

Help Decide the Future of Farming in Campbell County Farmland Survey November 2004 – Summary of Results

A total of 1,307 surveys were mailed to owners of land who are listed with the Conservation District as being engaged in agricultural production. This list has been compiled over the years from various sources including the Conservation District, Farm Service Agency, and the Campbell County Property Valuation Administration. Of the 1,307 surveys distributed, 472 were returned (36%), which is regarded as a high rate of return for a mail survey.

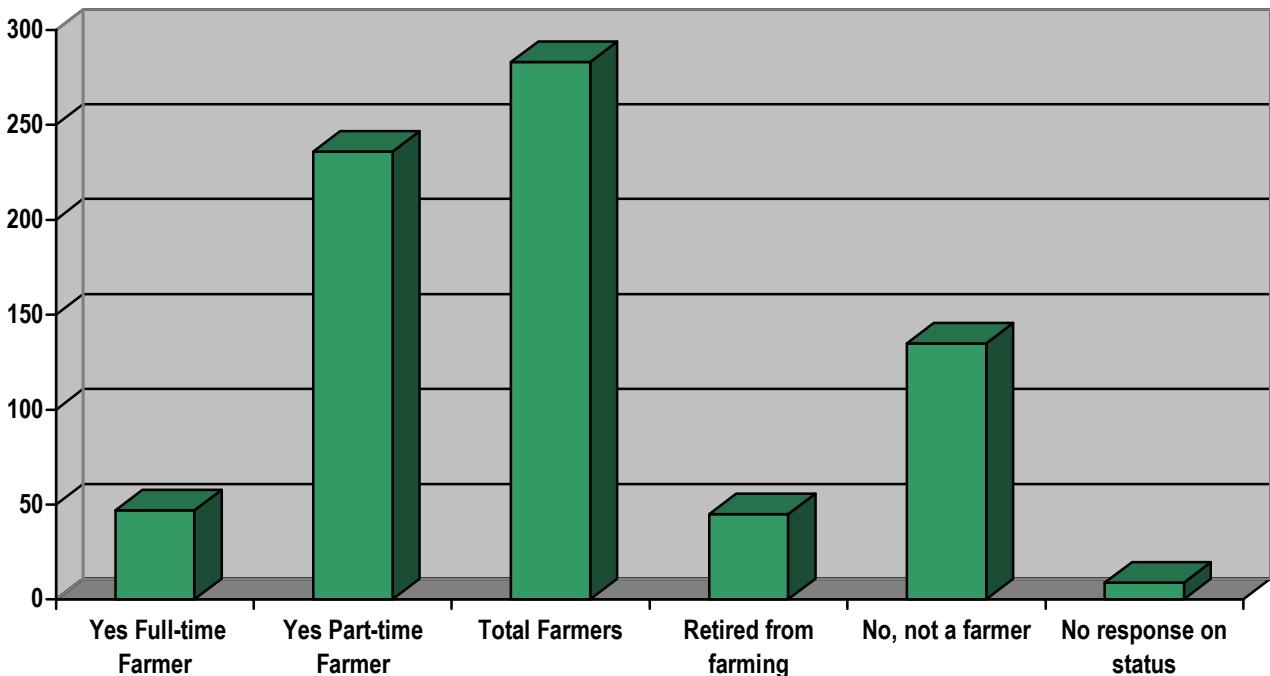
General Summary: Question #1 – Do you consider yourself to be a farmer?

Land in control of landowners who listed themselves as retired appears to be in some type of agricultural activity, although it may not be formally leased or rented. Land in control of those who listed themselves as not being farmers also appears to be in some type of agricultural activity, mainly timber and horses.

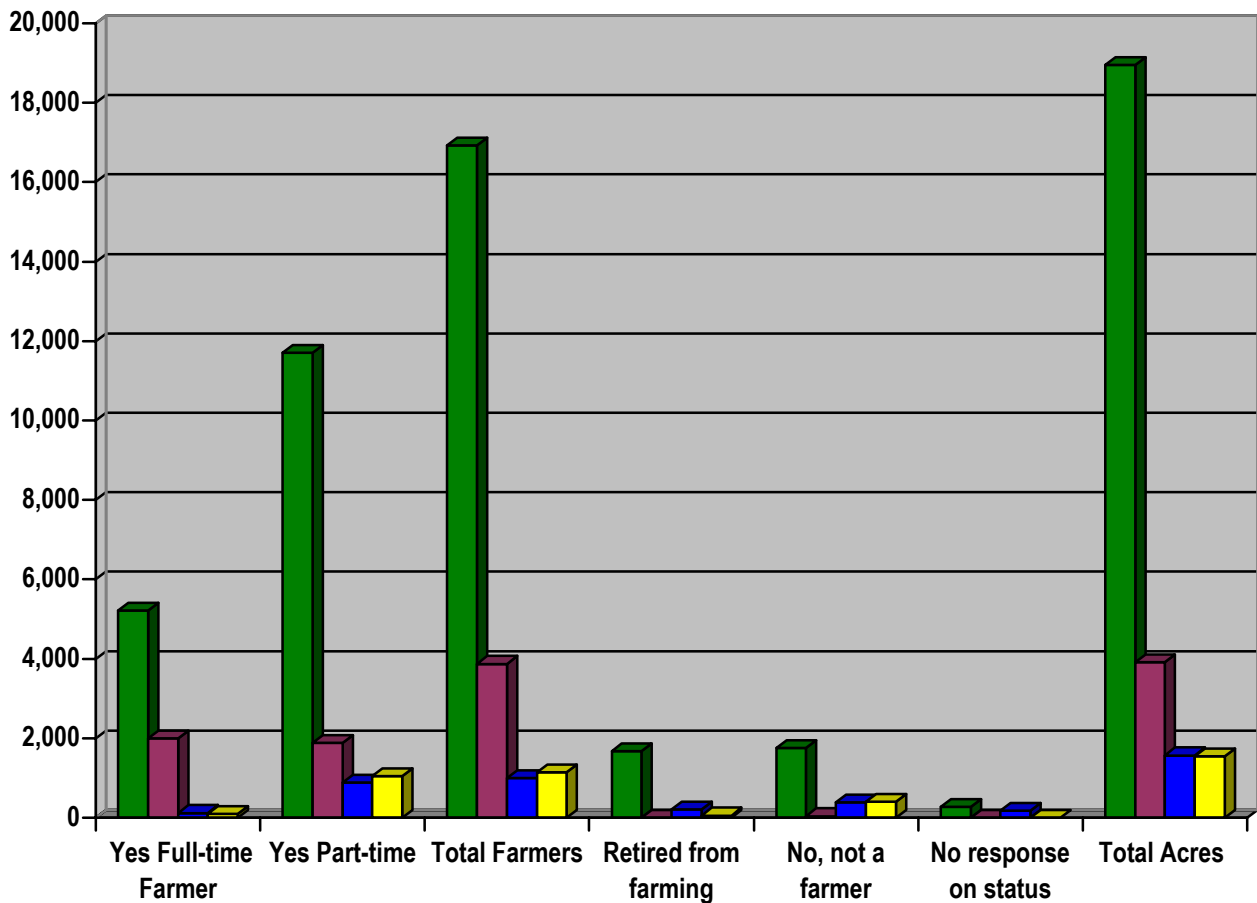
There are currently an estimated 50,383 acres of land in farms in Campbell County. This survey included landowners in control of 18,950 acres of land, or approximately 38% of the total acres in agricultural production.

