

MHFP: supporting projects/activities

- o Harvesting to meet Woodland Owners Goals-H2MLOG
- o Profiles of Woodland stewardship/Woodland Stewardship Stories
- o Woodland owners forums
- o Forestry for Maine Birds
- o Picture Post
- o Harvesting Handbook for Woodland Owners

Harvesting to Meet Woodland Owners Goals- “H2MLOG”



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Profiles of Woodland Stewardship/Woodland Stewardship Stories

http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/policy_management/profiles_stewardship/index.html



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Woodland owners forums

Do you own woods and want to discuss "What's in your woods?"

Attend the upcoming...

Woods Forum and Free Supper

Friday, April 25th, 2014 at 6pm

The evening will feature discussions surrounding woodland ownership and the importance of these woodlands to your family and the local community.

At the Baldwin Library
Community Room
2 Norton Place
East Baldwin, ME

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- A discussion forum in which landowners share experiences and interact with forestry and natural resource professionals.
- Local foresters will join Maine Forest Service District Forester, Shane Duigan, to help answer questions..

****Supper will be served****
Please RSVP by Thursday, April 24th



Hosted by the University of Maine
School of Forest Resources

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Forestry for Maine Birds



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Picture Post: “what will it look like?”

<http://picturepost.unh.edu/>



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Harvesting Handbook for Woodland Owners



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Maine Timber Harvest Satisfaction Survey

http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/projects/healthy_forests/downloads/pdfs/hss_presentation_to_fra_1_8_15_final.pdf

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Maine Timber Harvest Satisfaction Survey

- o 2100 mailed July 2014
- o 820 responses a/o early December 2014
- o Approx. response rate = +/-38%



Maine Timber Harvest Satisfaction Survey IS:



- o a feedback mechanism from a notable portion of our customers. It provides insights and some possible direction for further data-gathering and outreach efforts.

The Survey is NOT---

- o a statistically supported study (yet).
- o The data is very encouraging, too early to make definitive pronouncements.



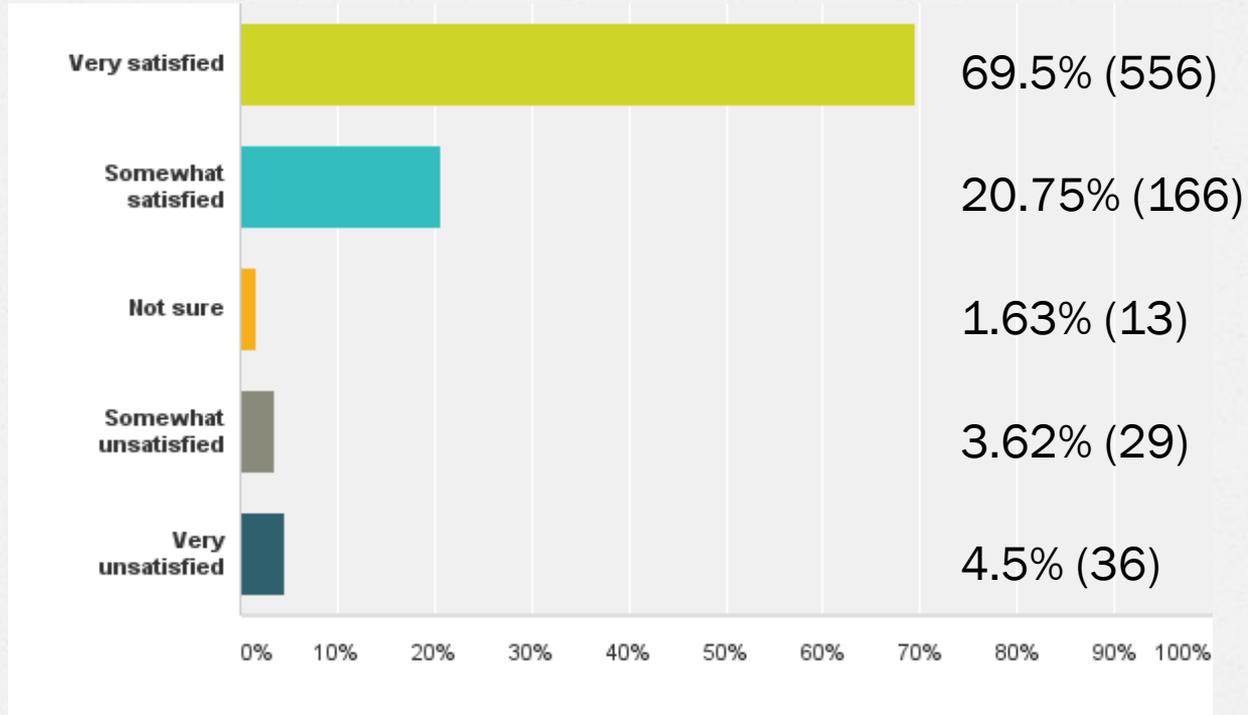
How it works:

