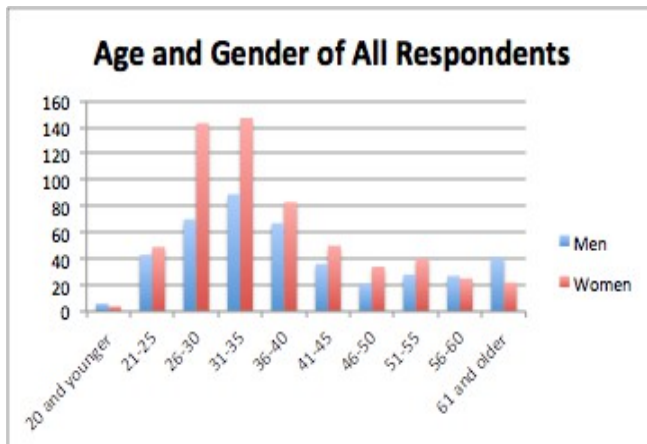


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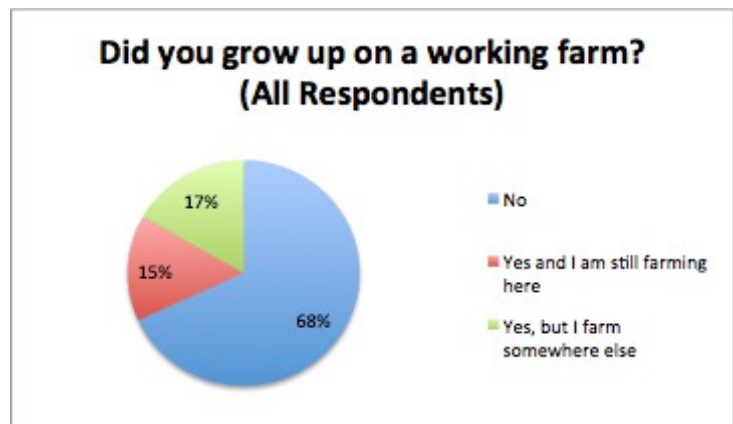
“Who are the new farmers in Canada, what challenges and opportunities do they face, and what solutions may serve to support them?”

Designed for individuals intending to farm, already farming or having exited farming, the survey was developed and disseminated by the National New Farmer Coalition, in partnership with University of Manitoba Phd candidate Julia Laforge, in the winter of 2015. A total of 1326 individuals throughout the country answered the survey.



**We often associate new farmers with youth, however, new and aspiring farmers represent a diverse age groups. While most are between the ages of 26-35, a significant portion of new and aspiring farmers are 36 and over.**

**68% of new and aspiring farmers did not grow up on a working farm. Even within the 32% that did, more than half are farming elsewhere.**



Top 5 Barriers	Top 5 Successes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Affordability of Land Ownership</li> <li>2. Lack of access to capital/ credit/other sources of financing</li> <li>3. Low profitability of the agricultural sector</li> <li>4. Lack of agricultural infrastructures</li> <li>5. Lack of security of demand, markets, or distribution channels</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Informal farm workshops, field days, farm tours</li> <li>2. On-farm training</li> <li>3. Farmer-to-farmer mentorship programs</li> <li>4. Workshops and/or Conferences offered by non-governmental organizations</li> <li>5. Online educational resources</li> </ol>

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