Question #1 Do you consider yourself to be a farmer?	Yes Full-time Farmer	Yes Part-time Farmer	Total Farmers	Retired from farming	No, not a farmer	No response on status	Total Responses
	47	236	283	45	135	9	472
Percentage	10%	50%	60%	10%	29%	2%	100%

Do you consider yourself to be a farmer?



Question #1 – If Yes, how many ...	Yes Full-time Farmer	Yes Part-time	Total Farmers	Retired from farming	No, not a farmer	No response on status	Total Acres
Acres of farmland owned	5,219	11,705	16,924	1,670	1,751	275	18,950
Acres rent from someone else	1,990	1,882	3,872	0	40	0	3,912
Acres owned currently rented or leased to someone else	119	884	1,003	211	386	181	1,570
Acres owned that are fallow land	99	1,039	1,138	55	405	0	1,542



Comments: Question #1 – Do you consider yourself to be a farmer?

Yes – Full-time farmer:

1. joins my son's 35 acres-I farm this also
2. pasture land 125 acres more or less
3. fallow - not sure
4. all pasture except for buildings
5. fallow?
6. partner in ownership
7. hay and pasture

Yes – Part-time farmer:

1. part owner of another 62-acre tract
2. timber
3. process in clearing ground for grapes and blackberries, use wood for heating the house
4. have a small garden & grow flowers & have natural water sources for wildlife & stock
5. timber
6. 12 wooded
7. farm only 2 acres
8. Bracken County 60 acres
9. cows and horses
10. only 30 acres are kept clear for hay and cattle grazing
11. fallow?
12. sowed or planted back (all)
13. The farm is in partnership with brothers & sisters
14. fallow?
15. 199 in Bracken Co.
16. we have 10 acres, we have a hayfield & lease out 148lb of tobacco
17. 107 acres most woodland
18. woods 35
19. timber
20. 35A in Bracken Co
21. what's fallow?
22. woods & river bottoms - 76
23. I farm my father's property
24. 30 acres in pasture and hay production only
25. pasture and hay
26. pasture 4 acres hay 12.25
27. I have no idea what you just asked (fallow)
28. horse farm
29. I use about 40 acres of hay ground on the river
30. 42 total acres only 18 ag, balance recreational-camping
31. the farm next door is 140 acres and belongs to my mother who is 91; I use this land, see attachment
32. own 170A in Pendleton Co
33. tobacco base is leased
34. pasture for my horses

Retired from farming:

1. 3 acres for garden & lawn
2. don't own a farm anymore
3. our neighbor uses our farm

4. fallow ? 8 grass, 12 woods
5. part owner in 62-acre tract
6. retired, but not from farming
7. Unused pasture land and woodland
8. hay and timber
9. ? Fallow
10. retired from factory work

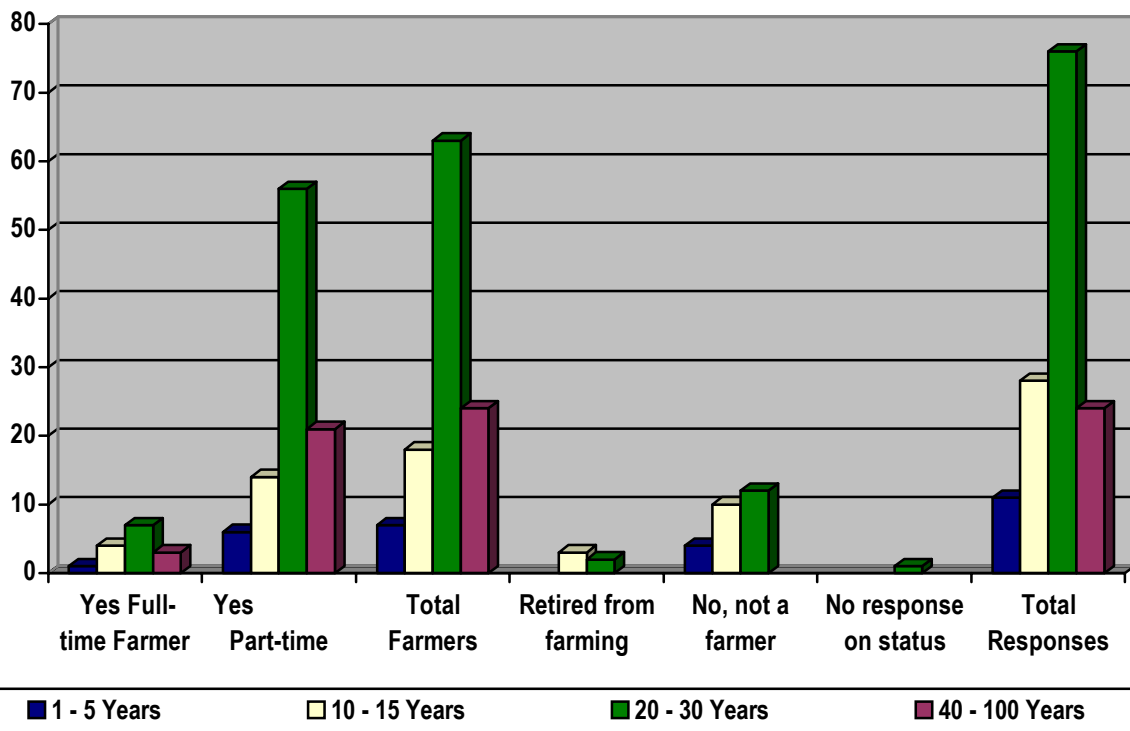
No, not a farmer:

1. we are an animal-entertainment business
2. I do not farm, but I do selectively harvest timber for use in building wood products.
3. I try to keep it looking nice by having the hay mowed & put in every year. Most of the land is woods or hay (also pasture for horses)
4. My land is in vegetation for turkey, deer and other wildlife. I have 20 acres in this type of activity.
5. uncultivated
6. The farmer is deceased. There are 5 owners - most of the owners would like to sell the property because of illness & old age
7. 40 acres more or less
8. we have 8 horses
9. horse farm/timber
10. do not consider us as farmers but raise crops: hay & gardens, trees, etc for personal pleasure and use
11. mostly hilly woods
12. mostly grown up - good for hunting
13. land is fallow
14. I have 14 acres I would like to keep in tree & parieo?
15. in conservation program
16. trees and grasses
17. Tried to encourage the growth of black walnut trees & other hardwoods for harvest in our later years, but I don't get income from farming (as yet).

