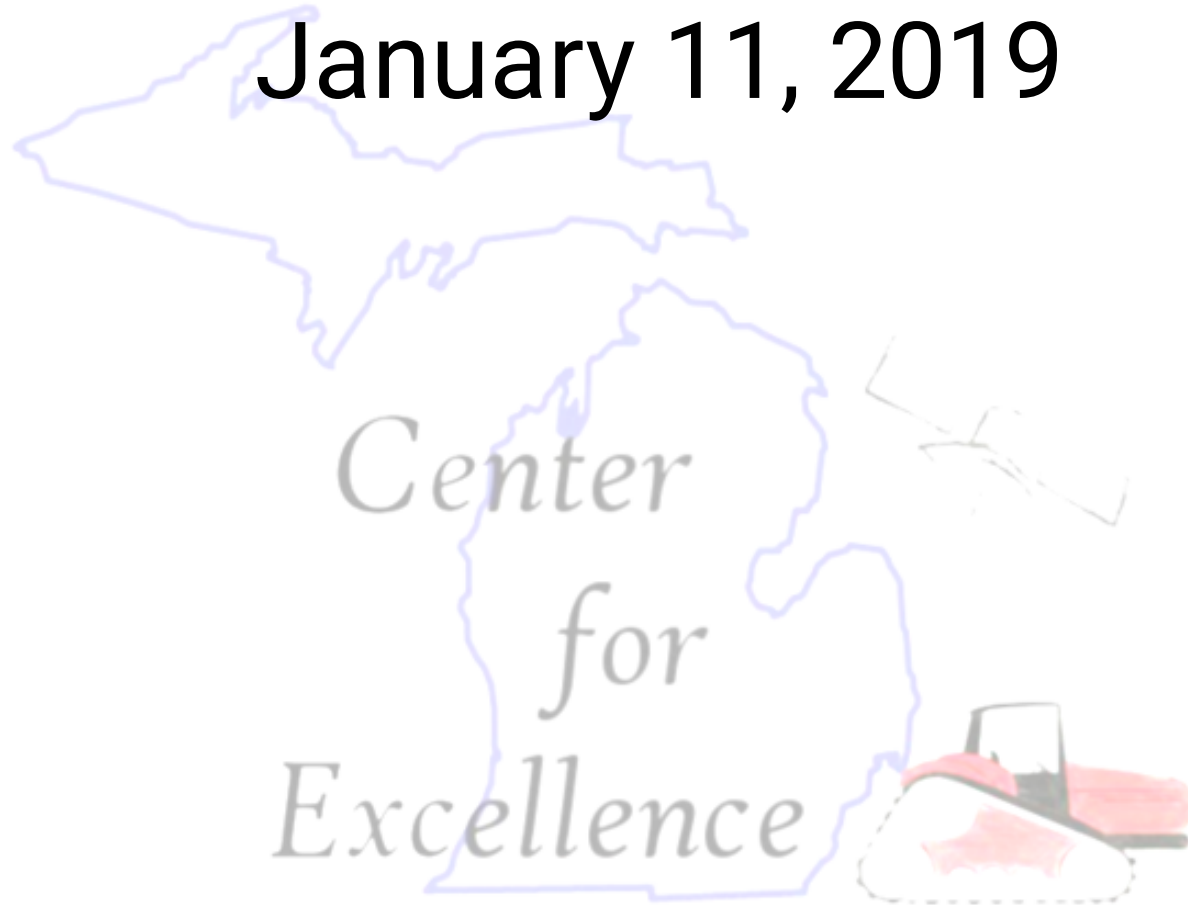


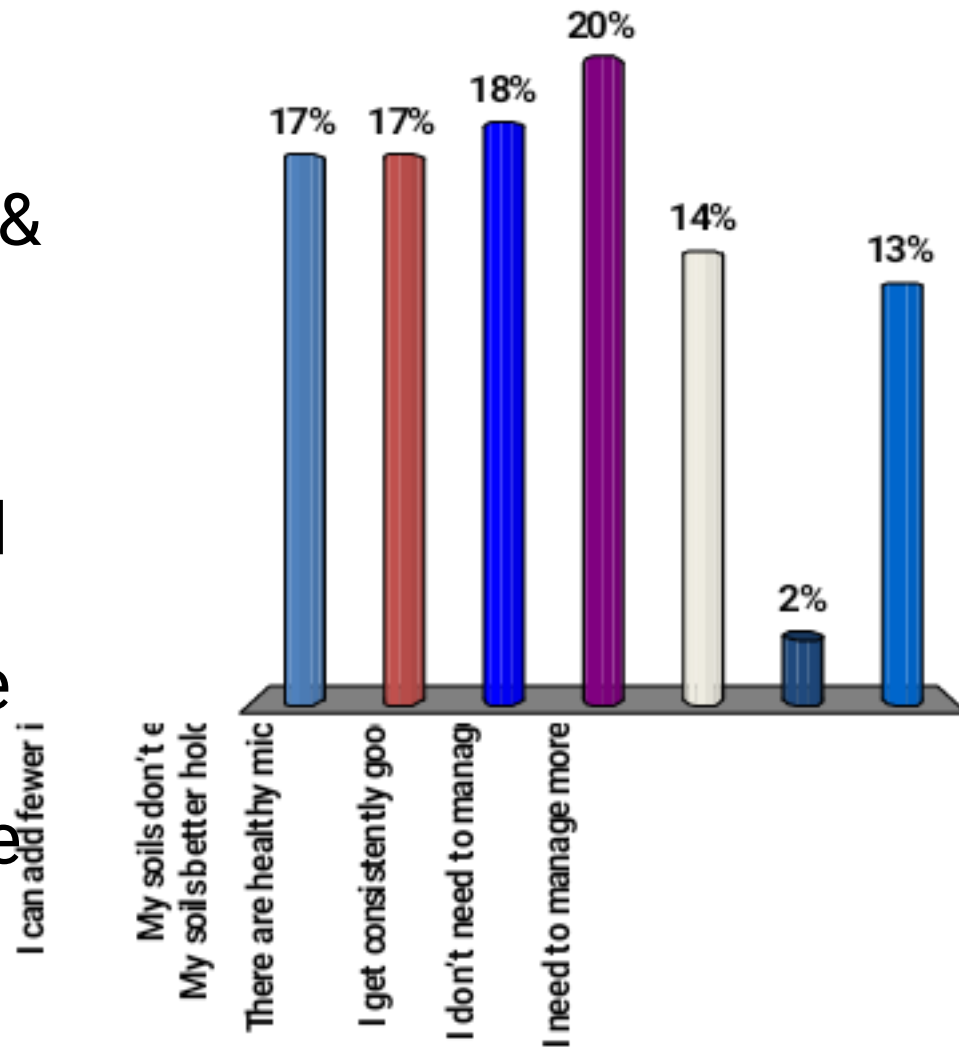
# Center for Excellence Crops Day

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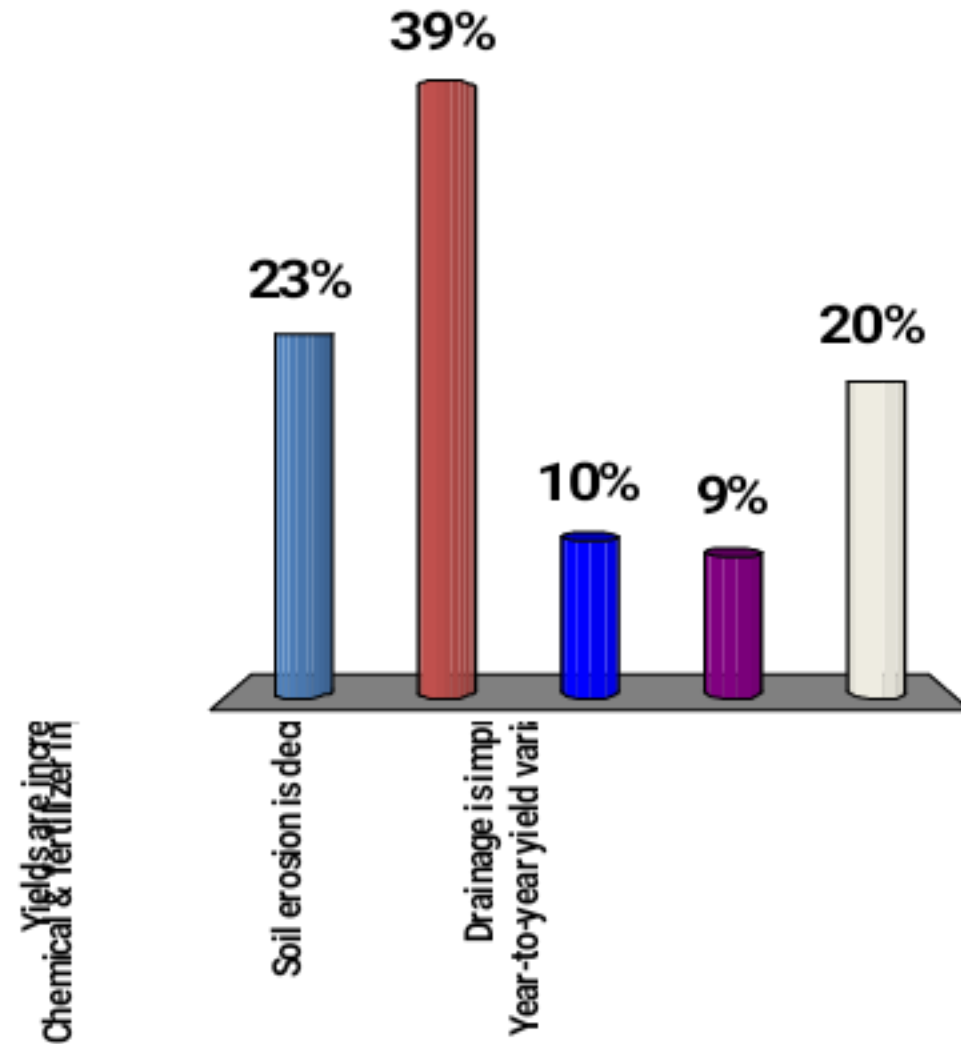
