

# Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan: Public Outreach Survey Analysis

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TOWN OF AMHERST PLANNING DEPARTMENT



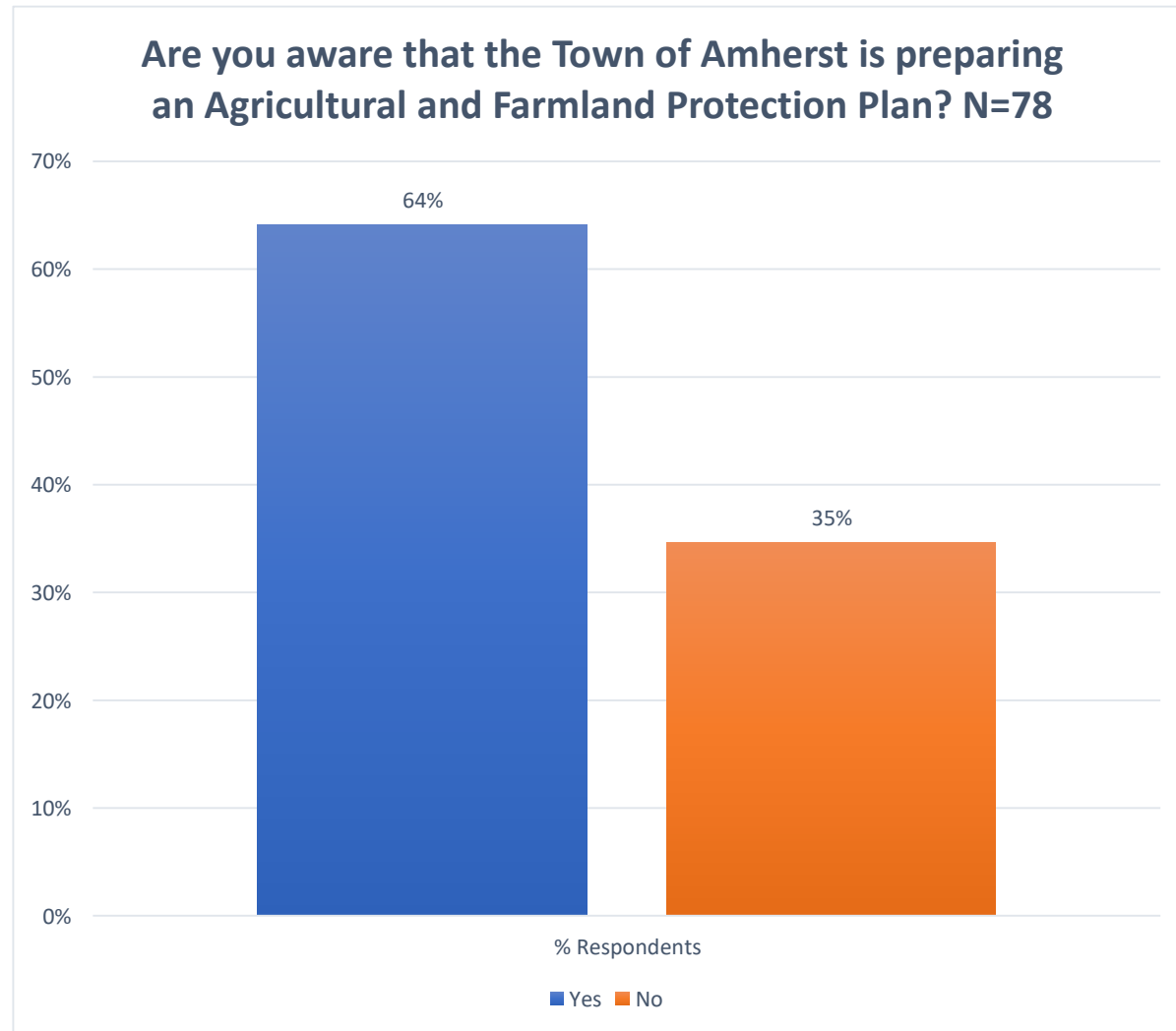
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1. Are you aware that the Town of Amherst is preparing an Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan? If yes, how did you hear about it? N=78

### Content Analysis

How:

- Social Media
  - Internet/Website
  - Facebook
  - Instagram
- Agriculture Business
  - Badding Brothers
  - Three Sisters
  - BNHV
- Chamber of Commerce
- Family and Friends
- Newspaper



2. Are you aware of any agricultural activities in Amherst? (this could include local farms, nurseries, markets or farm stands, etc.) If yes, what activities are you aware of and where do they occur?

