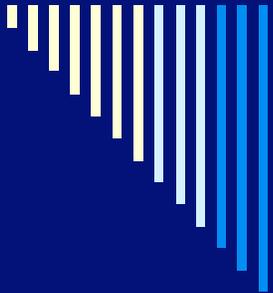


# Iowa Farmers' Views on the New Farm Bill

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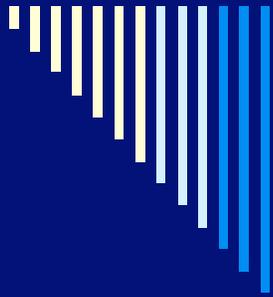
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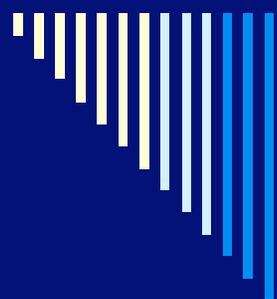
# 2005 Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll, Preliminary Data, June 10

- The Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll, established in 1982, as a joint venture between the ISU College of Agriculture, ISU Extension and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
- Annual survey of a random sample of Iowa farm operators



## 2005 Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll

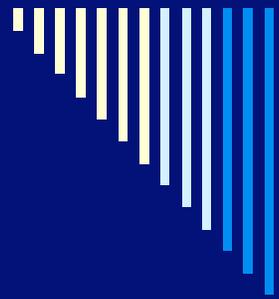
- Mail questionnaires were mailed on April 1 to 1,862 farm operators.
- These data are from the 1,298 farm operators that were summarized on June 10, a response rate of 70%.



# Future Directions on the 2007 Farm Bill

- 12 items were included on the survey in which producers were asked their opinions by indicating their preference by checking a five point scale that ranged from:

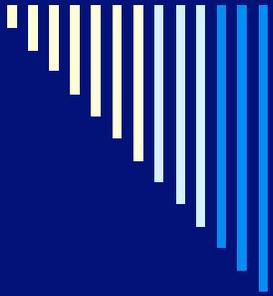
Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	Somewhat <u>Disagree</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	Somewhat <u>Agree</u>	Strongly <u>Agree</u>
1	2	3	4	5



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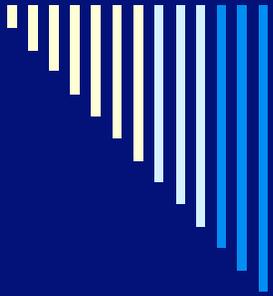
Presentation of items is based upon percent expressing agreement with the statement.

Areas where there is greatest level of agreement include:



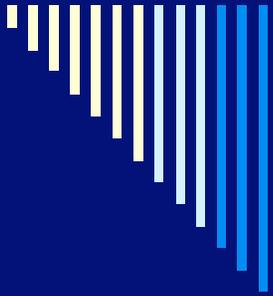
The government should devote more efforts to the promotion of exports through the 2007 Farm Bill.

<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
2	3	11	43	41



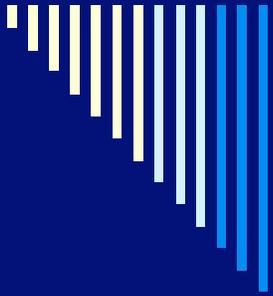
## The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) should be continued.

<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
4	6	10	36	44



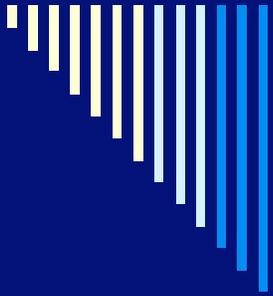
The 2007 Farm Bill should provide incentives to allow farmers to participate in alternative energy development.

<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
2	4	15	46	33



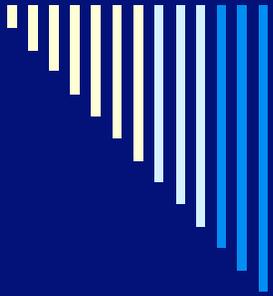
The basic directions in the 2002 Farm Bill should be continued in the 2007 Farm Bill.

<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
6	13	20	43	18



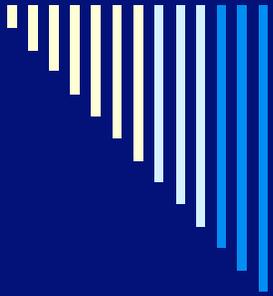
## The 2007 Farm Bill should provide better income protection.