# To me, soil health means: (check all that apply)

- A. I can add fewer inputs
- B. My soils don't erode
- C. My soils better hold P & N
- D. There are healthy microbes in my soils
- E. I get consistently good yields
- F. I don't need to manage as carefully
- G. I need to manage more carefully



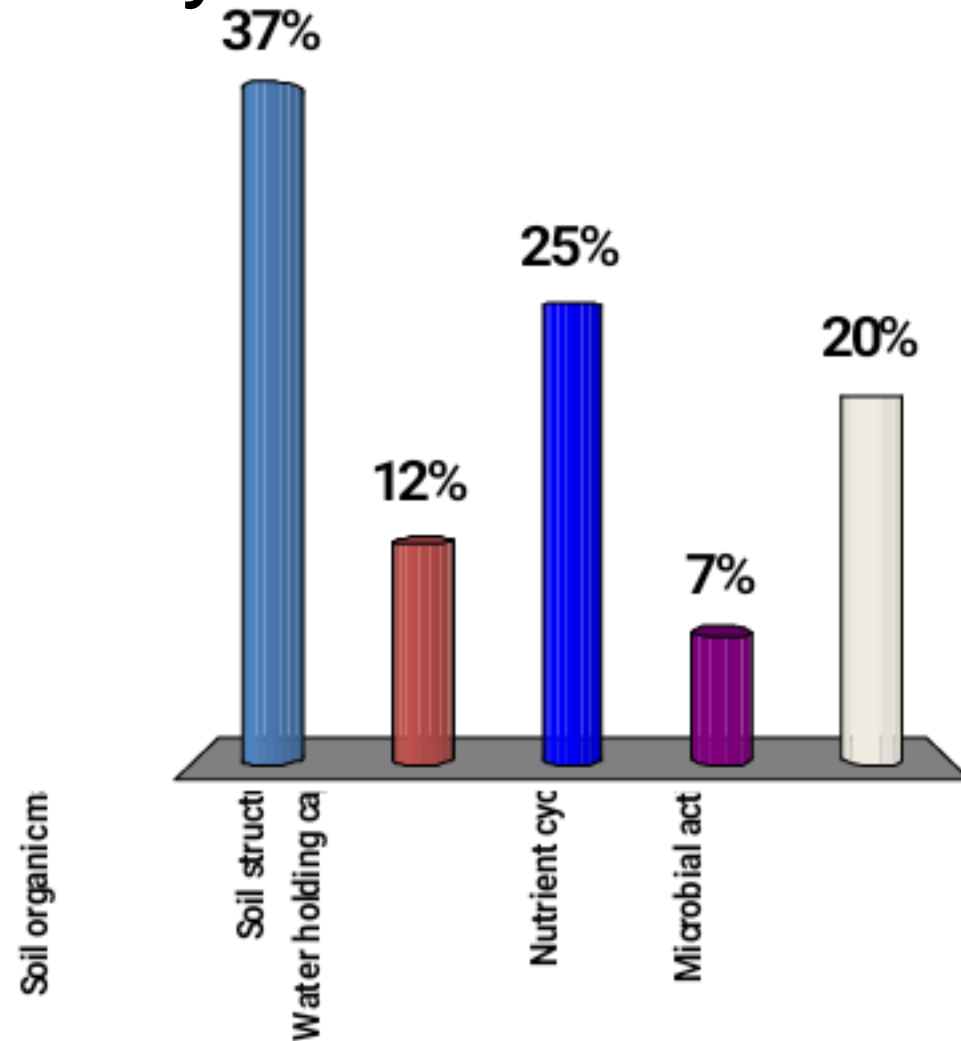
# Which of these would be the most valuable outcome from managing for soil health?

