



SUMMARY OF WORKING LANDS OUTREACH SURVEY RESULTS

The Natural and Working Lands Technical Advisory Committee (NWL TAC), chaired by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District (Yolo RCD), developed a Working Lands Outreach survey to understand the extent of climate resilient practices currently implemented within Yolo County, and the feasibility of expanding these practices in the future to achieve Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) goals and advance associated co-benefits. The online survey was available from July 2023 to November 10, 2023 and was distributed via the following channels:

- **Electronic Distribution Via the Following Listservs:** Yolo RCD, Yolo County Sustainability Division, the Center for Land-Based Learning, the Capay Valley Regenerative Agriculture Group, the Rumsey Improvement Association, UCCE Agronomy listserv (*Yolo County specific*), UCCE Vegetable Crops listserv (*Yolo County specific*), Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Kitchen Table Advisors (*Yolo County specific*).
- **Hard Copy Distribution at the Following Events:** Yolo Cattlemen and Woolgrowers Association Meeting, Yolo County Farm Bureau Board Meeting.
- **Mailed Surveys:** Paper surveys were sent by U.S. mail to the 280 Yolo Cattleman and Woolgrowers Association members and the 730 members of the Yolo County Farm Bureau.
- **Social Media:** Links to online versions of the survey were shared via social media by the Yolo RCD (5 times) and by the Yolo County Sustainability Division (2 times).

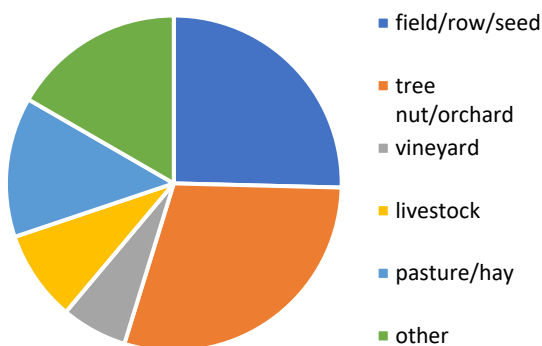
Preliminary results are summarized below, and include 83 responses from the following:

- **58 completed hard copy surveys** from Yolo County Farmers and Ranchers (*including 46 received by mail and 12 received from the Yolo County Farm Bureau Board Members*)
- **25 completed online surveys**

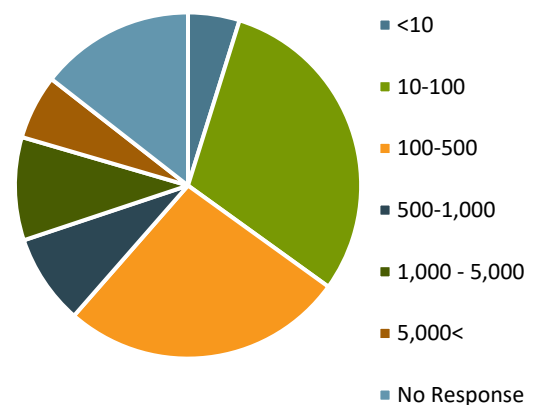
In addition to the 83 survey responses received, Yolo RCD completed 12 one-on-one interviews with leaders in Yolo County Agriculture who represent a broad swatch of Yolo County Agricultural operations. While the results of these interviews are not included in the summary charts below, the qualitative outcomes of those interviews are being integrated into the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan draft.

Demographic data related to survey results, including type and size of operation is provided below, followed by a summary of survey results related to practices currently implemented within Yolo County, feasibility of implementing practices in the future, and barriers to implementation.

