

South Dakota Farmer Stress Survey

SUCCESSION

I AM CONFIDENT MY FARMING OR RANCHING OPERATION WILL BE WELL POSITIONED FOR GENERATIONAL SUCCESSION.



80%

of SOIL HEALTH FARMERS
Agree or Strongly Agree



43%

of CONVENTIONAL FARMERS
Agree or Strongly Agree

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RESILIENCE

MY FARMING OR RANCHING SYSTEM WAS MORE RESILIENT TO WEATHER EXTREMES LIKE PERIODS OF DROUGHT OR INTENSE RAINFALL EVENTS.



80%

of SOIL HEALTH FARMERS
Agree or Strongly Agree



60%

of CONVENTIONAL FARMERS
Agree or Strongly Agree

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ENJOYMENT

FARMING IS CHALLENGING BUT FUN



61%

of farmers using 3 OR MORE
SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES AGREE



39%

of farmers using 2 SOIL HEALTH
PRACTICES OR FEWER AGREE

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PROFITABILITY

MY FARM & RANCH PROFITABILITY HAS INCREASED



31%

of SOIL HEALTH FARMERS
Strongly Agree or Agree



12%

of CONVENTIONAL FARMERS
Strongly Agree or Agree

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SATISFACTION

LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH FARMING AND RANCHING



71%

of SOIL HEALTH FARMERS
Very Satisfied or Satisfied



43%

of CONVENTIONAL FARMERS
Very Satisfied or Satisfied

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FUTURE INPUTS

IN THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS:

I WILL BE ABLE TO REDUCE FERTILIZER OR CHEMICAL INPUTS ON MY FARM OR RANCH.



66%

of SOIL HEALTH FARMERS
Agree or Strongly Agree



28%

of CONVENTIONAL FARMERS
Agree or Strongly Agree

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FUTURE PROFITABILITY

**IN THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS:
I AM CONFIDENT THAT MY FARM OR
RANCH PROFITABILITY WILL INCREASE.**



69%

of SOIL HEALTH FARMERS
Agree or Strongly Agree



36%

of CONVENTIONAL FARMERS
Agree or Strongly Agree

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FUTURE SATISFACTION

**IN THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS:
SATISFACTION REGARDING QUALITY OF LIFE.**



89%

of SOIL HEALTH FARMERS
Extremely Satisfied or Satisfied



51%

of CONVENTIONAL FARMERS
Extremely Satisfied or Satisfied