- A. Yields are increased
- B. Chemical & fertilizer inputs are reduced
- C. Soil erosion is decreased
- D. Drainage is improved
- E. Year to year yield



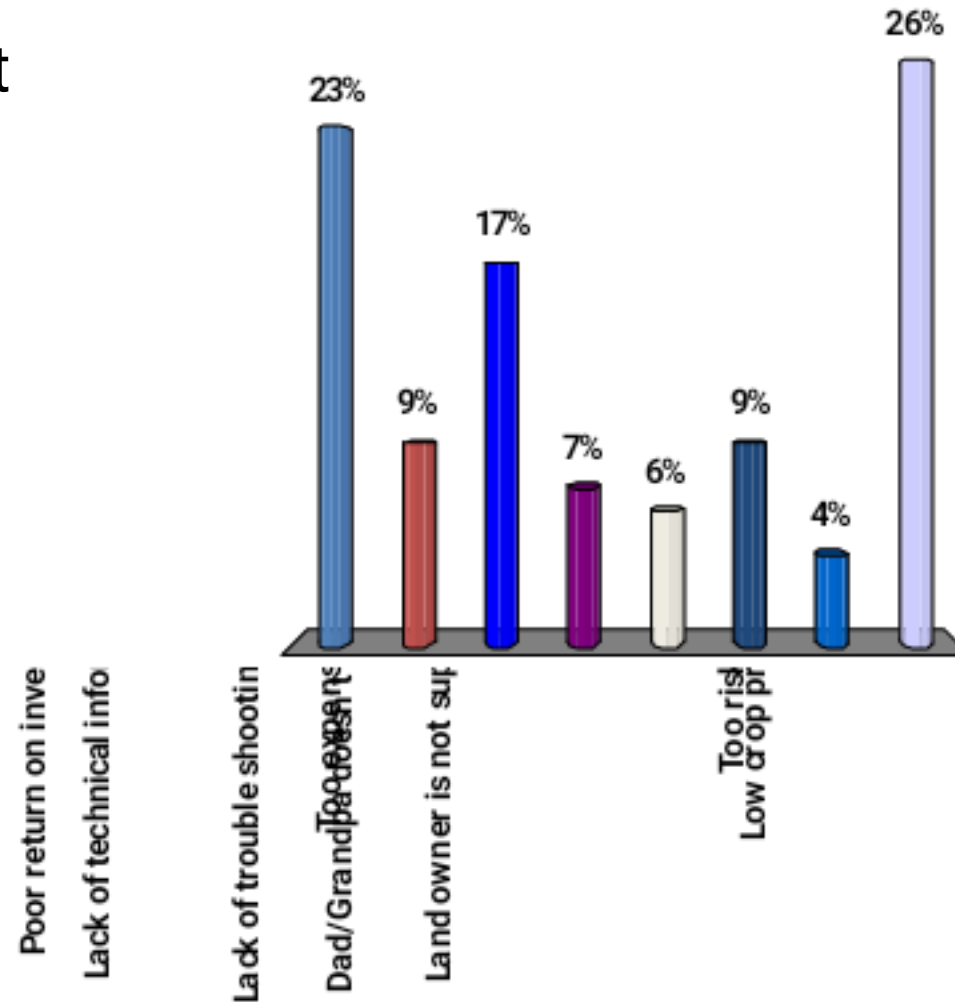
# Which soil property do you expect to have the greatest impact on farm profitability?