Respondent Operation Type

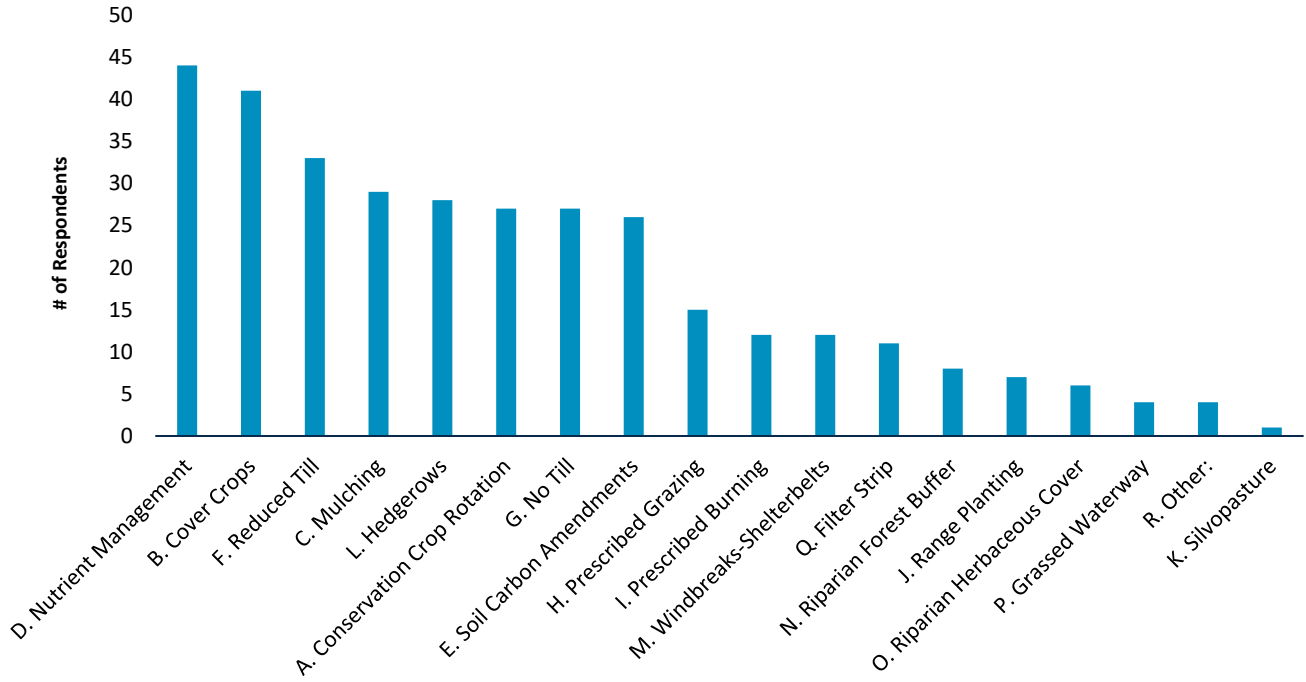


Respondent Operation Size (in acres)