- Totally voluntary and confidential.
- Only offered to landowners with ≤ 1000 acre statewide ownership who file a FON, as a supplement to confidential landowner report of timber harvest.
- “Heads-up” letters sent with FON reply info; includes link to on-line version of Survey.
- Going forward, each year after Confidential Landowner Reports have been collected, a paper copy will be mailed to **a statistically valid sample** of those who indicate their harvest is complete.

HOW DO FOLKS FEEL THE FIRST SURVEY RESULTS WENT?

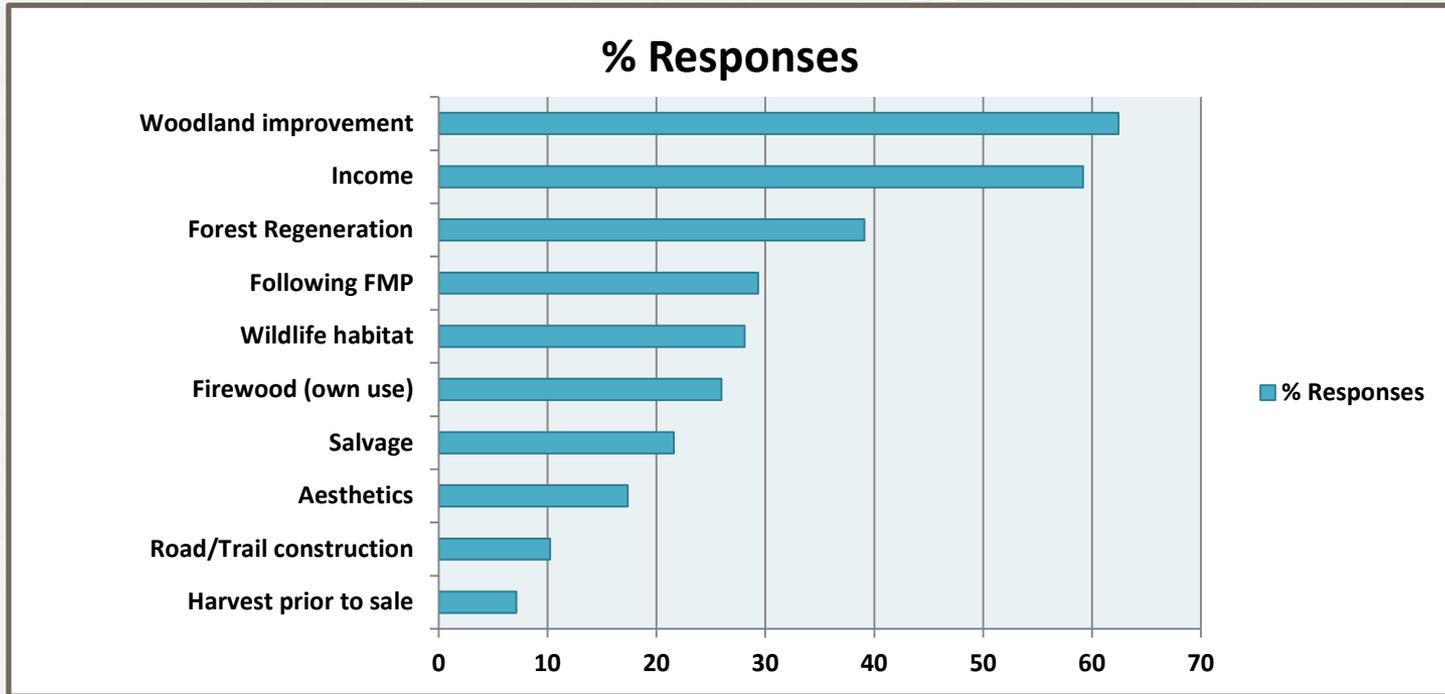
- o If you already know, please hold that thought.