- A. Soil organic matter
- B. Soil structure
- C. Water holding capacity
- D. Nutrient cycling
- E. Microbial activity



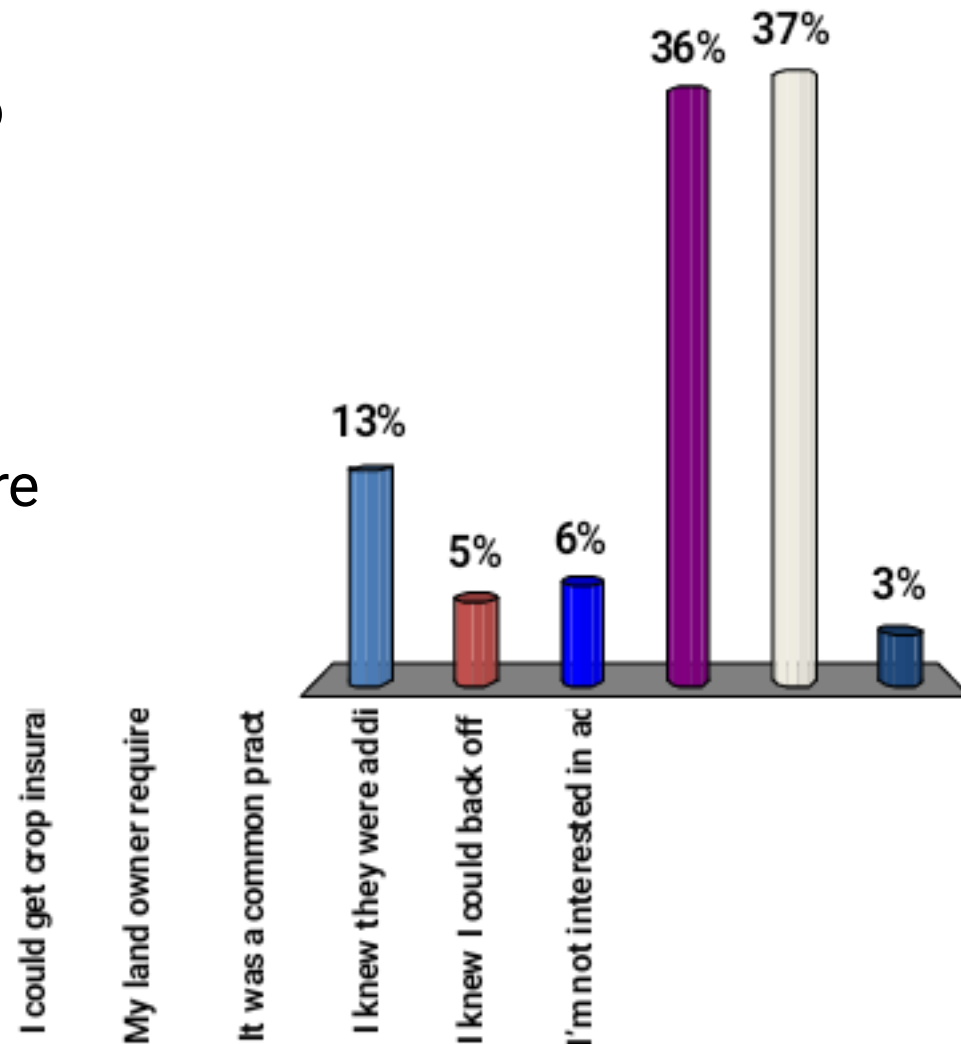
# These factors make it hard to adopt conservation agriculture practices: (check all that apply)