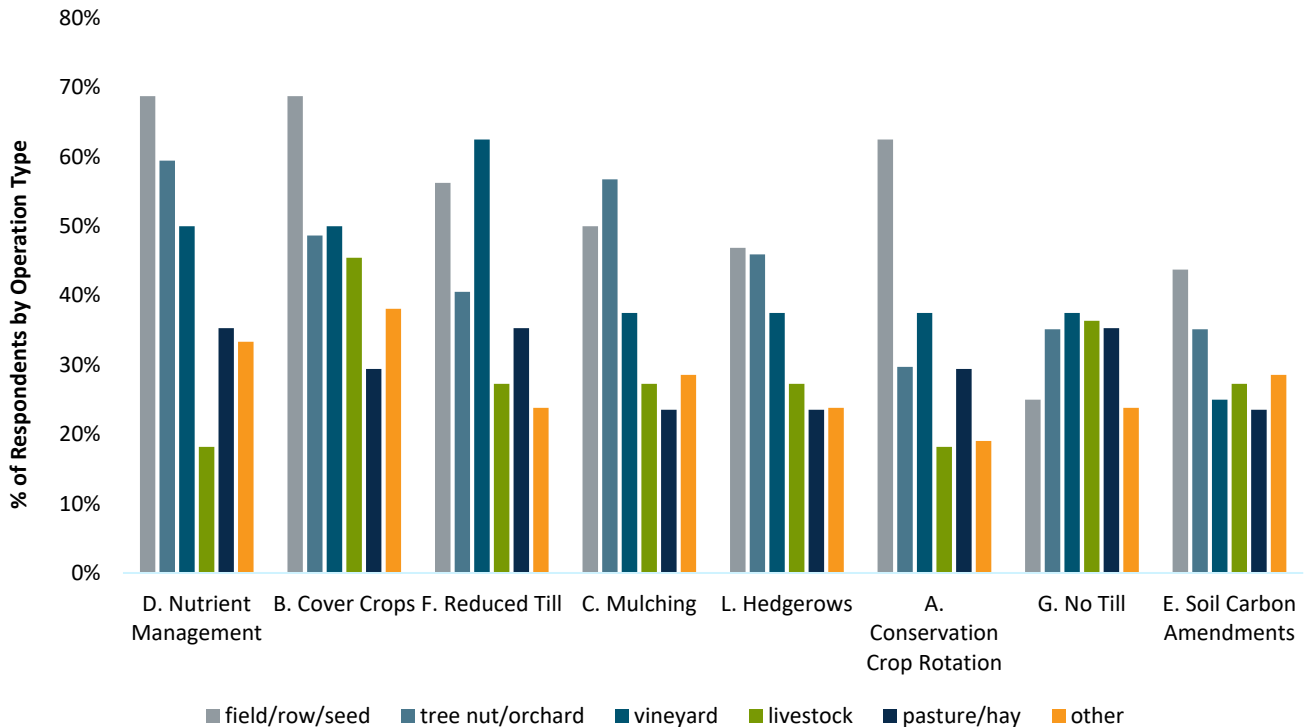


Results: Currently Implemented Practices

Below is a list of the practices that farmers and ranchers noted that they are currently implementing on their operations within Yolo County.