No Response on Farmer Status:

1. Sold my ground to relatives who are building houses. Own 18 acres in Cincinnati and signed an easement, it must be kept as is no building to be allowed.
2. 30 acres trees
3. We grow our own vegetables (tried fruit) and use the downed wood to heat our house
4. Retired but not from farming

# 2 Approximately how long do you anticipate continuing to keep your land in agricultural production?	Yes Full-time Farmer	Yes Part-time	Total Farmers	Retired from farming	No, not a farmer	No response on status	Total Responses
1 - 5	1	6	7		4		11
10 -15	4	14	18	3	10		28
20 - 30	7	56	63	2	12	1	76
40 -100	3	21	24				24
Total Responses	15	97	112	5	26	1	144



General Summary: Question # 2 - Approximately how long do you anticipate continuing to keep your land in agricultural production?

The answers to this question appear to be based on the person's prediction of their lifespan. In the study, the average age of farmers was between 45 and 60 years old.

Comments: (Same responses indicated in parentheses with number of occurrences.)

Yes Fulltime farmer:

1. as long as I live
2. as long as I am able (5), health permits, etc.
3. lifetime (5)
4. for as long as I own it (2)
5. farm now on as well as my daughters
6. forever (3)

7. indefinitely (3)
8. son is taken over (2)
9. God willing
10. till I die (5)
11. until PVA runs me out - tax \$\$\$
12. The rest of our lives & the lives of our sons
13. many
14. That I cannot answer because if I would like to sell some property that is my business and I do not think it is anyone else's. Thank you
15. as long as possible

Yes Part-time farmer:

1. lifetime (4)
2. as long as I can, as is possible (7)
3. indefinite (17)
4. The rest of my life (3)
5. As long as the fiscal court will let me.
6. Until I die (7)
7. as long as I (we) live (7)
8. as long as I (we) live here (3)
9. Don't know, I'm 84, can't do it anymore
10. as long as able, able to farm (10)
11. forever (8)
12. till I die or sell if necessary
13. lifetime (6)
14. Until I can no longer do it
15. We are hoping our children will continue to farm
16. ongoing
17. will go for the tobacco buyout but still cut hay
18. unknown, not sure (5)
19. When my mother is gone we will see what will happen
20. I am 77, when I die it goes to my children & they will farm it
21. is in estate owned by 6 people
22. as long as my family or myself continue to farm
23. as long as we own it (2)
24. as long as my health will permit
25. as long as possible (8)
26. until subdivisions push me out
27. until I die, I'm 88
28. until I pass on
29. till I die (I'm 79)
30. generation after generation
31. as long as health & circumstances allow
32. I'm almost 60 yrs old and only 1 offspring is interested in farming
33. depends on zoning & has fast growth of city expands around us. We live on the line and a housing project is going all the way around us
34. always
35. I am the 5th generation. I would like to hand it down.
36. indefinitely, I love my woods and pasture land!
37. as long as I can - always
38. until I can't do the job

39. long as I'm alive
40. as long as we're living

Retired from farming:

1. pasture
2. not sure
3. forever (3)
4. sold farm
5. as long as I live (8)
6. many
7. long as I can , as long as we can (2)
8. as long as I own it (2)
9. as long as I can find someone to lease it
10. Not in production

No, not a farmer:

1. as long as I can (2)
2. indefinite (5)
3. its rented out for pasture
4. I'm 58 years old & female - I want it to stay agricultural as long as I can do it.
5. As long as I'm alive & probably my children's
6. don't know, unknown, undecided (10)
7. I have horses, but raise some hay, buy most
8. until I sell
9. as long as I live (2)
10. small garden
11. not used for agriculture now
12. forever (2)
13. long as I own it (2)
14. as long as I own the property (2)
15. permanently
16. life
17. as long as possible
18. not in production
19. as long as I'm able to live on the land
20. children might build on later
21. non-farm now
22. family recreation
23. as long as we live here
24. until Hwy 27 is completed
25. till I pass away, till death (4)
26. then if my children would continue in some form of farming
27. conservation program
28. no current plans to end
29. until something better comes along
30. always, many (2)

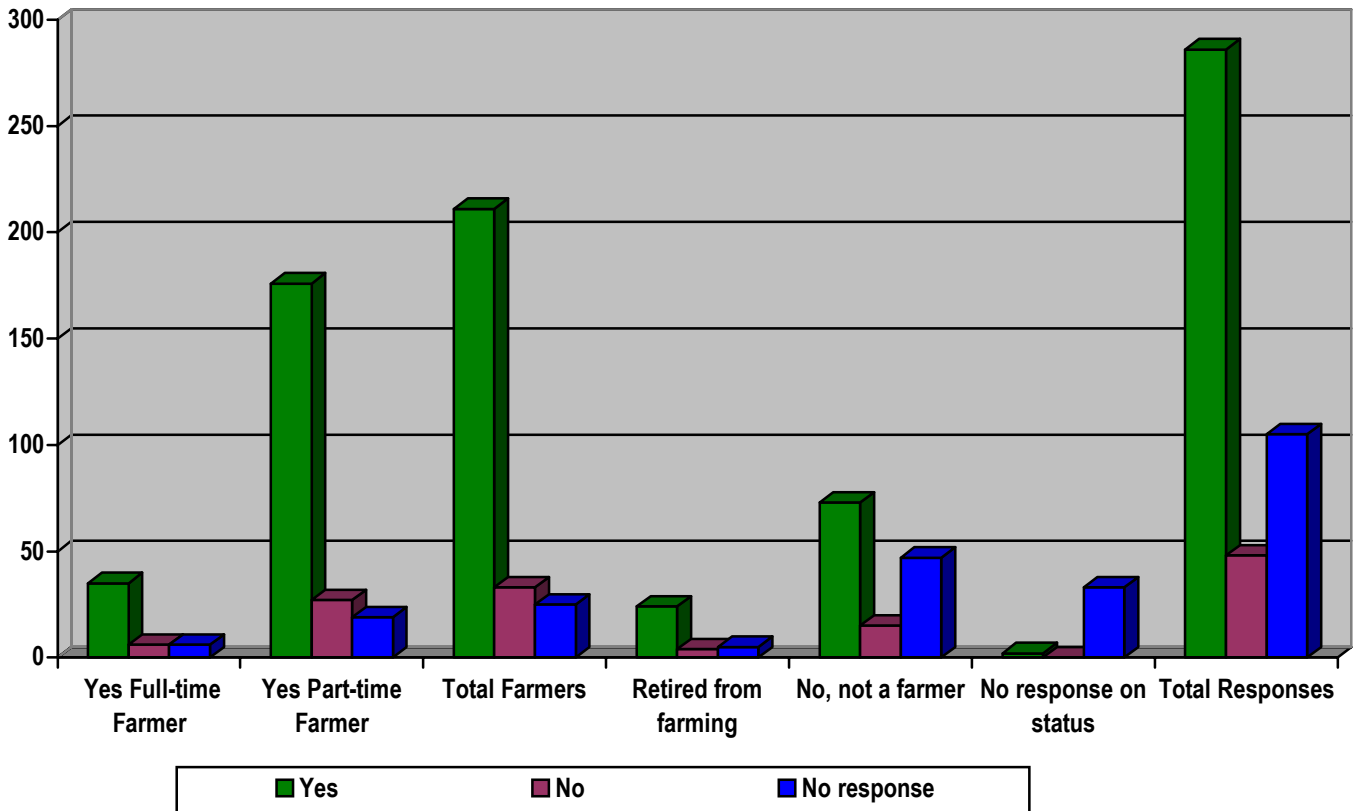
No Response on Farmer Status:

1. not sure
2. as long as the Lord wills it
3. until my death

General Summary: Question #3 - Should farmland protection be considered for Campbell County?