- A. Poor return on investment
- B. Lack of technical information
- C. Too expensive
- D. Lack of trouble shooting assistance
- E. Dad/Grandpa doesn't approve
- F. Land owner is not supportive
- G. Too risky
- H. Low crop prices



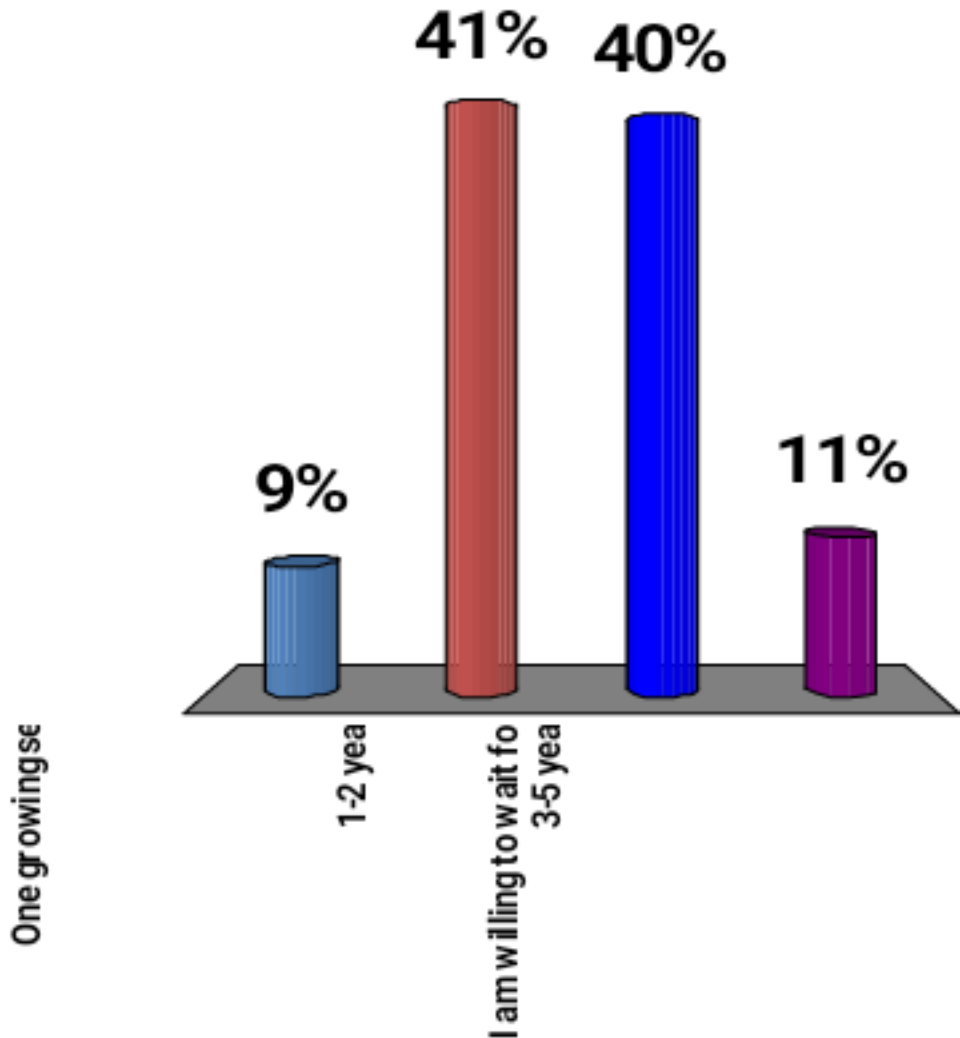
# I would add more conservation ag practices on my farm if : (check all that apply)

- A. I could get crop insurance to manage the financial risk
- B. My land owner required it of me
- C. It was a common practice in my area
- D. I knew they were adding more organic matter to my soil
- E. I knew I could back off on fertilizer rates because of them
- F. I'm not interested in adding more conservation ag practices