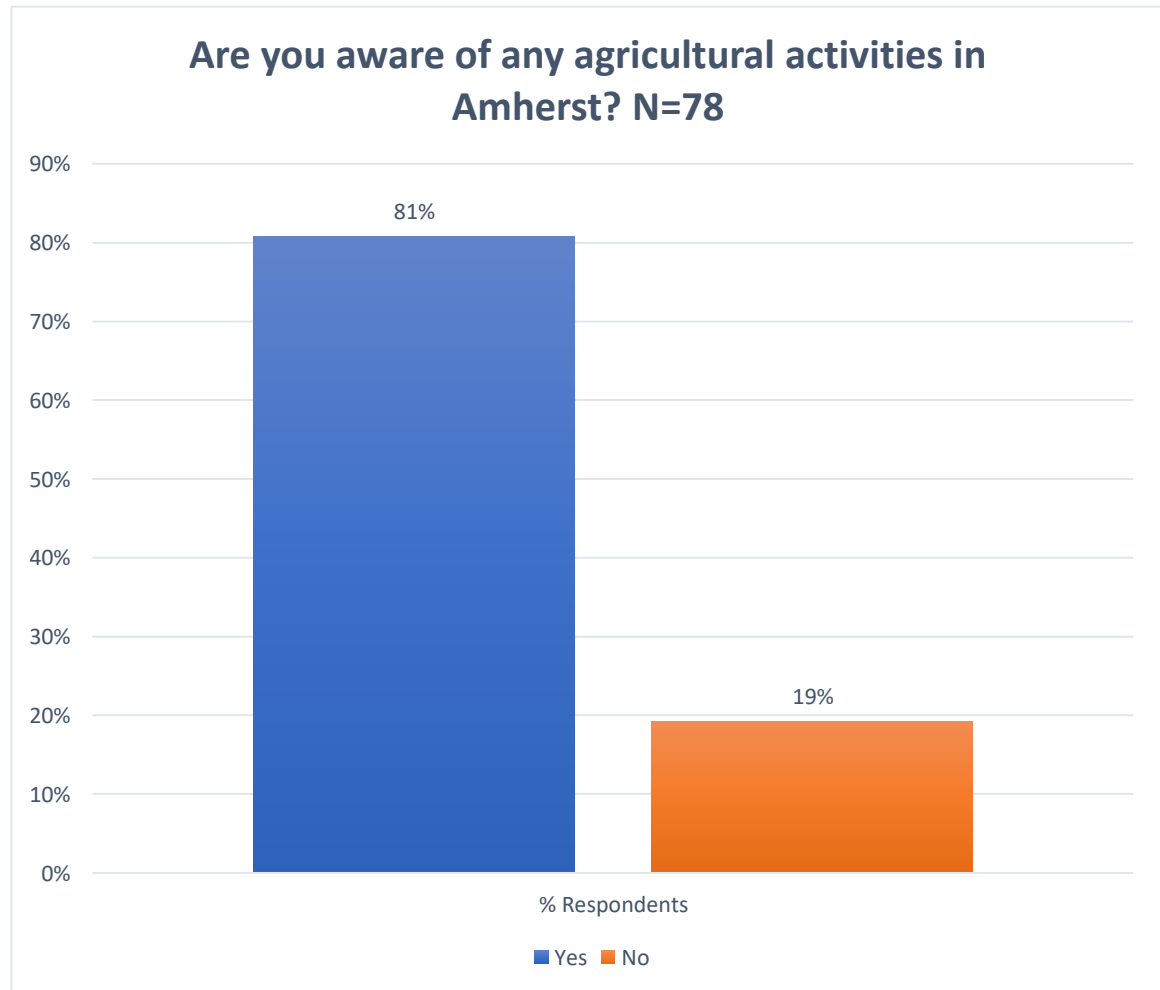
### Content Analysis

#### What:

- Local farms
- Farmers markets
- Nurseries
- Farmers stands

#### Where:

- Badding Brothers Farm Market & Garden Center
- Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village
- George’s Farm Market
- Farmer’s and Artisans
- Spoth’s Farmers Market
- Donald Spoth Farm & Greenhouse
- Three Sisters Farm
- Russell’s Tree & Shrub Farm
- Williamsville Farmers Market
- Hi-Way Garden Center
- Greg’s U-Pick Farm Market and CSA
- Lavocat’s Garden Center
- Northtown Garden Center
- Mischler’s Florist and Greenhouses
- Arbordale Nurseries
- Farm stands along Dodge and North French Roads



3. Do you conduct any agricultural or farming activities (for example, vegetable gardens, growing flowers or herbs, keeping bees or chickens)? If yes, please describe the activity and location?

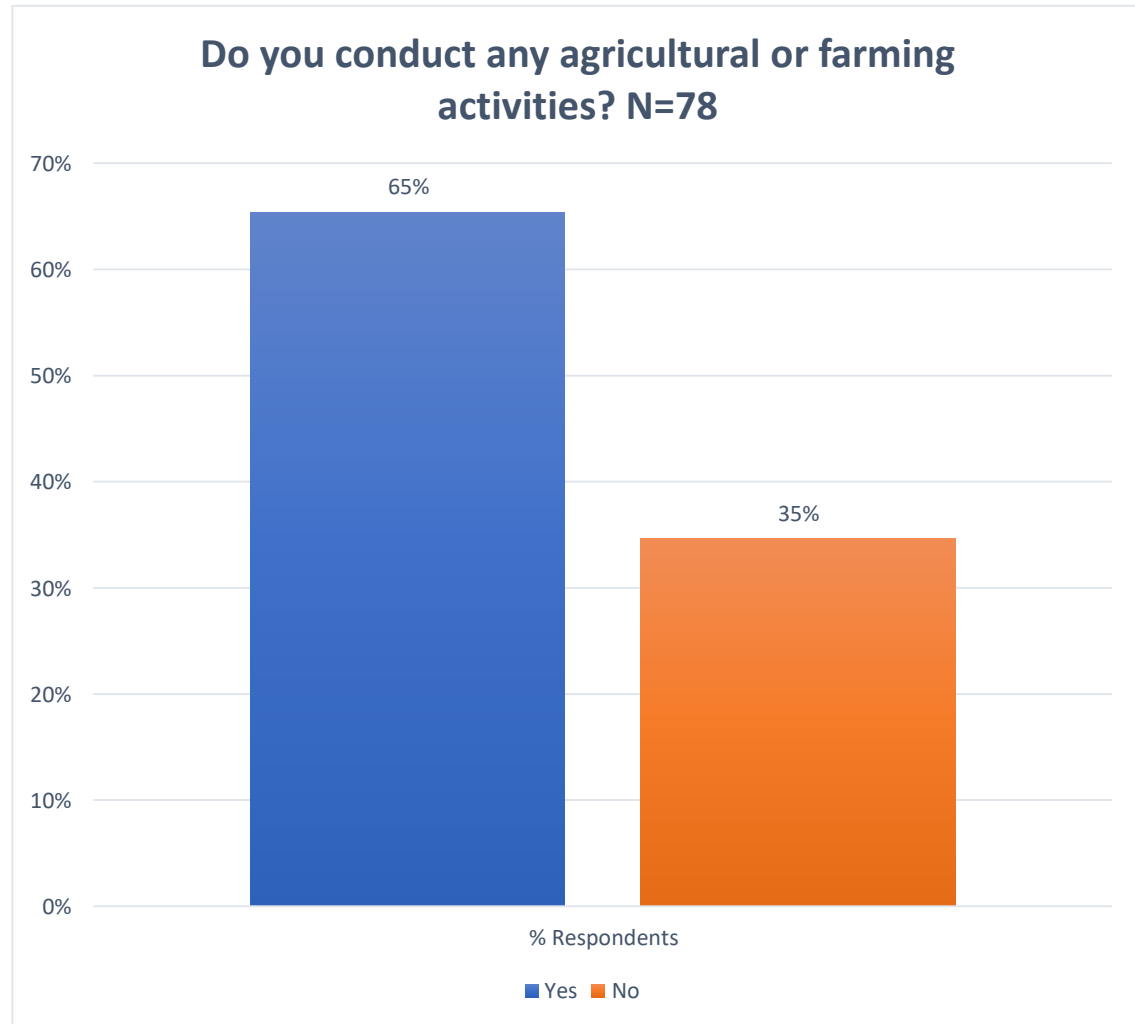
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#### What:

- Flower gardens
- Herb hardens
- Vegetable gardens
- Fruit trees
- Chickens
- Bees
- Pigs
- Hops
- Grapes
- Compost
- Goat
- Seeds/ seedlings