Approximately 65% of landowners surveyed indicate that farmland protection should be considered with the provision that it is voluntary.

# 3 Should farmland protection be considered for Campbell County?	Yes Full-time Farmer	Yes Part-time Farmer	Total Farmers	Retired from farming	No, not a farmer	No response on status	Total Responses	Percentage
Yes	35	176	211	24	73	2	286	65%
No	6	27	33	4	15	0	48	11%
No response	6	19	25	5	47	33	105	24%



Comments: Question #3 - Should farmland protection be considered for Campbell County?

Yes, fulltime farmer:

1. not sure what that means
2. too much interference
3. There is so little farmland left in our area. We need to preserve green space & make sure future generations have opportunity to farm & enjoy nature.
4. too many people are selling farmland for development
5. not interested in more "programs"

6. to keep farmland in the farming business
7. Campbell County should not be turned into a subdivision
8. We have enough ground under concrete & housing. The farmland is our only green space.
9. need particulars about programs
10. water division of KY lets subdivisions run sewage onto my farm, subdivision kids destroy farm with dirt bikes & 4-wheelers
11. I want to remain a farmer
12. Sounds like more red tape to sort through. Most farmers I know take pride in their farms and make effort to maintain their farms
13. Campbell needs an economically viable agricultural land base for future generations to farm
14. don't let housing take over
15. it's difficult to not take advantage of developers offering high prices for your land. There needs to be financial help so farms can keep farming/land.
16. Farmers protect and preserve their land without government guiding.
17. Disappearance at a rapid rate
18. Preservation of farmland - doesn't need to be gobbled up for subdivisions & to collect taxes for things usually unnecessary.
19. yes as long as it stays voluntary
20. As long as it IS voluntary.

Yes, part-time farmer:

1. not sure
2. give everyone another option
3. there should be options for you if you could no longer farm, but wish to keep the land
4. when I can't farm anymore I'll sell for the best dollar regardless who buys it. I've got four children and I'll share equally.
5. not sure what that means
6. too much development
7. our farmland in CC is a precious asset, too much of it is being lost to development and a lot of farmers are losing their business, whether that be cattle or crops
8. If something isn't done soon, there will be no farmland!
9. If you get no new fiscal court or planning zoning rules thrown at you if you don't sign up for it.
10. We need to protect green space and control urban sprawl. Campbell Co Planning & Zoning stinks.
11. If people like town stay there. I like farm where I am
12. too many farms are being turned into subdivisions in Campbell County
13. land is a precious gift to be cared for, we do not want to see subdivisions everywhere
14. The community needs to maintain some farmland so that future generations aren't ignorant as to where food comes from.
15. I would like to be part of the committee
16. We purchased our property to maintain a rural way of life. Now the city and suburbs are creeping in much too quickly
17. In order to preserve the family farm.
18. If a person does not want his farm developed he or she should have that option
19. not sure
20. This farm has been in my family since before KY was a state. I am in the forestry stewardship program and will someday harvest my timber. I would also like to divide my farm for my children
21. It is in my rights to do with my land what I want to do with it and when.
22. Due to rapid development and little concern for land usage
23. market forces should dictate
24. On a farm your family learns to work together, how to raise your own food, cattle, hay, etc. and appreciate what God has given us

25. The reason one purchased a farm area is to have the option to farm. Otherwise we would have bought a home in a subdivision with all the utilities. I do not expect anyone telling me I cannot farm when xxxxx. This is why I bought land.
26. Green space, wildlife preservation needs to certainly be addressed & be viable options for landowners.
27. need to preserve rural character, local flora & fauna
28. options
29. I want my farm to continue to be a working/income-producing farm
30. If my sisters and brothers vote to sell we will have to sell
31. Good plan to preserve forest/timber (my land) and green space
32. I believe we are part of a program now
33. The county is becoming too urban
34. There are so few acres left in Campbell Co that are farmed, what is here needs to be protected
35. tired of government intervention
36. people should have the right to do as they wish with their land
37. for conservation and beauty
38. Let the free market and/or the owner decide, no tax money should be involved
39. owner should be free to use his land as he sees fit
40. This would bring us one step closer to involuntary protection. Individuals who want to protect their land can do so now without a new program
41. can't answer until we know what plan entails
42. undecided, need more info
43. all the land is being taken by development. We will farm the land as long as the government will allow
44. by preserving some land for wildlife food
45. Farms in Campbell Co have both conservation & historic value. Sprawl occurs too fast before environmental impact is fully understood & likely is one of the contributors to global warming problems. Even more important than livestock are the dwindling numbers of wildlife. The farm itself, the craftsmanship of the barns, etc are the legacy of our fore bearers & shouldn't be all razed for big cheap homes. They should offer to help restore them.
46. keep out developers
47. I may have other plans than those of you who want all the land in Campbell Co to put houses on
48. no comment
49. We (Tim & Gloria Herms) feel our rights as landowner should be protected with the help of Campbell Co & the State of Ky
50. protect from development
51. I don't know what a protection or preservation program is
52. There is very little farmland in Campbell Co now
53. If by a farmland protection this means it cannot be sold for development, I would be interested only if the farm's around me are also involved
54. The AA Hwy has ruined Campbell County - the entire road to Pendleton Co will soon be subdivisions, Wal-Mart's and truck stops. There is a subdivision on Washington Trace near my farm.
55. Farming is the backbone of our heritage. Many of our forefathers were farmers. Without our farms future generations will never know what it's like to raise animals and crops to feed our country.
56. Yes I do because it is a way of life that so many people don't understand and they just see money to be made on farms that people put their heart and soul into and young kids have no idea of this country heritage.
57. to protect farm
58. I know economic play an important role, but it's sad to see all the farmland dwindling down to nothing. Today's generation is going to miss out on something wonderful.