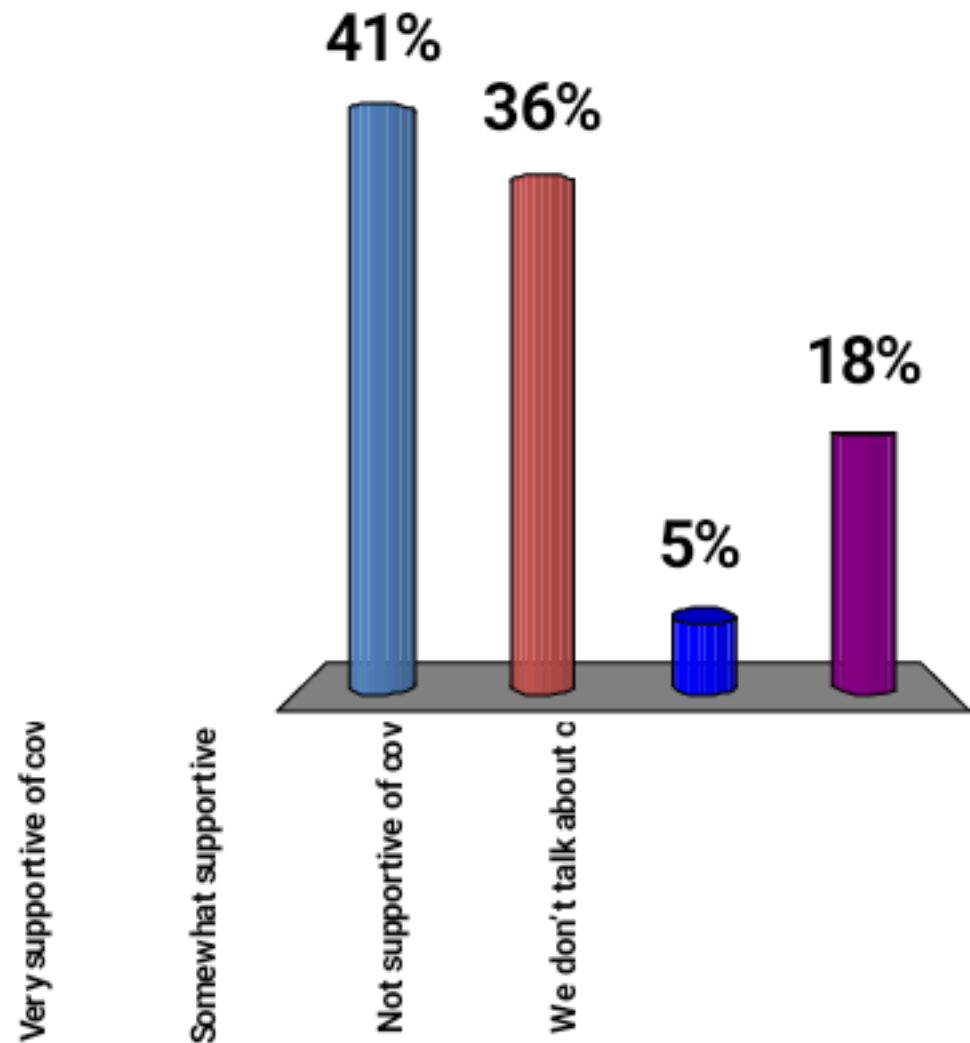
When investing in a new conservation ag practice, I need to see direct benefits in:

- A. One growing season
- B. 1-2 years
- C. 3-5 years
- D. I am willing to wait for more than 5 years to see benefits



# My crop consultant is:

- A. Very supportive of cover crops
- B. Somewhat supportive of cover crops
- C. Not supportive of cover crops
- D. We don't talk about cover crops





# What are the most useful sources of information for conservation ag practices? (check all that apply)

- A. Other local producers
- B. University Extension
- C. Crop advisors
- D. Conservation district staff
- E. Websites
- F. Social media (Facebook, twitter, etc)
- G. Winter meetings
- H. Summer field days