Q2: Your overall satisfaction with the harvest:



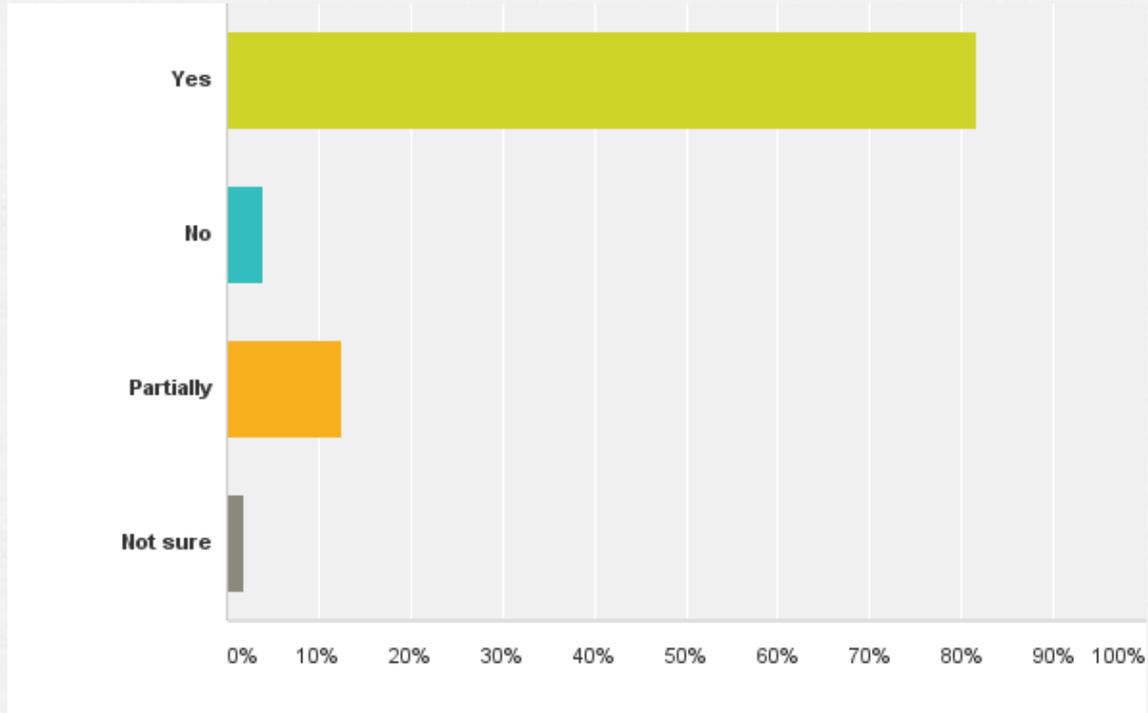
Answered: 800 Skipped: 25

Q5: What were your goals for the harvest (please check all that apply):



Answered: 801 Skipped: 24

Q6: Did the harvest meet your goals?