59. Campbell Co should consider and promote protection or preservation to keep a percentage of its land from being developed, but for farmland and wildlife habitat. The State must also feel this way as with KRS 132.450.
60. let me know more.....
61. Campbell County's best use is for industrial
62. not sure
63. Public officials will take the property one way or another!
64. Too much residential and commercial development is destroying the rural nature of southern Campbell Co. Farms need taxation and preservation protection to remain integral to the county's variety.
65. Preserve U.S. agriculture & Ky agriculture
66. This is contingent on the provisions of the program. It should be an incentive program (voluntary) versus forced or involuntary.
67. optimal
68. I would like to see a mandatory program to prevent zoning board and county commissioners from rezoning ag land to HCI like on Ivor Rd or subdivisions.
69. need to keep as much green space as possible
70. It would be a shame to lose our beautiful environment to sprawl and housing congestion being so close to Cincinnati
71. keep as much farm as possible
72. It is important to maintain portions of the county for farmland and wildlife preservation.
73. The state agricultural district program has provided needed protection of farmland but any & all additional safeguards should be available to avoid developing the small pockets of farmland which still remain undisturbed.
74. Leave farmers alone!!!!
75. stop urban growth
76. to control development
77. protect the farms located in Campbell Co
78. This needs some additional research
79. When the farmland is gone, it will never come back for other generations
80. Once farmland is developed, it is gone forever depriving future generations of a great resource. (the land producing as it was intended)
81. If we don't keep farmland in Campbell County sometime or later we won't have any farms because of the houses being built.
82. Protect farmland without harming farm owners.
83. So you cannot be annexed by a city. You cannot afford to pay city taxes on farmland.
84. A voluntary farmland protection should have been done 30 years ago.
85. want property to stay as it is as has always been
86. No way to pay farmers for not selling their farms. Mr. Pendery is part of the problem - not the solution. He wants us to pay 25.00 plus 1.5 percent of our gross sales. He's raised our insurance premium by 5 percent. He hired an un-needed planning director. Everything is anti-agriculture.
87. somehow we need to try to keep some of the farms here to keep a good mix of lifestyle. Also to contain our farming roots, otherwise we will become another suburb of Cincinnati.
88. would like more information on this question
89. We believe that there is already too much high density building going on now. When the open green land is covered by roads & concrete, it's too late to fix it.
90. I like things the way they are
91. I think it would be great to have a program to pay a farmer so much per acre to keep it a farm & not develop it.
92. Any protection of Campbell Co farmland needs to be done in a unified way. We need information and guidance as to how best to protect our land as a resource that shouldn't be destroyed.

93. I would like to see the family farms stay
94. If we don't do something then we'll have no farmland left!
95. We don't need another big brother regulating us.
96. To keep country
97. To get more federal aid to build barns and fences
98. Don't like programs and new mandates
99. I don't want to see AA Hwy & US 27 like Florence and I'm afraid that's happening
100. I do not want to stand in the way of progress, but we need some green land and woods around.
This should not be just parks. Cannot raise cattle and other farm animals in parks.
101. prevent over-development
102. It is hard to explain this, everybody should help the farmer and keep the farm in the family name.
103. We need the green spaces
104. Farms are going to all turn into subdivisions.
105. See "c" in #4 below
106. What would happen to it if it is not agri.? Our entire county can't be developed into subdivisions
Even with the widening of US27 our roads can't handle it.
107. Campbell Co is running out of farmland. We need to keep what we have.
108. ? - explain voluntary
109. We need to protect our farmland and farmers
110. too much development going on
111. you should explain what is offered currently and what is being considered
112. preserve green space

Retired from farming:

1. to protect the land being used
2. voluntary only
3. I'd hate to see all the green pastures go
4. Not sure what those programs are
5. don't know
6. no one should be forced to do with their land as others please
7. Too many houses being built on good farmland
8. to offer the landowner more options
9. Too often bureaucrats come in and apply for zoning changes without residents' knowledge. Even though it is posted too many times it is missed.
10. To help maintain open space
11. I believe strongly in property rights of the owner. Programs that start out as voluntary usually become mandatory at some point. I expect to maintain reasonable control over the direction of my investment.
12. To keep farmland in this country and to help the "small" farmer
13. I don't feel it is necessary at this time
14. ?I am not in KY at present
15. Campbell Co is not for industrial sites, the land is too hilly. It's for farmland.

No, not a farmer:

1. not necessary
2. I'm selling my farm next year and feel that if I don't sub-divide it I will not get as much money for it. I would prefer that it stay agricultural, but have to give in to financial pressure.
3. we need agriculture for our food and clean air & streams
4. too many subdivisions already in existence, too many under construction
5. I have kept my 34.9 acres in natural woodlands for 50 years. It is important to preserve nature.

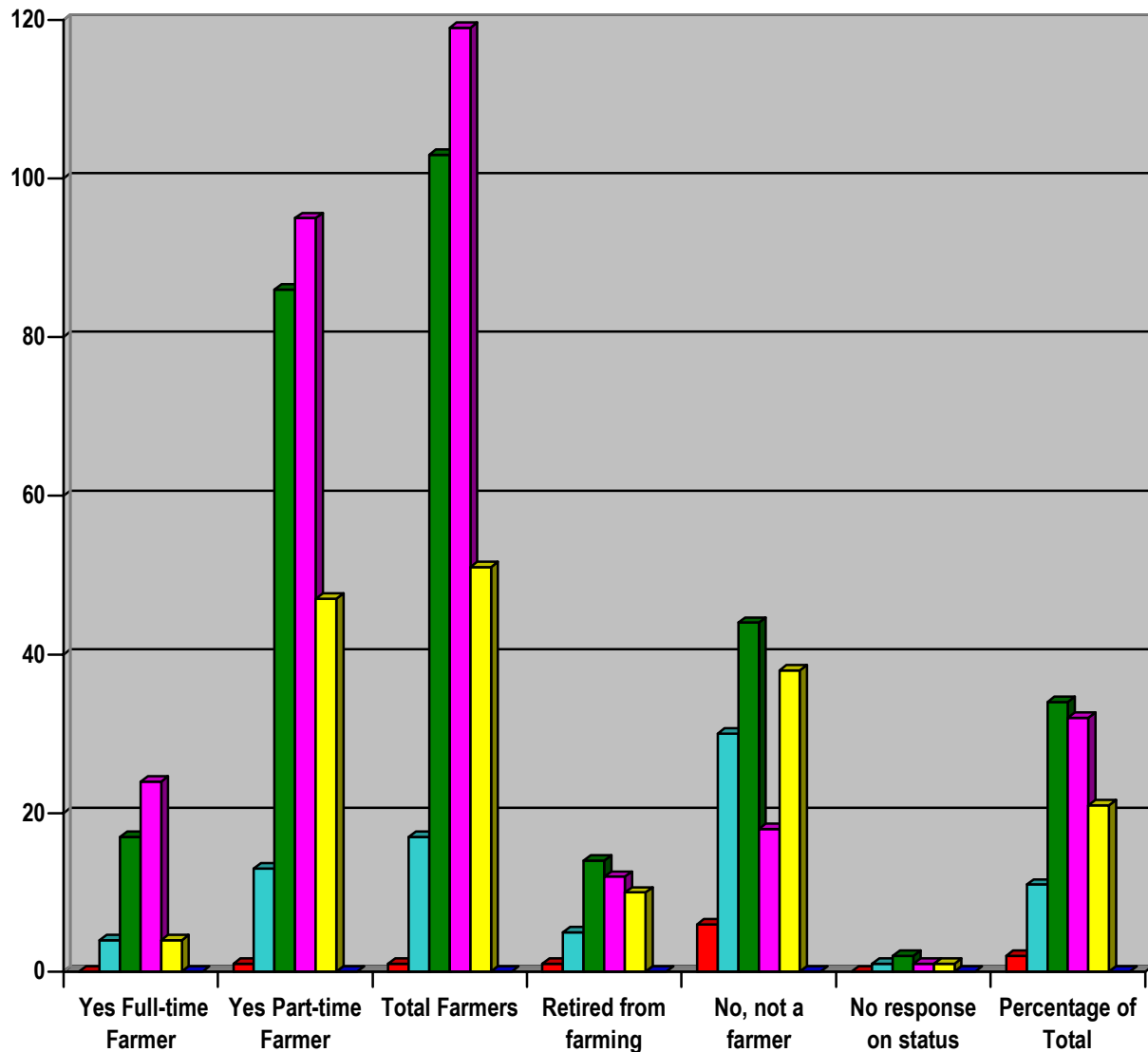
6. Once "green space" is gone, it is gone forever. Have you ever heard of property being cleared to return it to farmland or woodland?
7. We need to keep rural Campbell County green!
8. conservation
9. I think the owners already take good care
10. Too much "free" land is being used for subdivisions - soon we will have no more woods or pastures.
11. Campbell Co will result in another Boone County - Farm property taken for new roads, vast development of homes, etc
12. This is not clear what the implications are one way or the other
13. I thought it is voluntary
14. I believe urban sprawl to be a problem in southern Campbell Co and farmland, green space, etc will be a major issue in the very near future.
15. yes, providing the farms next to you are also considered protected. It should only be protected for current owner & if sold, it would be up to new owner to keep or not.
16. current farmland owners should have the option to keep their land designated as farmland as long as they wish
17. too many houses & businesses are being built & destroying the land
18. I want to keep our land clean and not polluted
19. have no idea either way
20. slow development
21. don't know
22. The preservation of farmland, green space, wildlife habitat, and conservation land becomes increasingly important as the population grows. Benefits include the biodiversity of a healthy ecosystem providing agricultural, economical, and an aesthetically pleasing environment that preserves our natural heritage.
23. I believe it is important to keep development controlled and keep our "green space" green! It is very important to future Campbell Countians.
24. The farmlands in Campbell Co are diminishing quickly
25. Too much farmland being taken for building
26. I read that the sewage problem in Campbell Co has been fixed. Now more subdivisions, stores, buildings, etc will be able to build. Watch out! Campbell Co is beautiful now. It won't be if there isn't some way to stop "progress". Look at Kenton Co. There's a new subdivision being built on every corner. Three houses per acre. On 100 acres, there is 300 houses!! It's awful. Keep CC beautiful.
27. no longer farming
28. Key word is voluntary; although I am not sure there is very much viable "farmland" in the county. Most of the county seems to have very marginal farm output with low land productivity
29. It would benefit existing/potential farmers
30. This would encourage the protection and preservation of our rural areas of this county. This may give people a greater sense of preserving the rural areas for the future instead of seeking out a quick profit.
31. Too much land being developed without consideration of health problems...waste discharge water runoff, etc.
32. I do not understand what the protection program would consist of.
33. An idea that makes sense (voluntary)
34. If a person who owns a farm decides to develop it or sell the land to a developer, this is right as the owner of the property. Why should someone else be allowed to control his property.
35. we need to protect wooded and pasture land to enjoy for people as well as for wildlife! Once it's gone it will be hard to put it back!
36. we need to protect the environment. We need to safeguard the livelihood of small farmers still struggling to succeed.
37. My property is currently in an agricultural preservation zone which is voluntary