#### Where:

- Amherst
  - Indoor vegetables and herbs
  - Indoor Hydroponic gardening
  - Backyards
  - Getzville
  - Tennyson Terrace
  - Willow Ridge
  - Three Sisters Farm
- Wales
- Lockport

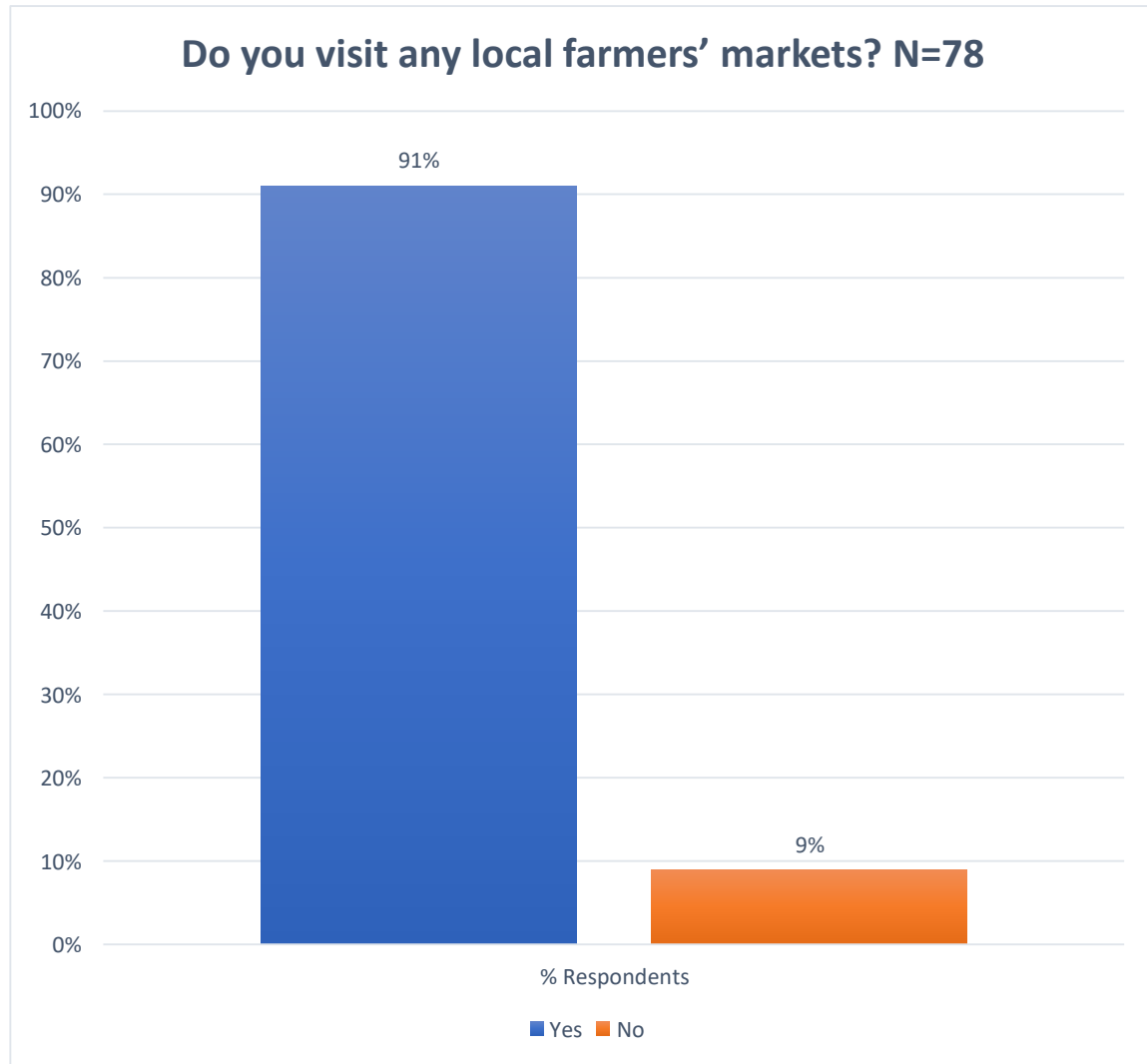


**4. Do you visit any local farmers’ markets? If yes, where and how often? If not, why not (e.g. access or availability)?**

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Where:

- Williamsville Farmers Market
- Cherry Hill Farm
- Eastgate Plaza Farmers Market
- Three Sisters Garlic Farm
- Three Sisters Farm
- Greg’s U-Pick and CSA
- Lavocat’s Garden Center
- Badding Bros Farm Market & Garden Center
- Clinton Market - East Aurora
- George’s Farmers & Artisans
- George’s Farm Market
- Hollow Farmers Market – Clarence Center
- Root Down Farm – Clarence
- Spoth Farmers Market
- Donald Spoth Farm & Greenhouse
- Bidwell Farmer’s Market
- Russell’s Tree & Shrub Farm
- Hi-Way Garden Center Lavocat’s Garden Center
- Gullo’s Garden Center
- Lockwood’s Greenhouse & Farm
- Horsefeather’s Winter Mkt
- Buffalo State College Winter Mkt
- North Tonawanda Farmers Market
- Niagara County Produce