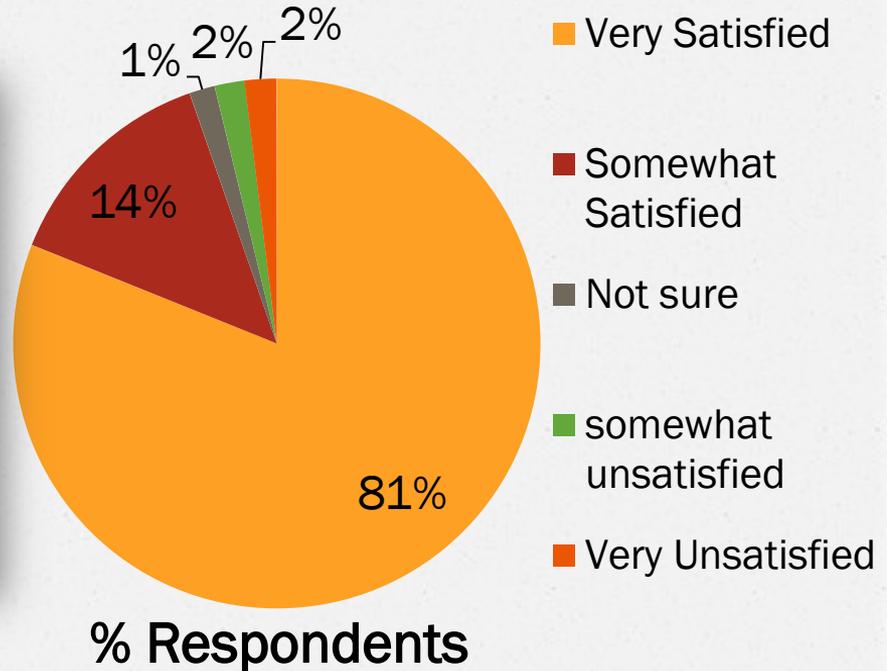


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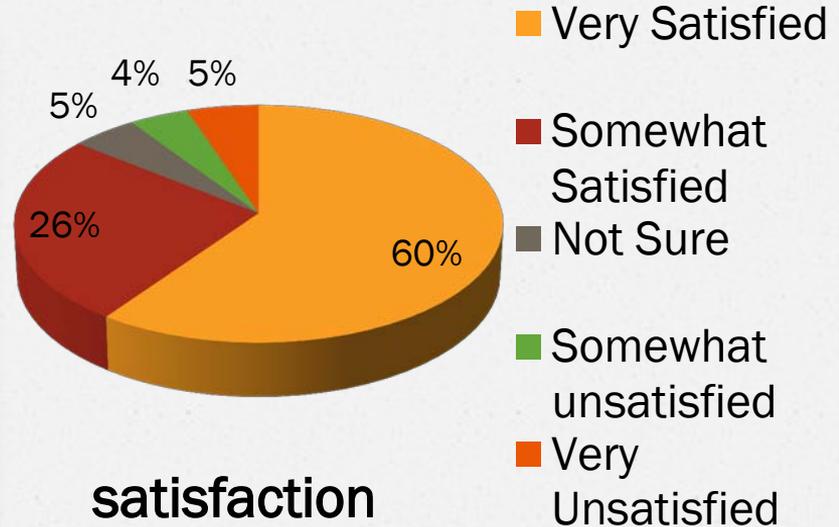
Q18: How satisfied are you with the financial outcome of the harvest:



Answered: 768 Skipped: 57

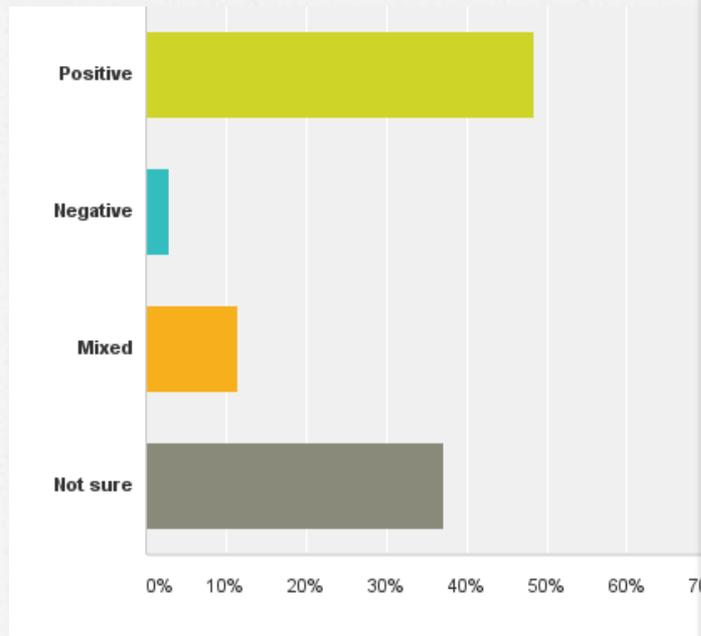


Q11: How satisfied are you with the way your woods look after the harvest?



o Answered: 792 Skipped: 33

Q25: What was the overall reaction to the harvest from neighbors and/or community members:



Answered: 734 Skipped: 91

Q32: Did you have a written timber sale agreement or logging contract?

