

Vermont Poll 2008

Agriculture I.Q. Frequency Report

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The 2008 Vermont Poll included five basic Agricultural I.Q. questions to gauge Vermonters' level of understanding about agriculture. Here are the results from the 600 respondents.

Table 1. How much of the state's land is currently in agricultural production?

	Frequency	Percent
10%	138	25.2
(Correct) 20%	157	28.6
30%	184	33.6
50%	53	9.7
75%	16	2.9
Total	548	100.0

Table 2. Is there more or less active farmland than in 1970s?

	Frequency	Percent
More	32	5.5
(Correct) Less	545	94.5
Total	577	100.0

Table 3. What percentage of Vermont farms are dairy operations?

	Frequency	Percent
(Correct) Less than 20%	85	15.0
25%	126	22.2
50%	139	24.5
75%	213	37.5
100%	5	.9
Total	568	100.0

Table 4. Dairy and cattle were the two top agricultural commodities in 2006. Which of the following was the third?

	Frequency	Percent
Maple Products	272	47.8
Hay	37	6.5
(Correct) Greenhouse and nursery products	27	4.7
Apples	57	10.0
Forest products	176	30.9
Total	569	100.0

Table 5. What is Vermont's national rank in per capita direct sales from farmers to consumers?

	Frequency	Percent
(Correct) First	12	2.2
In the top 10	264	48.5
In the top half	197	36.2
In the bottom 10	71	13.1
Total	544	100.0

Methodology – Vermonter Poll III

The data used in this report was collected by the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont as part of the annual Vermonter Poll. The survey was conducted between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. beginning on March 17, 2008 and ending on March 28, 2008. The telephone polling was conducted from the University of Vermont using computer-aided telephone interviewing (CATI). The sample for the poll was drawn using a simple random sample of telephone exchanges in the state of Vermont as the sampling frame. Only Vermont residents over the age of eighteen were interviewed. The poll included questions on a variety of issues related to public policy in the state of Vermont. There were 600 respondents to the 2008 Vermonter Poll (Version III). The results based on a group of this size have a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent at a confidence interval of 95 percent.