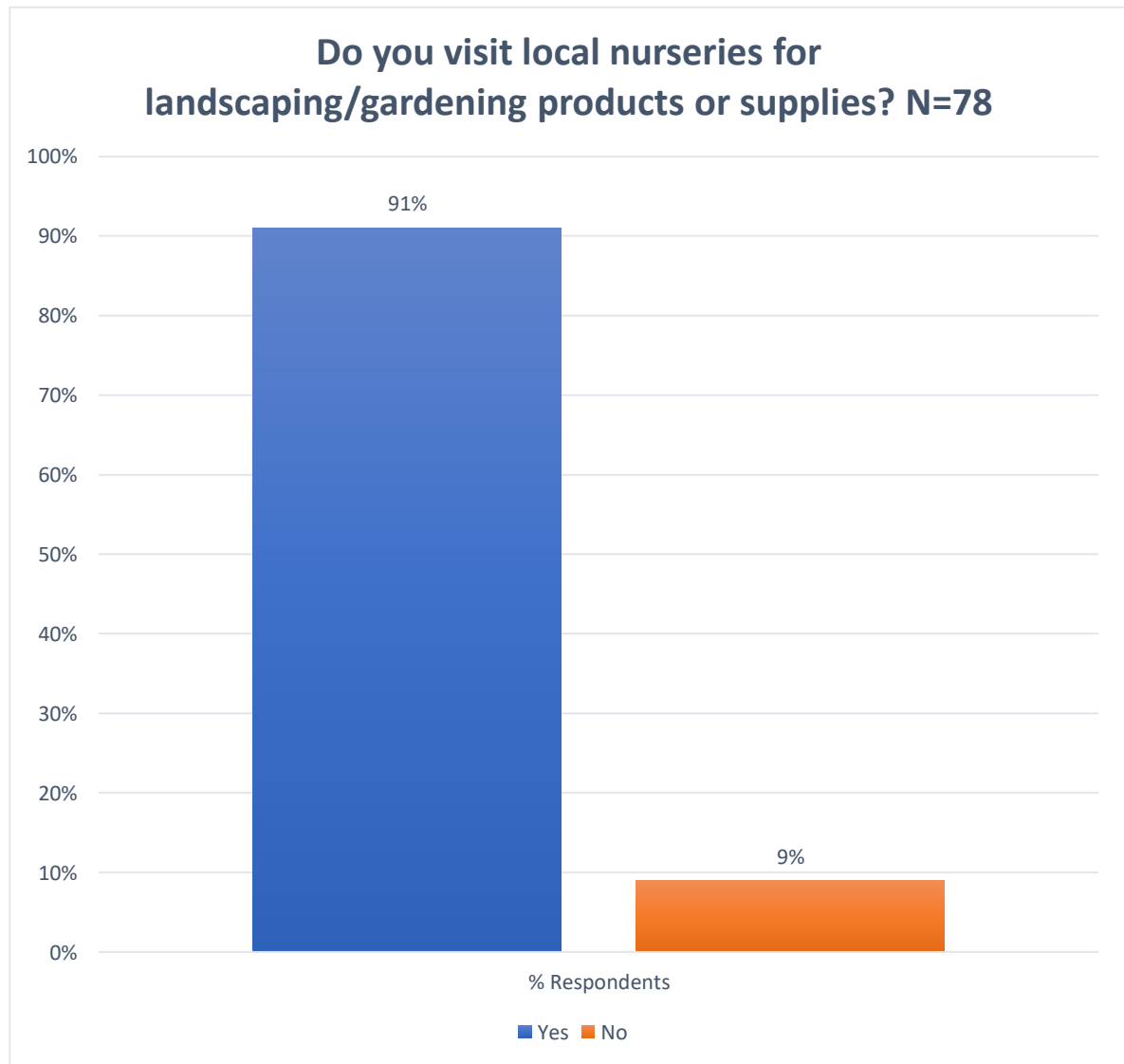


**5. Do you visit local nurseries for landscaping/gardening products or supplies? If yes, which ones?**

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Where:

- Russell’s Tree & Shrub Farm
- Hi-Way Garden Center
- Badding Bros Farm Market & Garden Center
- Spoth Farmers Market
- Donald Spoth Farm & Greenhouse
- Northridge Nurseries - West Seneca
- Gullo’s Garden Center – Hamburg
- Mischler’s Florist and Greenhouses
- Adam’s Nursery & Garden Center
- Menne’s Nursery –now closed
- Elber’s Garden Center
- Lockwood’s Greenhouse & Farm – Hamburg
- George’s Farm Market
- Niagara County Produce
- Papke Farm
- Arbordale Nurseries
- Lavocat’s Garden Center
- Thompsons Garden Center – Niagara Falls
- Lincoln Park Nurseries
- Northtown Garden Center

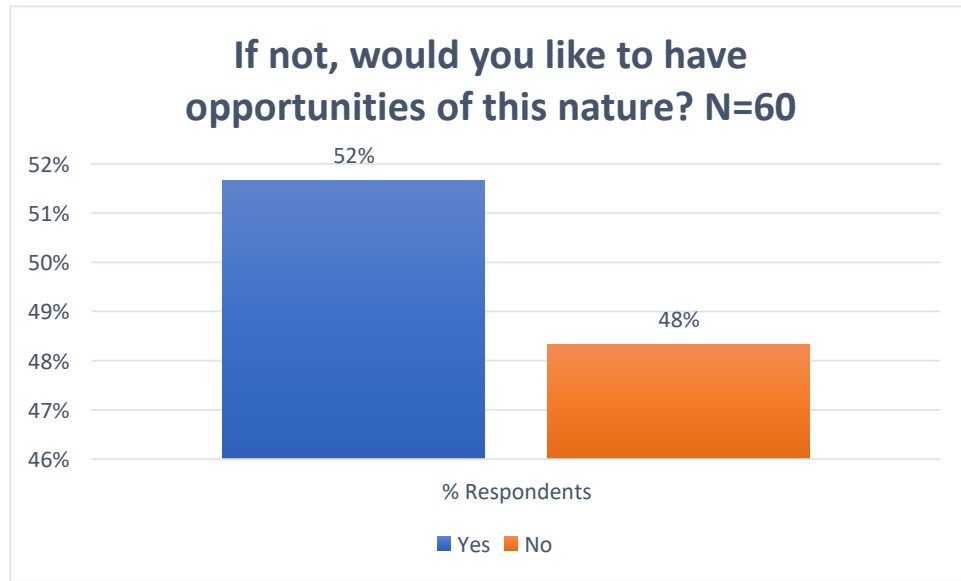
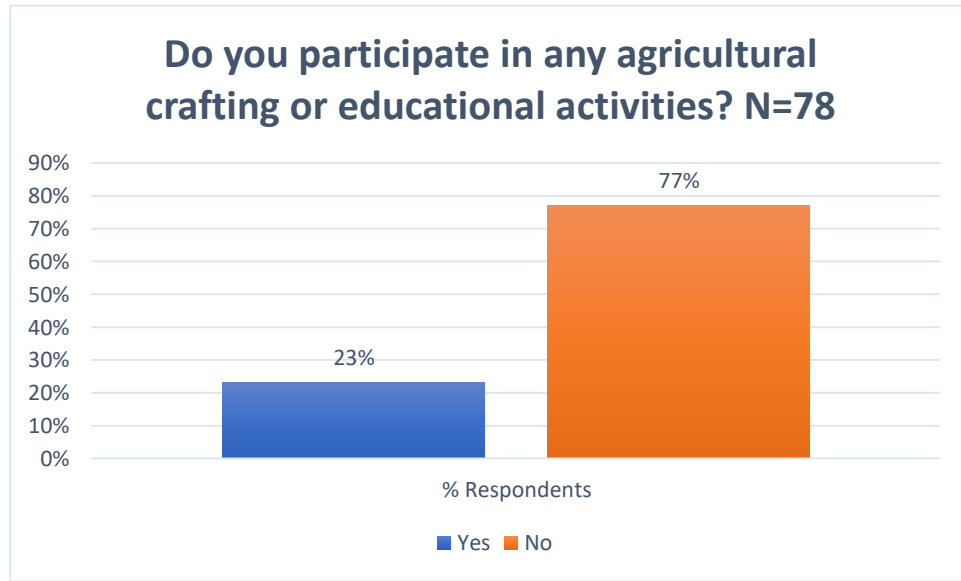


6. Do you participate in any agricultural crafting or educational activities? If yes, please tell us? If not, would you like to have opportunities of this nature?