Sample Timber Sale Contract

Note: This document is for educational use only. The sample timber sale contract (below) can be a starting point for your own contract, but we encourage you to contact an attorney for help in designing a timber sale contract that meets your specific needs.

This Contract is entered into by and between _____ (Seller), and _____ (Purchaser). This agreement is made and entered into between the parties below hereinafter called the SELLER and the PURCHASER.

The Seller solely owns the timber rights to this land and has no concurrent sales agreement on the parcel described below.

SECTION I

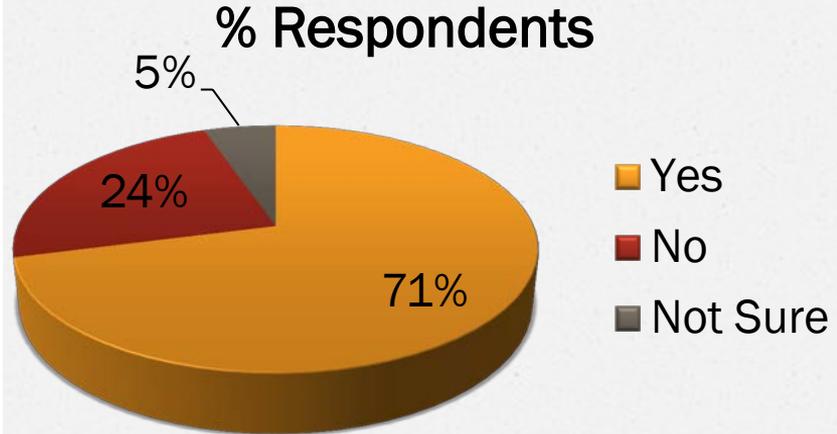
The Seller agrees to sell and the Purchaser agrees to buy, under the terms and conditions hereinafter stated, all the timber marked or designated by the Seller on certain lands held by the Seller and described as follows:

_____ acres in Section _____, Township _____, Range _____,
in _____ County, State of _____.

Timber to be harvested is marked or designated as follows: [Describe cutting blocks and how timber is marked].

SECTION II

The Purchaser and Seller hereby agree to the following payment schedule: [Insert Option A or B]