38. not needed
39. undecided
40. Residential and commercial development should be controlled.
41. No open land for wildlife
42. No comment here
43. I think a tax incentive would be good to protect farmland and also reward family farmers.
44. I'd like to preserve some rural character
45. I think we (humans on Earth) should begin to value our land as a resource & go for high density housing
46. I will not sell my land for land development. I moved here because I wanted to come back home.
47. To help keep the county as a great place to live.
48. We do not want to lose our farms.
49. Need to conserve green space for wildlife & to help clean the air
50. If the landowner, at the time of his life, can designate.
51. I see the negative impact of development along Hwy 27 and recently the AA Hwy. People with farms and woodlots are being driven out by taxes.

General Summary: Question #4 - Which of the following statements best describes your current feelings regarding your land?

In general, 65% of those responding to the survey want their land to stay in agricultural production for the foreseeable future. About 32% would like to keep their land in agriculture even after they no longer own it, and 21% are willing to explore other options.

#4 Which of the following statements best describes your current feelings regarding your land? (please check only one statement)	Yes Full-time Farmer	Yes Part-time Farmer	Total Farmers	Retired from farming	No, not a farmer	No response on status	Total Responses	Percentage of Total
a. I purchased my farmland as a real estate investment and plan to sell it for development.	0	1	1	1	6	0	7	2%
b. I am willing to consider the sale of my land for development, for the right price, and I have no strong feelings, one way or the other, whether my land remains in agriculture.	4	13	17	5	30	1	48	11%
c. I would like my land to stay in agriculture as long as I own it. However, what happens after I sell is up to the new owner.	17	86	103	14	44	2	149	34%
d. I would like my land to stay in agriculture even after I no longer own it and would like to explore ways to keep my land in agricultural production.	24	95	119	12	18	1	138	32%
e. I would be willing to explore other options for my land, such as parks and recreation, green space, or conservation land.	4	47	51	10	38	1	90	21%
f. Other ideas (See responses below)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total Responses	49	242	291	42	136	5	432	100%



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- b. I am willing to consider the sale of my land for development, for the right price, and I have no strong feelings, one way or the other, whether my land remains in agriculture.
- c. I would like my land to stay in agriculture as long as I own it. However, what happens after I sell is up to the new owner.
- d. I would like my land to stay in agriculture even after I no longer own it and would like to explore ways to keep my land in agricultural production.
- e. I would be willing to explore other options for my land, such as parks and recreation, green space, or conservation land.
- f. Other ideas (See responses below)

Comments: Question #4 - Which of the following statements best describes your current feelings regarding your land?

Yes, Fulltime Farmer:

1. our son is taken over
2. hopefully one of the 5 children will hay it
3. PVA is going to run farms out \$\$\$\$
4. The farmer owns the land, people should understand that & leave them alone
5. my family will keep it as a farm (beef)
6. I only own 1/2 interest in land, Louie and Janet's opinion is different probably
7. For my lifetime for my children
8. Probably "d" and "e" best apply, but also depends on surrounding landowners
9. I am very attached to my farm, but I want the right to develop it if I want

Yes, Part-time Farmer:

1. I want my land free and clear of all options - not encumbered by government
2. the answer to this depends on what happens to the area with development - if you are surrounded by Indians you can't stay in your wagon
3. too much gov. not enough freedom of choice
4. I pay taxes on it and if I would like to give my kids a lot or sell it, should be no concern of this group of rule makers.
5. We need to encourage conservation easements!
6. Explore future timber production
7. I am for wildlife habitat - bringing back natural grasses to the area, etc.
8. After I am deceased my sons should do as they wish with my farm
9. Now in the present situation I have to have cattle on the land to call it agricultural. I'd like to have a tax break just to have open grassland fields without cattle or tax break to raise or graze bison or buffalo.
10. hope to keep in agriculture as long as I live; however, if financial status changes may have to use as livelihood. Jas as someone in city sells for financial reasons, I should have that option also if need be.
11. tree farm
12. I don't plan to sell my land
13. I will do what I want with it. It is not up the developers or people who stick their noses in other people's business
14. Keep as a family farm
15. My grandparents, mother, & now I have owned this farm - I would love to see parts of Campbell Co remain rural
16. I live on my land and do not care to move. I'm 88 years old
17. Actually, I would choose 1st to keeping land in agricultural production & 2nd green space, habitat, or conservation land.
18. I would like information on choice "e"
19. My 2nd choice would be "e"
20. I want my land to stay agricultural as long as I live. After that it should be up to my children and their circumstances to dictate what becomes of the land.
21. I am the 5th generation. I would like to hand it down.
22. My son will ultimately decide as he will inherit
23. Farming is a heritage that should not be completely gone from our county.
24. pay landowners to create more wildlife habitat