<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
4	12	24	39	21



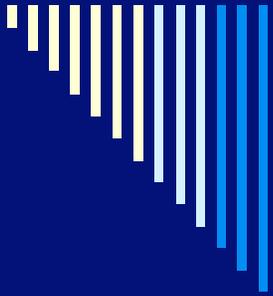
Overall the 2002 Farm Bill has provided an adequate income protection for farmers.

<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
4	15	21	47	13



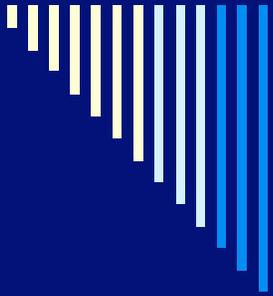
The 2007 Farm Bill should do more to address environmental issues in agriculture.

<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
3	14	26	38	19



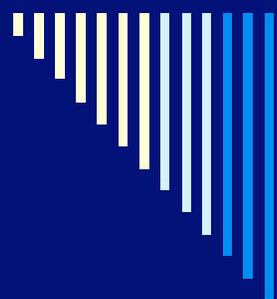
## Overall, the 2002 Farm Bill has been successful

<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
4	12	27	50	7



## Overall, the 2002 Farm Bill has provided good support for conservation efforts

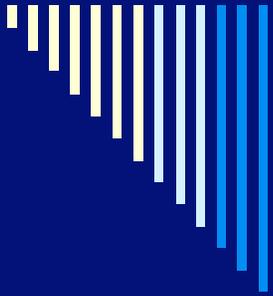
<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
4	15	25	50	6



## Areas where there is not agreement:

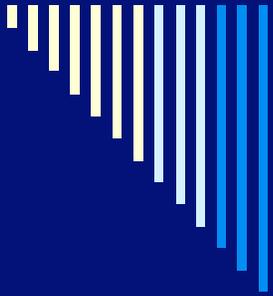
Grain production policy should return to supply management (acreage set aside and deficiency payments).

<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
15	21	25	28	11



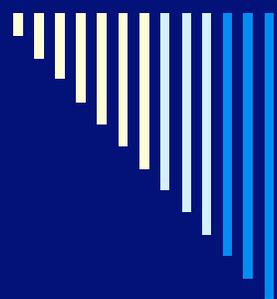
The 2002 Farm Bill has proven to be too expensive.

<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
10	24	33	24	9



The 2002 Farm Bill has adequately addressed the needs of beginning farmers.

<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
17	28	38	15	2



# Summary/Conclusions

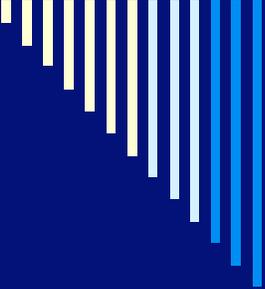
Producers expressed support for:

## Developing Markets

- a. Promotion of exports
- b. Alternative energy development

## Conservation

- a. Continuation of the CRP
- b. Addressing environmental issues
- c. Support for conservation

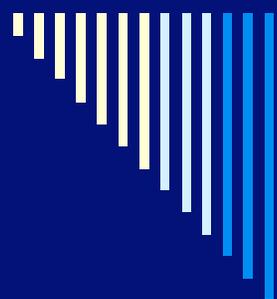


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## Producers support:

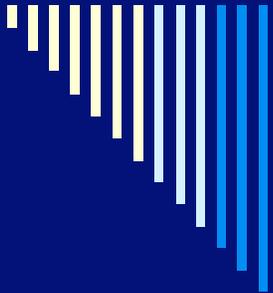
- a. Basic Directions of the 2002 Farm Bill should be continued
- b. Income protection
- c. 2002 Farm Bill is judged as successful



# Summary/Conclusions

Producers are evenly split on supply management policies; 39% agreed, 36% disagreed and 25% were not sure

Likewise producers were divided in their opinions about the costs of the 2002 program; 33% agreed it has been too expensive, 34% disagreed and 33% were not sure.



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# Summary/Conclusions

More attention to beginning farmers, 45% disagreed that the existing Farm Bill had adequately addressed this issue.