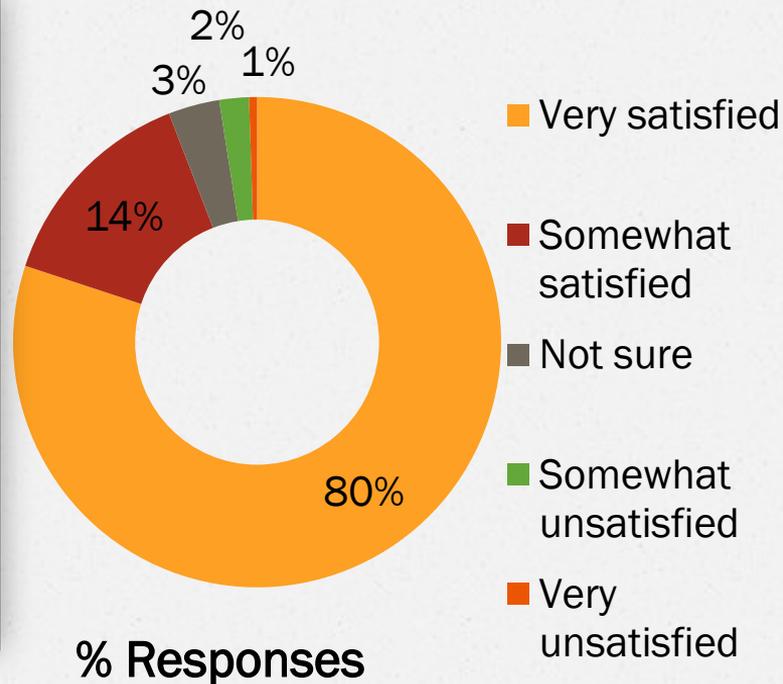


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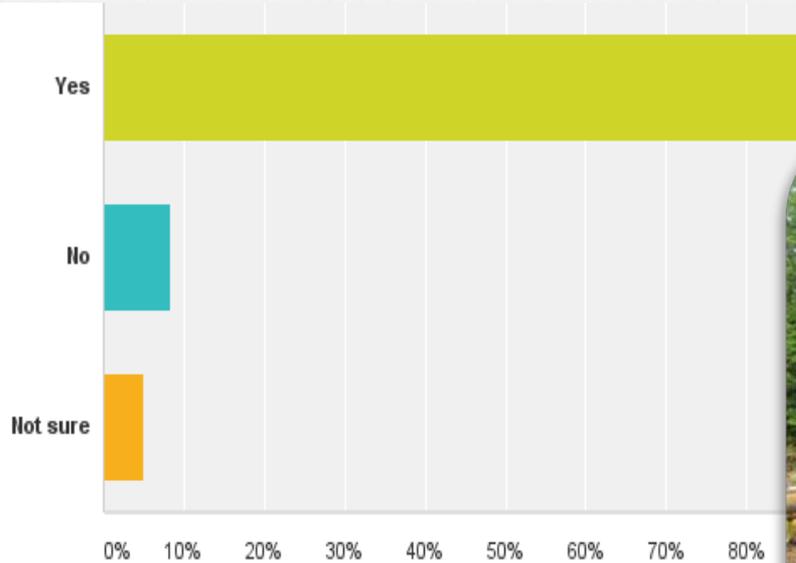
Q34: How satisfied were you with the written agreement?



Answered: 561 Skipped: 264

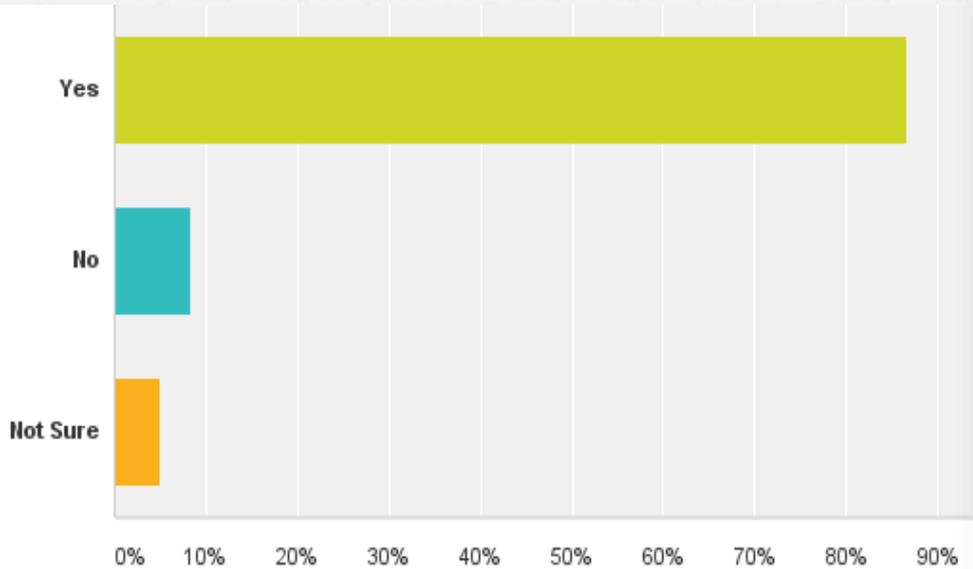


Q36: Would you work with this logger again?



Answered: 751 Skipped: 76

Q37: Would you recommend this logger to other woodland owners?

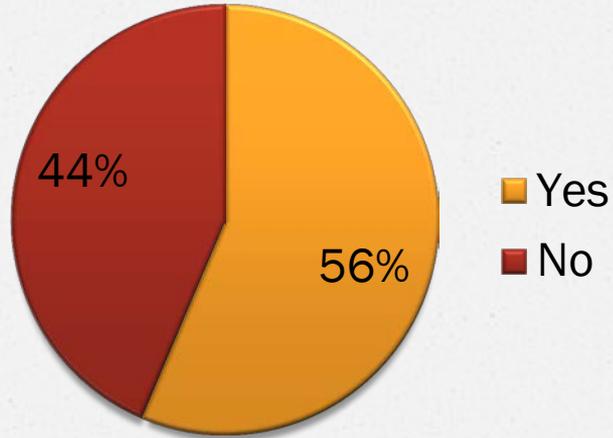


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Q39: Was a licensed forester involved in the harvest?