Retired from farming:

1. I plan to leave my land to my children and hope they will keep it for their own enjoyment
2. The farm has been in our family for over 100 yrs; I have no plans other than keeping it in the family.
3. passed on to family
4. "a" above, except for development of large tracts of rural type acreage. Would consider the uses if we can realize our retirement needs and expectations.
5. Part of our land is to be put in the Campbell Conservancy and dedicated green space

No, not a farmer:

1. some of my land is designated for green space and recreation such as walking or riding trails
2. I am interested in knowing why there are no efforts to stop private property owners from causing soil erosion which pollutes the county's streams.
3. keep my land in natural woodlands
4. keep it as an addition to the house property
5. none applicable
6. Since the land has been in the family 200 yrs+ or so I would like the children to keep this small amount left of the original farm.
7. My children will inherit my property & will continue using it for "green space", wildlife habitat, & family enjoyment!
8. I acquired this land when my aunt died. I have never farmed.

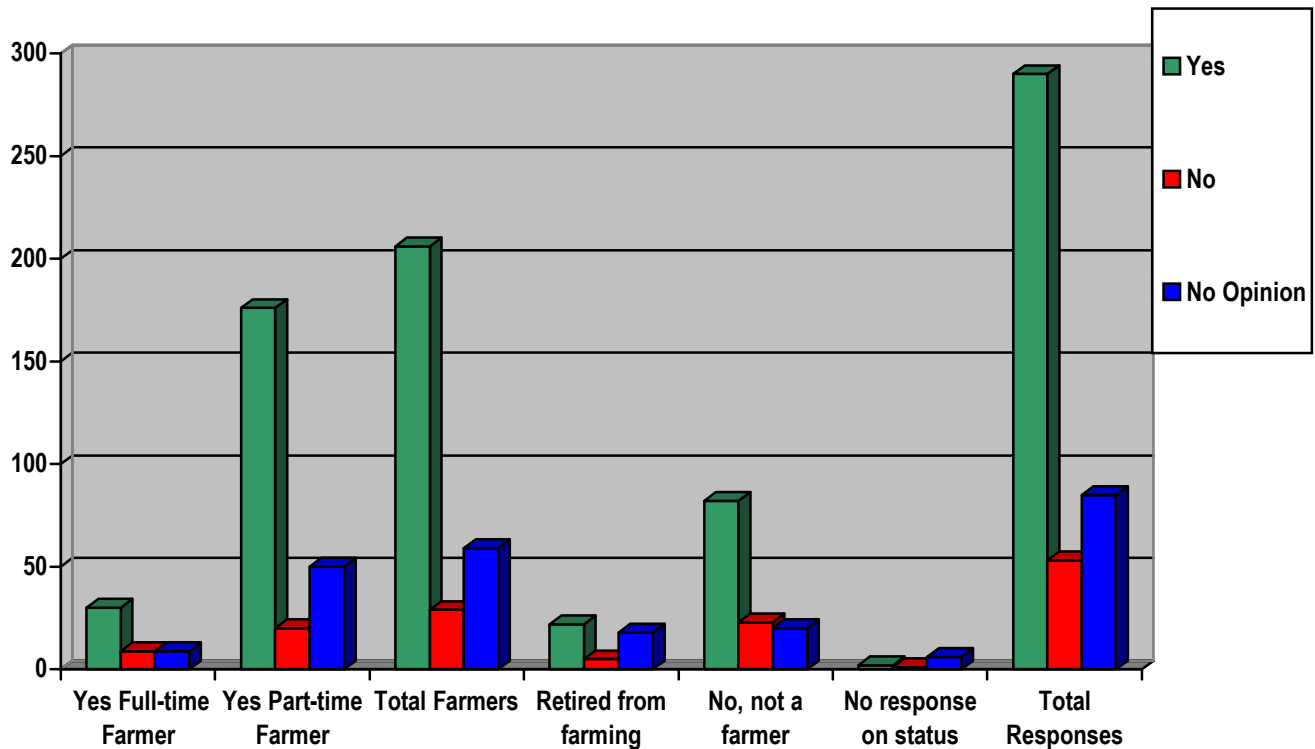
No Response to Farmer Status:

1. We would like to be able to give some of our land to our children to build homes on and to keep our garden & woods spaces.

General Summary: Question # 5 - I would be more likely to consider options for protecting all or part of my land if there were tax benefits available for doing so.

Approximately 68 % of the landowners would consider options for protecting their land if tax benefits were available. Local tax relief would be considered an incentive.

# 5 I would be more likely to consider options for protecting all or part of my land if there were tax benefits available for doing so.	Yes Full-time Farmer	Yes Part-time Farmer	Total Farmers	Retired from farming	No, not a farmer	No response on status	Total Responses	Percentage
Yes	30	176	206	22	82	2	290	68%
No	9	20	29	5	23	1	53	12%
No Opinion	9	50	59	18	20	6	85	20%



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Yes, Fulltime Farmer:

1. this farm has been in our name (Henderson) for well over 100 years and I would like to keep it that way
2. am doing so REGARDLESS
3. I have no plans on selling my farm and hope my family doesn't either
4. a bale of hay \$1.50 in 1960 & 2004. a farm tractor \$3000 in 1960 & \$19,000 in 2004.
5. there is no money in farming anymore, too many people got their hands out for nothing but money
6. it will be kept as a farm
7. Every year, it gets more difficult to maintain what we have and what we produce. Any help would be welcomed.
8. Farms need some type of tax protection to keep land used for ag, otherwise we could be taxed off of the land.
9. What about help with "aqua agricultural programs?" (spawn, fish, etc)
10. The land that I own has been in my family for 185 years. I would hate to see it sold or subdivided.
11. I am an "indoor" farmer. I run 12 greenhouses on our land
12. All I want is to be able to produce agricultural products without regulation
13. Partner J&D Co.
14. We need county leaders from southern Campbell to represent us not from Ft. Thomas
15. Farming in Campbell Co is a thing of the past. If you own land & equipment you can survive.
16. I sold 43 acres for development
17. I think the biggest threat to farming in Campbell Co is going to be able to pay the taxes. The fire districts doubled their taxes this year. The fiscal court doubled the taxes on insurance also this year.