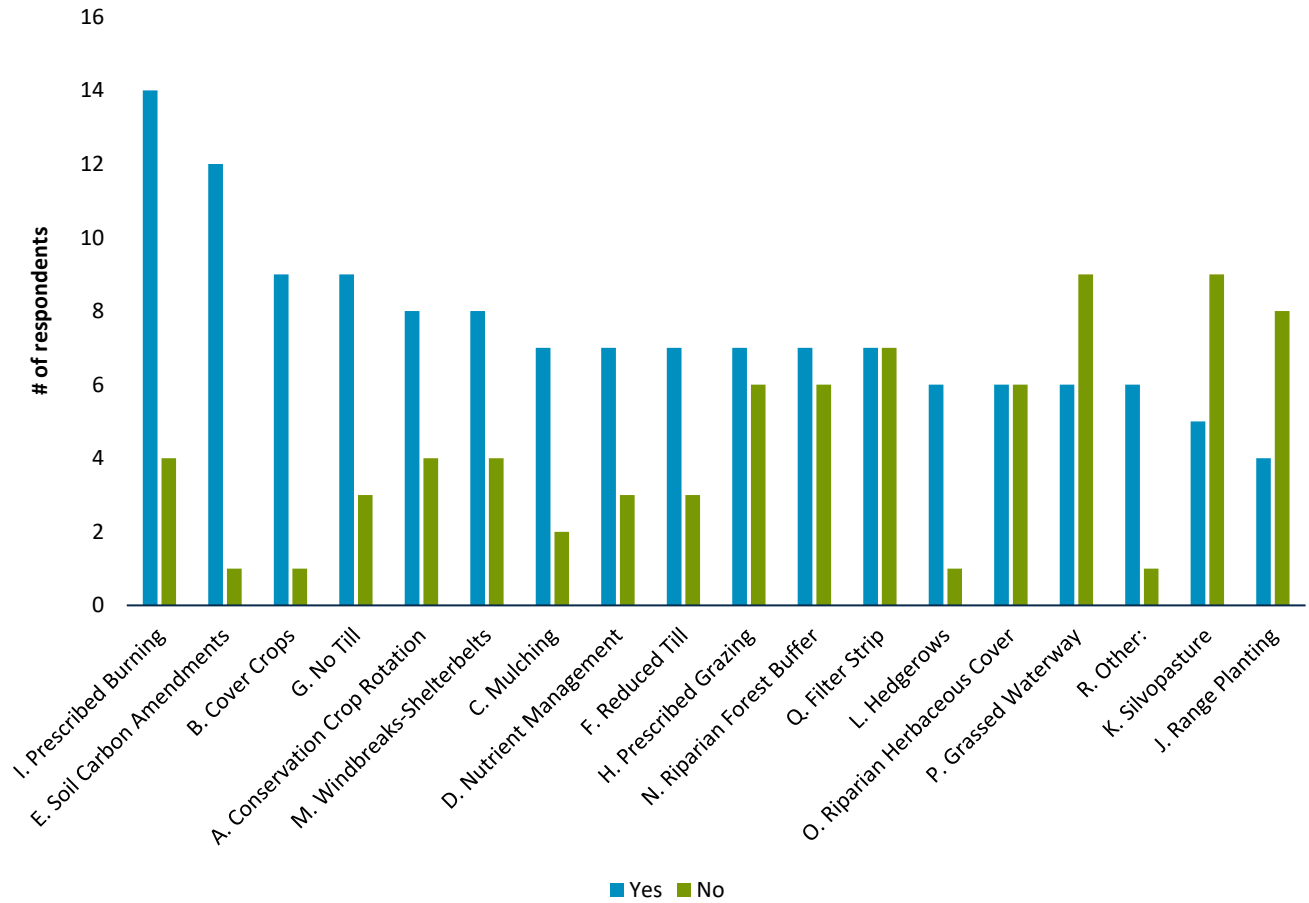


Top 8 Currently Implemented Practices, by Operation Type



Results: Practice Feasibility

Would any of the following practices be feasible for your operation within Yolo County?



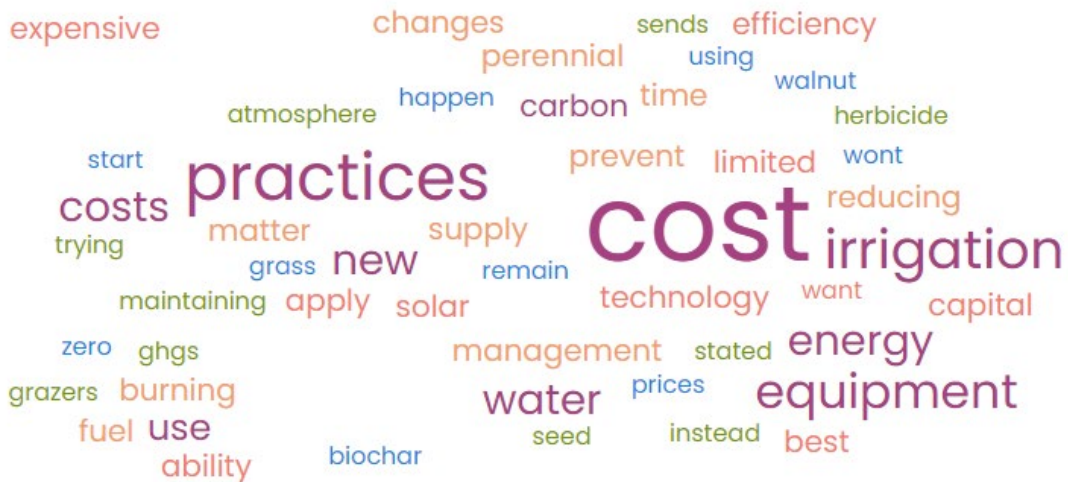
Results: Barriers

The following three questions allowed for open-ended responses. Word clouds have been created to reflect the most commonly used phrases provided in response to each question.

“What barriers or challenges with implementing carbon storage practices do you face?”



“What barriers or challenges with implementing greenhouse gas emissions reduction or irrigation management practices do you face?”



“What incentives or resources are needed to implement carbon storage practices?”