% Responses

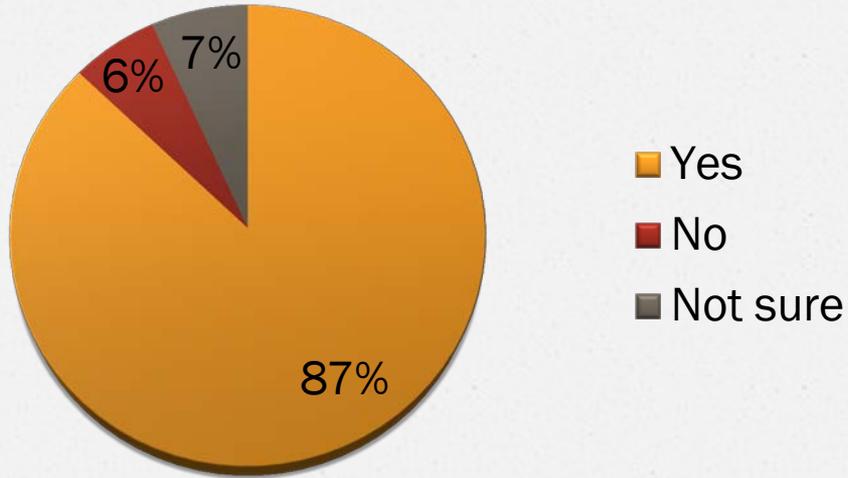


Answered: 709 Skipped: 116



Q44: Would you work with this forester again?

% Responses

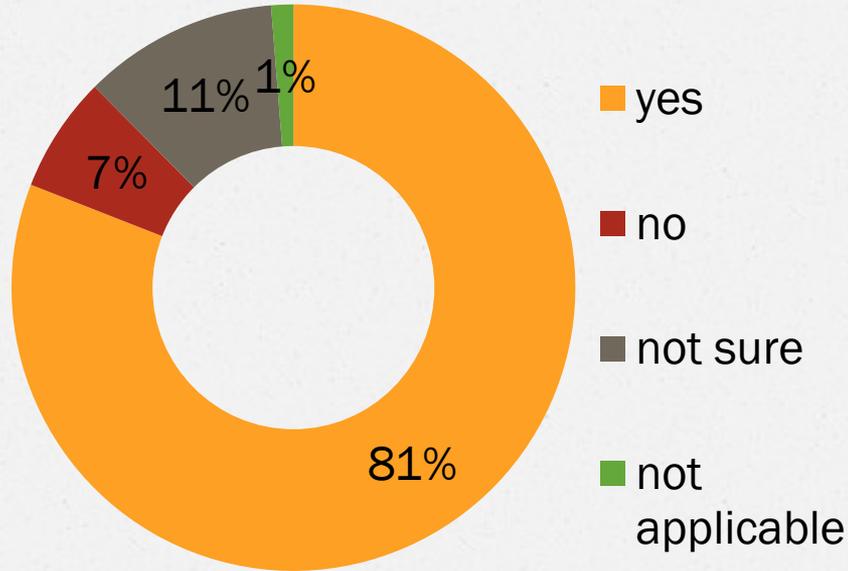


Answered: 426 Skipped: 399



Q48: Will you consider another harvest in the future, when the conditions are right?

% Responses



Answered: 765 Skipped: 60



General comments

- o High degree of professionalism and skill
- o Good communication—explanation of process and adherence to plans and contracts- “they did what they said they would do”
- o Financial results as good or better than expected

General comments, continued

- o Good aesthetics: clean, neat, tidy;
“ugly” trees are gone, woods look better than before
- o Variation- knowledge that woods will recover and look better—”already growing back”
- o Good questions for landowners to consider before they cut

Unsatisfied landowners

Only 64 “somewhat” or “very” unsatisfied; of these—

- o 11% (7/64) said goals were met
- o 79% (42/59) had TSA; only 57% satisfied with TSA
- o 45% (26/57) had forester involved.
- o 54% (33/60) unsatisfied with financial outcomes

Themes from unsatisfied landowners

- Communications: poor both between and with logger, sub-contractors, and forester (when involved)
- Loss of access, and cost to regain (repairs to driveway, re-clearing woods trails)
- Mess and waste; landowners may understand this very differently from loggers & foresters
- Some financial disappointment, but more important: “should have cleaned up the job.”

How do we reach everybody else?



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