Yes, Part-time Farmer:

1. not sure on tax benefit
2. There needs to be a way for the landowner to protect themselves from encroachment and being run out by high taxes or other fees.
3. You want to save farmland and yet the group you got looking at it also makes you pay \$25 to keep your fields clean, another makes you split your farm up into lots to give your 3rd child a lot. What's up with that?
4. Too many nice farms are being torn apart for subdivisions
5. I would consider a per acre stipend for a period of no longer than 10 -15 years - tax free
6. It seems every entity is trying to encroach upon our land & ruin our pleasant way of life. We want no road expansion (rte 536) & no sanitation waste pipe.
7. My property taxes increased 71% 3 yrs ago. Protesting and farm homestead exemption it now is 24% more than 3 yrs ago.
8. I would keep my land until I am gone. Then I will will it to the 4 kids.
9. I want to keep my options open
10. I spend a lot of money each year (\$2000-\$3000) just to maintain the land. Profit is only \$800-\$1100/yr. I would be interested in a situation for tax advantages.
11. We (Campbell Co) had better make sure that before we sell & develop all of our land that it doesn't overload the info structure of our county. Then we would have to raise taxes to pay for the developers mess. Largely roads, recreation, police, fire, sewage, water.
12. Tax abatements would be nice and incentives.
13. possibly would consider tax benefits
14. I hate to see the beauty of our area (with farmland) destroyed. Thanks for asking.
15. I take a lot of pride in my farming operation; for me this is a serious business.

16. No controls or restrictions should be imposed by any government agency over private or personally owned property and taxes should be reduced!!
17. I would not care if there were tax or other benefits
18. keep looking into ways for the small farmer to keep farming!!
19. land is now used for cattle & hay plus a large garden & nut trees
20. is in Helen Kuper Estate
21. The tax people are trying to tax me off my land - since many of us are on fixed income, payback day is election days
22. These are ideas we are currently exploring. We would like help or suggestions for financing/repairs to restore the barns. They are worthy but have fed too many termites before we arrived.
23. The farm is taxed too much
24. I (Tim Herms) think that the City of Alexandria KY should be reprimanded for the way they have kept notification and information as quiet as possible so the involved public would not be a problem in their annexation progress
25. Need an outline of what such a program implies to properly answer your questions
26. I believe the Planning & Zoning Board has already designated my property for "urban development zone" so it sounds like the decision has been made for me.
27. Farmland preservation should be encouraged at all cost. Some incentive to keep farmers from selling should be explored. Zoning changes should be discouraged before it is too late. Zoning commission members should think of other things than tax base. Before long we will all need to visit Bracken Co to see a cow. Thanks for your concern.
28. I feel if you do the farmland protection or preservation program you make it even for all big or small farmers alike, not just the cattle association farmers like in the past. Give all of us a chance.
29. I hope it's not too late to make a difference in Campbell County
30. I believe every county should have a percentage of green land for wildlife habitat and agricultural land provides this.
31. tell me more.....
32. I'm 79 years of age - the ills of old age have made it almost impossible for me to farm
33. My family wants to protect our farmland in any way possible. If tax exemptions were not available we would still try to find a way to keep our property undeveloped. However, tax exemptions are certainly a first step to achieving that goal.
34. If taxes keep escalating then some day I probably won't have any other option than to sell it.
35. It seems like the cities want to push the farmer out. The rules, regulations, and taxes are making it tougher every year.
36. Need to keep Campbell Co taxes down, so more farmers can hold onto their farms. If taxes keep going up, many will sell.
37. The proposed highway department's plan for KY Route 536 will be very harmful to farmland and must be stopped.
38. ? On taxes
39. Not interested in tax option because they would raise other taxes
40. Would like more information on #5 if possible. This is not a big concern of mine but is interesting.
41. I would like to see farmland stay as it is but the city moving out farther is inevitable.
42. See attached.
43. I have no plans to see - my children will inherit it
44. Stop development, promote conservation.
45. I will buy more land with my "f" feelings as long as big brother isn't dictating. If Campbell Co implements big brother then I'll go to another county. Don't tie the next generation's hands.
46. Since any time you have a few acres, someone wants to buy and develop. I love the creeks and farmland. I hate having people live in my space!! I like room!!!
47. Would appreciate assistance with the costs of legal procedures involved.
48. I answered the questions as best I could. Thank you.

49. This farm was owned by my dad. The only way I would develop it is if my brothers and sisters would like to build on it. Other than that millions would buy it.
50. My land will go to my 2 boys and I think they will keep it.
51. Living in Campbell Co is like dogpatch - per Al Capp? For the political decisions - #4 above - B & C are the same response - different wording.
52. Tax is entirely too much a year to be farmland
53. Please feel free to contact me anytime!

Retired from farming:

1. Currently I am working to protect my hardwood trees
2. I plan on keeping all my farm land as long as I live
3. Would like to remain agriculture status
4. (Sun Valley Real Estate Co LLC)
5. taxes is way to high for keep mowing

No, not a Farmer:

1. Tax bill says I have 12 acres I have only 10 acres.
2. This land was sold to Sts. Peter & Paul Church in January 04
3. I realize the powers that be wants the tax base, however, the land is being ill-used for the wrong reasons.
4. My farm has been in my family since the 1870's. I'd like to preserve this land!
5. My property was sold in February 2003.
6. My husband bought this place in 1946-I was unhappy at first, as I grew up in Newport and this was a big change in my life. My husband was a "country boy" and he didn't want to live in town. I have been out here 54 years; he is deceased, died Feb 6 of this year and I am considering selling the place and moving as I am alone.
7. This issue needs further clarifications for landowners
8. I would like to explore ways to keep it financially feasible for the next generation to keep our farm
9. this 18 acres is not agricultural. 14 acres is hill with cedars & scrub brush. 4 acres is rock & clay
10. I grow trees on Clay Ridge Road for a hobby, land is otherwise recreational
11. we have horses now but may raise some cattle
12. our land is being used for children's services
13. Question #1 is hard to answer - I am not a "farmer" in the traditional sense but I am actively cultivating trees, practicing good conservation, and re-establishing wildlife habitat.
14. I purchased my farm of 73 acres from the estate of my father in 1993. It's been in the family since 1883. Its land locked. I like to see land preserved for future use of agriculture, as long as its not taxed like development land
15. I plan to keep the land fallow during my lifetime and my heirs are of like mind.
16. I will never sell my land for development
17. Farmland has been important to this county's past and will for it's future. We need to limit large areas of development and have open wooded and pasture, parks, and farmland!
18. Our land is in conservation - my age and some health issues have slowed our progress considerable.
19. I am an absentee landowner and not qualified to answer.
20. I bought my grandmother's farm. Would like to retire there some day. Without this I think I will be surrounded by house or industry.
21. undecided
22. I appreciate you taking a good look at this issue.
23. I am not sure what you are asking here. I want my land to stay the same as it is.
24. I think I should talk with someone about various wages of protecting our land from erosion, enhancing a pond we have, perhaps building another pond, creating habitat for turkeys, and nurturing a healthy forest.

No Response on Farmer Status:

1. I am too old therefore too old an disabled to take care of it anymore
2. Don't know. I would not consider it if it meant government involvement.
3. real estate is not agricultural - less than 10 acres
4. Maybe. We were told by Planning & Zoning that no one can build on our 18 acres unless we build a county approved road. That is not right or fair when people in town can build close together.