

National Survey of 319 Likely Voters with Farms of at Least 500 acres
Conducted November 1, 2012
By Pulse Opinion Research

1* How would you rate the job Barack Obama has been doing as President... do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job he's been doing?

12% Strongly approve
9% Somewhat approve
7% Somewhat disapprove
71% Strongly disapprove
0% Not sure

2* If the Presidential Election were held today, would you vote for Republican Mitt Romney or Democrat Barack Obama? (Includes those who already voted)

78% Romney
18% Obama
1% Some other candidate
3% Not sure

3* What is the most important issue for our next president upon taking office? Are you primarily interested in our next president reducing the federal deficit, reforming immigration policies, eliminating estate taxes, reducing regulatory burdens, expanding trade, passing a new farm bill, or reforming the entire tax code to lower taxes?

47% Reducing the federal deficit
3% Reforming Immigration policies
15% Eliminating estate taxes
5% Reducing regulatory burdens
2% Expanding trade
12% Passing a new farm bill
10% Reforming the entire tax code to lower my taxes
5% Not sure

4* Regardless of who is elected, do you expect the next president to continue to cut farm program spending?

58% Yes
25% No
17% Not sure

5* If there is additional money available to invest in federal farm programs, would you most like to see lawmakers spend more money on increasing the level of commodity price supports, improving crop insurance, enhancing soil and water conservation, conducting new research on crops and livestock, expanding international trade, expanding rural development programs, developing more renewable energy, or making food safer?

13% Increasing the level of commodity price supports
37% Improving crop insurance
10% Enhancing soil and water conservation
6% Conducting new research on crops and livestock

- 16% Expanding international trade
- 3% Expanding rural development programs
- 7% Developing more renewable energy
- 2% Making food safer
- 4% Not sure

6* What is the biggest threat facing the future of your farming operation? Is it environmental regulations, tax burden, inability to find labor, climate change, lack of good infrastructure, or activist groups who oppose modern farming methods?

- 33% Environmental regulations
- 29% Tax burden
- 3% Inability to find labor
- 7% Climate change
- 4% Lack of good infrastructure
- 16% Activist groups who oppose modern farming methods
- 3% Some other threat
- 4% Not sure

7* The current farm bill expired on September 30 of this year. How much financial harm has the expiration of the current bill had on your farming operation?

- 10% A great deal of financial harm
- 30% Some financial harm
- 40% No financial harm
- 20% Not sure

8* Who is to blame for the failure to pass a new farm bill, Democrats or Republicans?

- 46% Democrats
- 19% Republicans
- 28% They are both are equally to blame
- 8% Not sure

9* Are you very optimistic, somewhat optimistic, not very optimistic or not at all optimistic that lawmakers will pass a new farm bill before the end of 2012?

- 5% Very optimistic
- 24% Somewhat optimistic
- 42% Not very optimistic
- 23% Not at all optimistic
- 6% Not sure

10* How important is the continuation of the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) to the future profitability of agriculture in the U.S.?

- 46% Very important
- 30% Somewhat important
- 10% Not very important
- 2% Not at all important
- 12% Not sure

11* How would you rate the job Tom Vilsack has been doing as Secretary of Agriculture ... do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job he's been doing?

9% Strongly approve
41% Somewhat approve
26% Somewhat disapprove
17% Strongly disapprove
7% Not sure

12* In your farming operation, do you grow crops, raise livestock or do you do both?

49% Grow crops
3% Raise livestock
48% Both
1% Not sure

NOTE: Margin of Sampling Error, +/- 6 percentage points with a 95% level of confidence