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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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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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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.

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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