### Content Analysis

#### Crafting & Education Activities:

- Williamsville School District - Childhood Nutrition Education Initiative
- Gardening Webinars
- Craft classes
- Gardening classes
- Kelkenburg Farms Programming
- Badding Bros Farm Market & Garden Center
- Niagara County 4-H
- Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Lockwood’s Greenhouse & Farm
- Farmers workshops
- Urban Roots & Botanical Gardens
- BNHV Homebrewers Guild

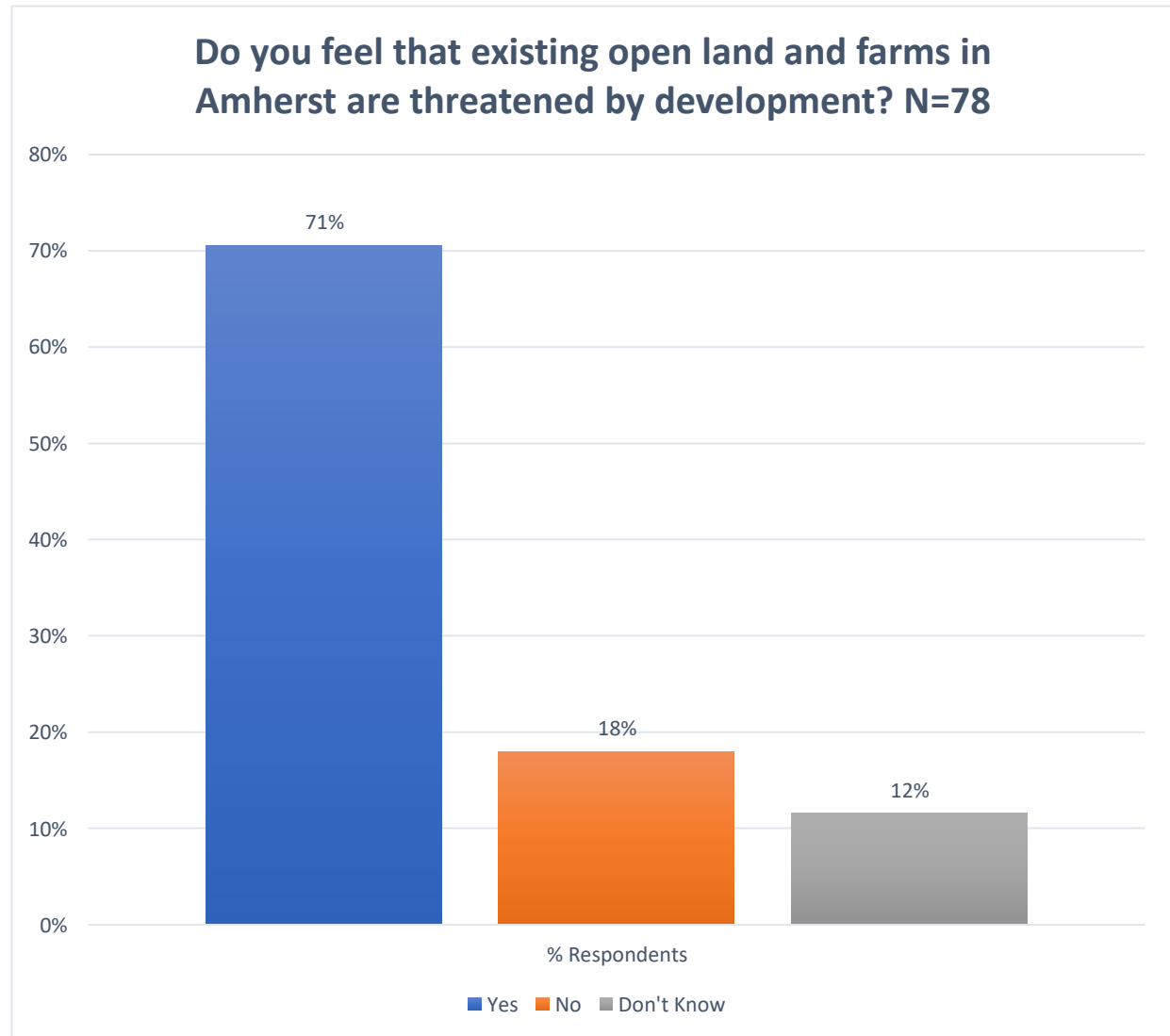


**7. Do you feel that existing open land and farms in Amherst are threatened by development? If so, where?**

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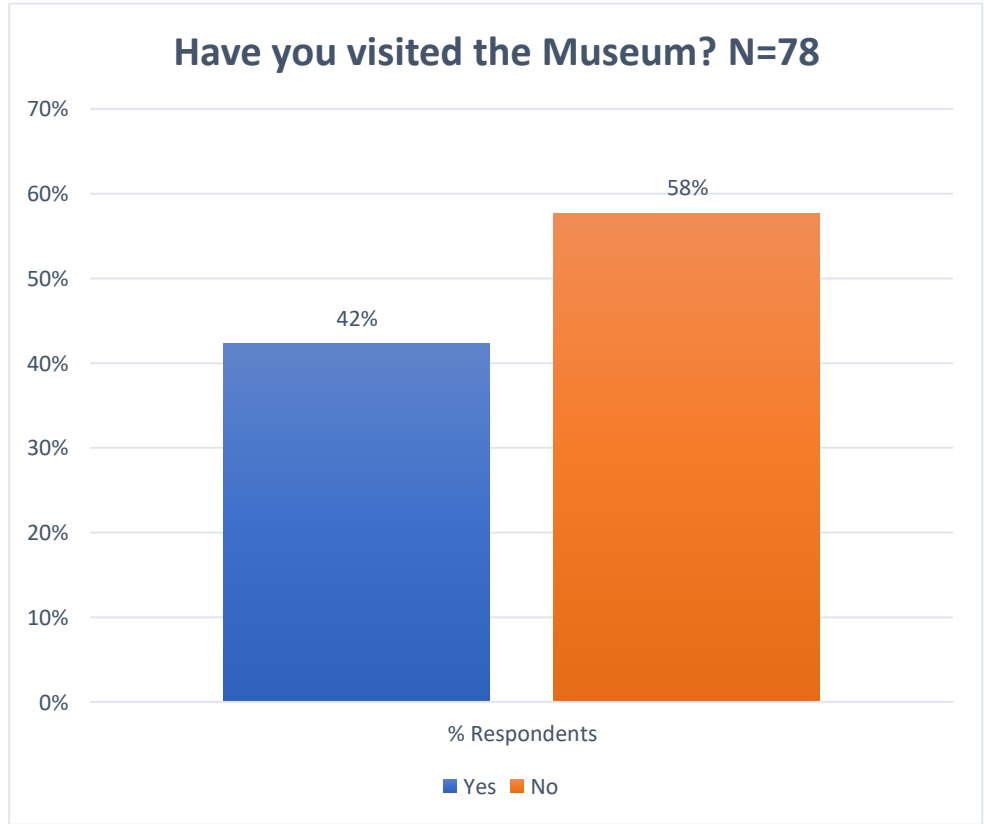
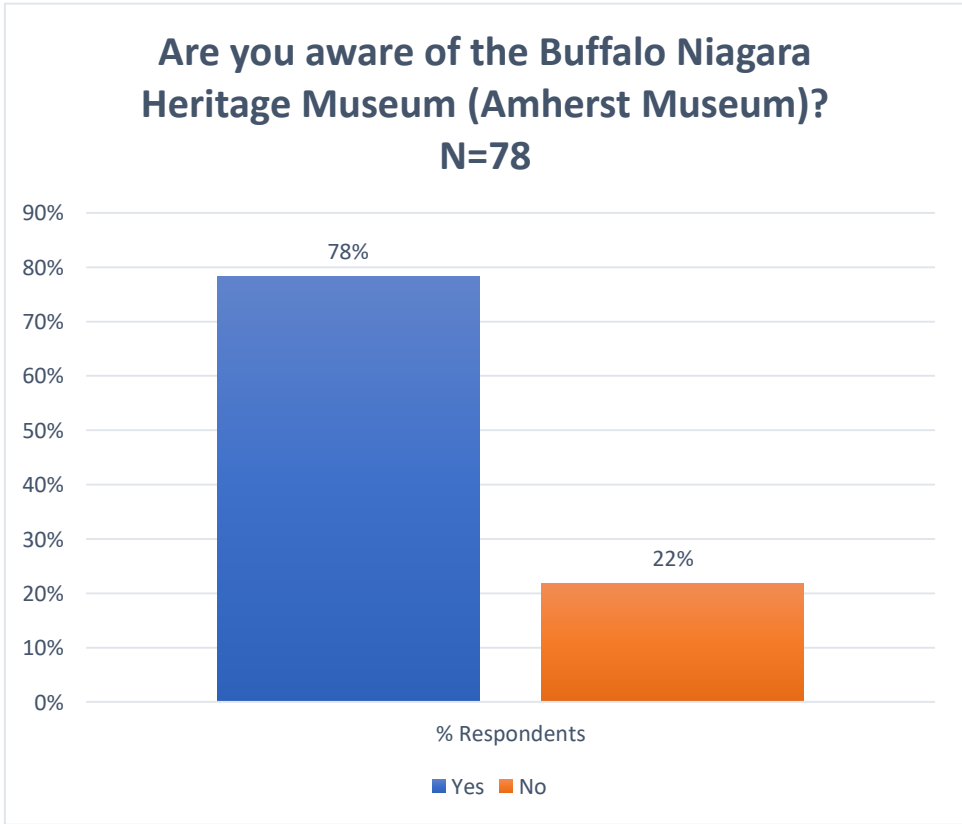
**Where:**

- Around Williamsville North
- New Road development
- North French Rd
- North Amherst
- Dodge Rd
- Millersport Hwy
- Casey Rd
- Dockside
- The Station
- Ransom Oaks
- Transit Road – moving north of Casey Road
- Campus Housing development taking up open land
- East Amherst
- Westwood area
- New Housing development everywhere
- North edge along Tonawanda Creek Road

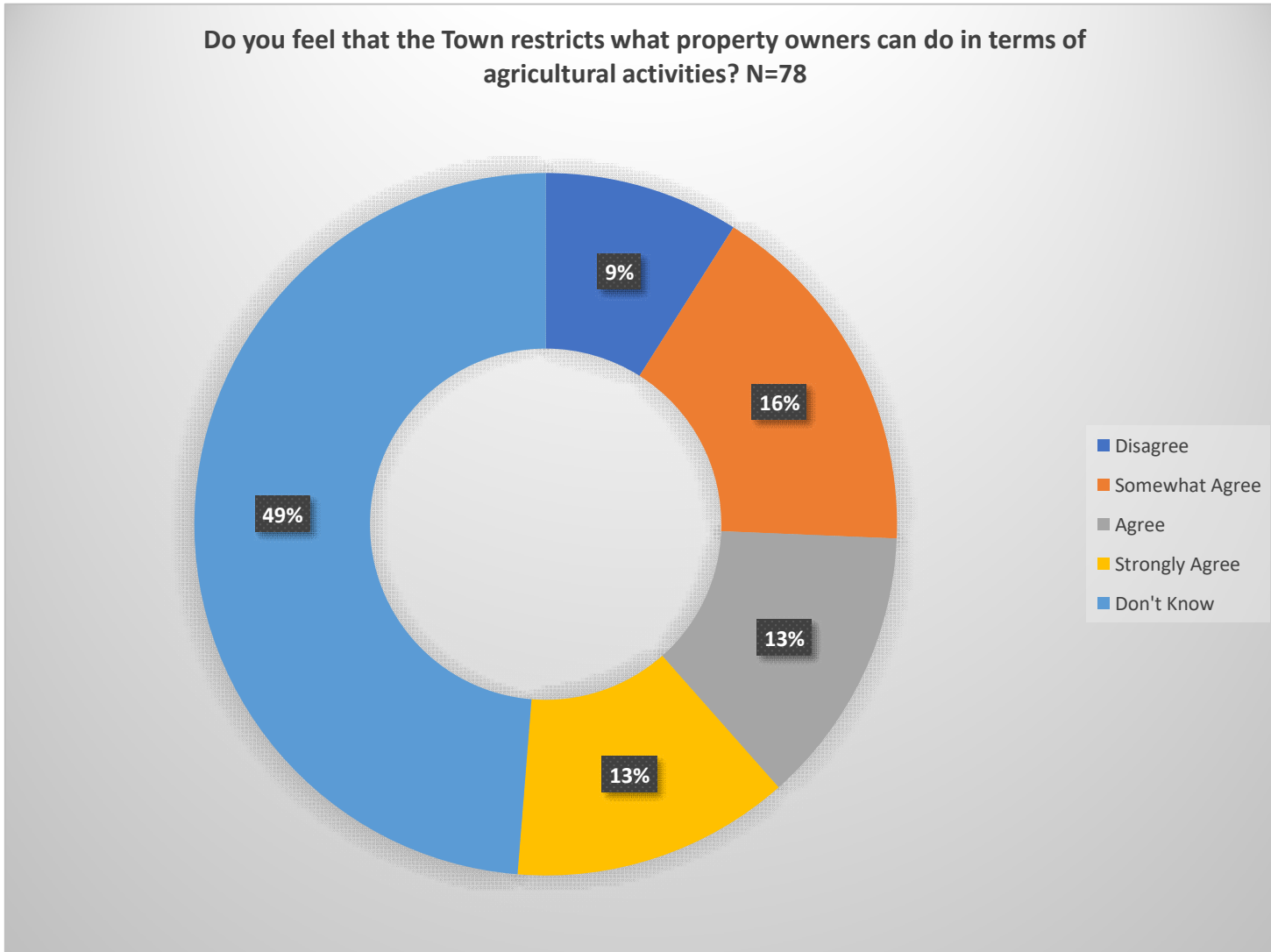




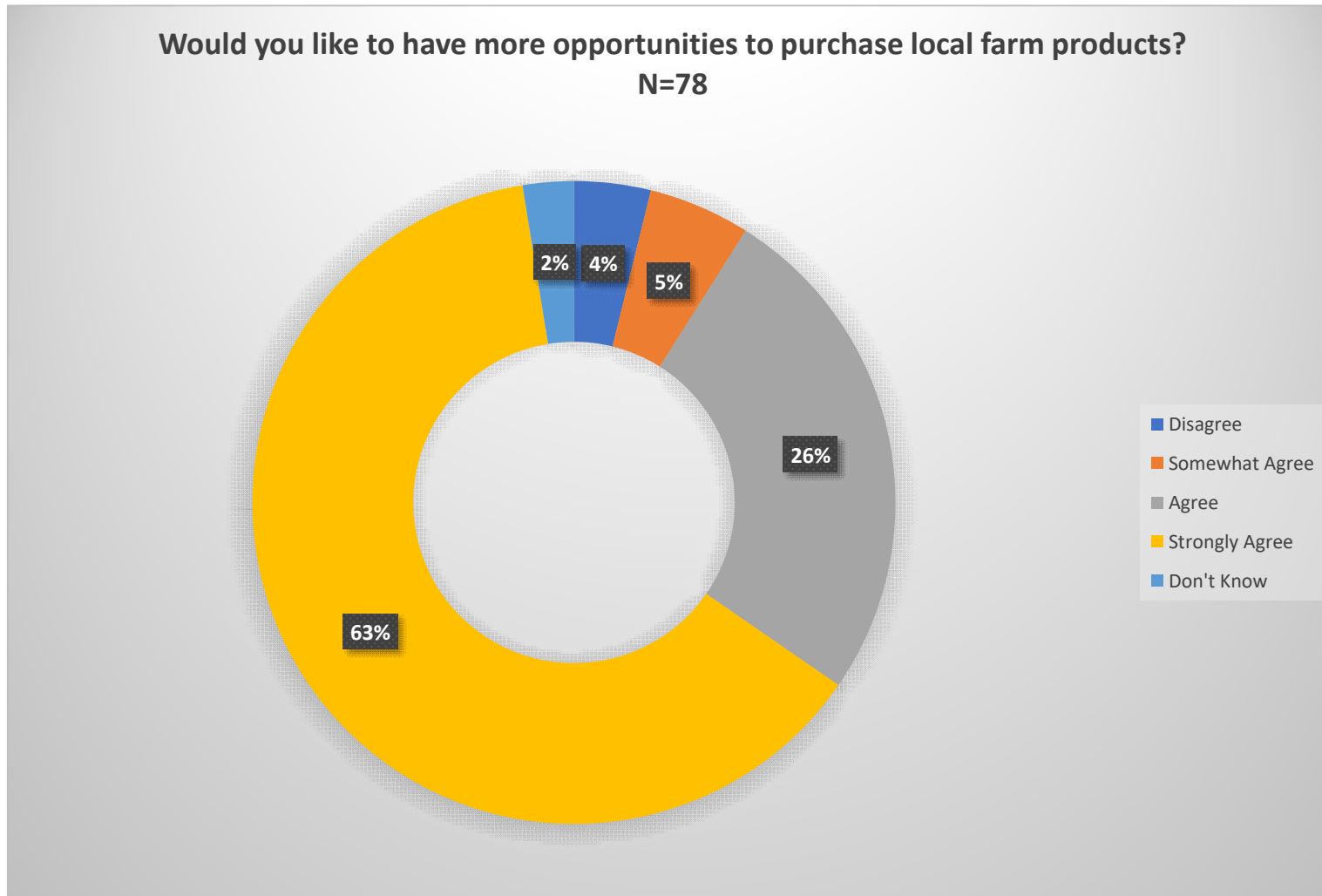
8. Are you aware of the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Museum (Amherst Museum)? Have you visited the Museum?



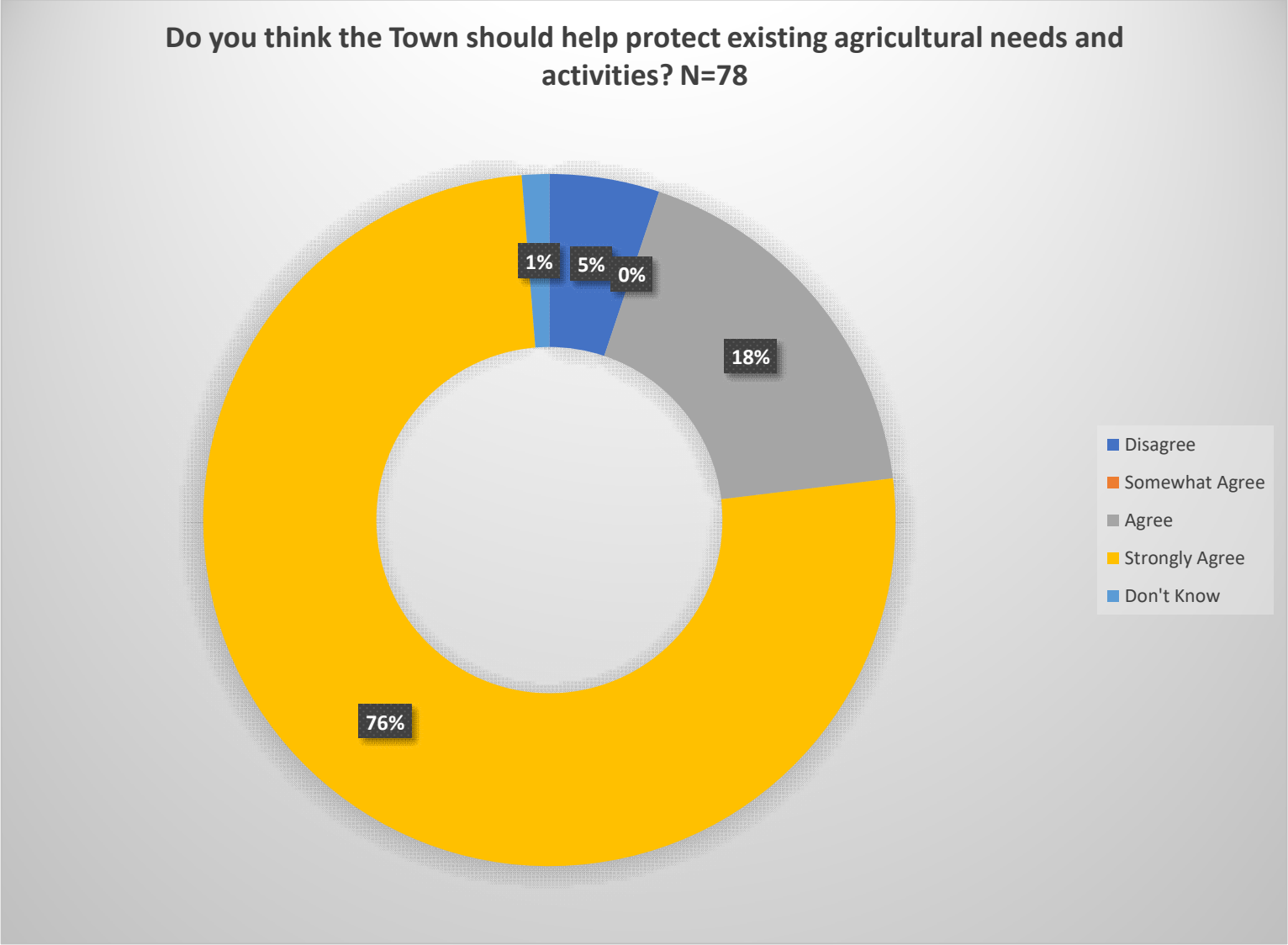
9. Do you feel that the Town restricts what property owners can do in terms of agricultural activities?



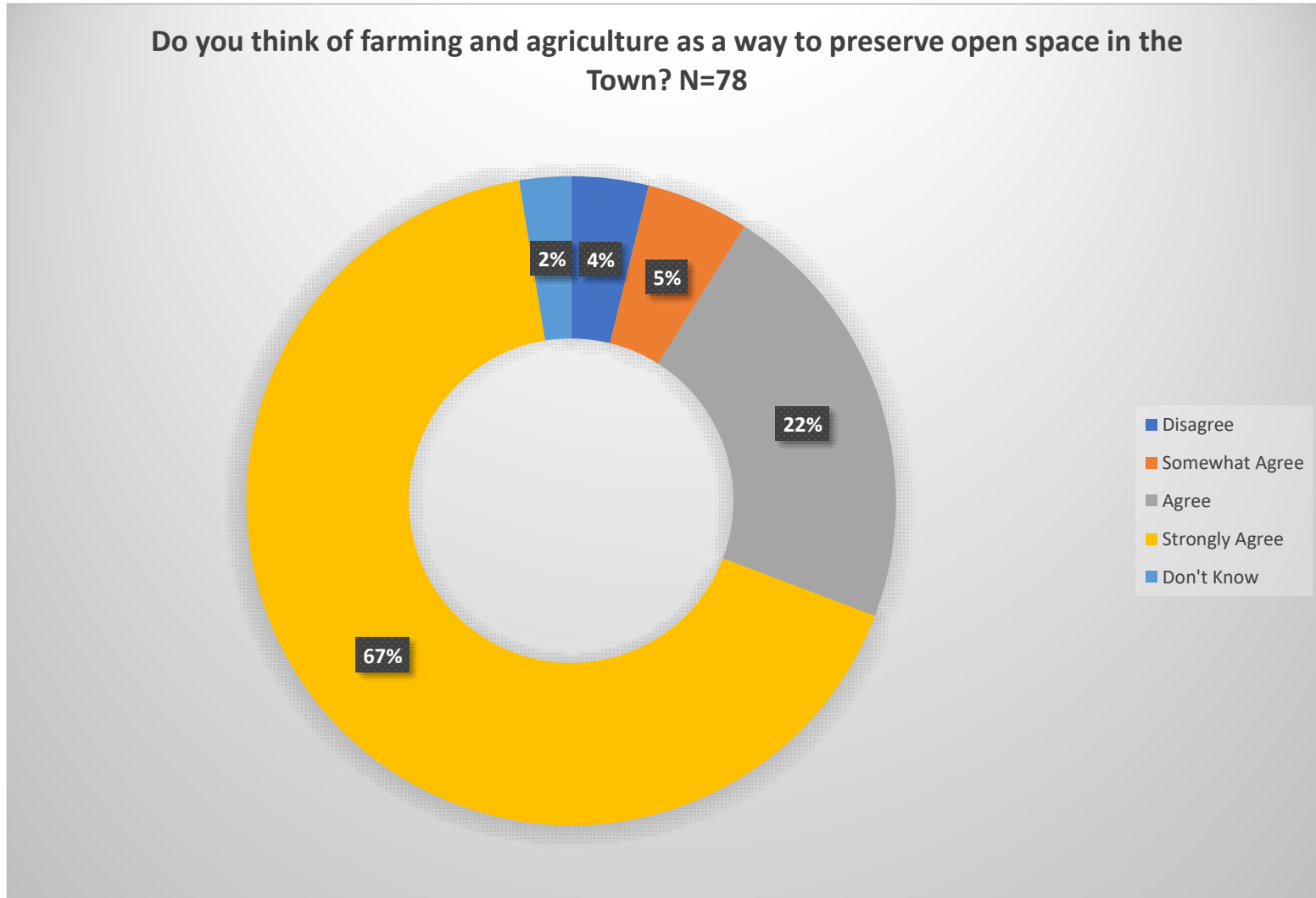
10. Would you like to have more opportunities to purchase local farm products?



11. Do you think the Town should help protect existing agricultural needs and activities?



12. Do you think of farming and agriculture as a way to preserve open space in the Town?



13. In the future, would you like to see more agriculture and farming activities in Amherst?

