

Farmland Values Project Survey Summary Statistics for Buncombe County

**Summary of Survey Data Collected from
Buncombe County Residents (Randomly Selected)**



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INTRODUCTION TO FARMLAND VALUES PROJECT SURVEY

To learn about the values that people have for farmland in our study region, a survey of residents and visitors to Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Madison counties was conducted between September and December of 2007. The survey was mailed to a random sample of 800 residents in each county, and was also available at local festivals which attract residents and visitors alike. In addition, the survey was available to visitors who subscribe to the Asheville Convention and Visitor's Bureau newsletter. Over 1200 individuals responded to our survey, including 937 residents and 307 visitors.

Overview of Respondents

The **Resident Sample** is composed of people randomly selected from a list of property owners in each county (Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison). The **Resident Non-sample** and **Visitors** were primarily recruited in a non-random manner (at festivals, visitor's centers, online newsletter, etc.); however, some respondents from the random sample were redirected to the Visitor survey if they do not currently live in the study area.

	Count	As Percent of All Respondents
Resident	936	75.3
Resident Sample	772	62.1
Resident Non-sample	164	13.2
Visitor	307	24.7
All Non-sample	471	37.9
Total	1243	100.0

	Resident Sample Count	As Percent of All Respondents
Buncombe	224	29.2
Haywood	197	25.7
Henderson	174	22.7
Madison	173	22.5
Total	768	100.0

**** Note on Resident Results ****

Because we found a statistically significant difference between the responses of residents selected randomly and residents recruited non-randomly, we will report our results based on the responses of the Resident Sample ONLY, referred to from here on as **RESIDENT**.

Organization of this Document

In this summary document, you will see the short-hand question name (ex: Benefits, VisitedFarm), followed by the text of the question and a table summarizing the results from those respondents who reside in Buncombe County. In the results tables, (n) refers to the number of respondents who completed the question. Results are expressed in percentages unless otherwise noted. Again, in our tables, “resident” refers to the randomly selected sample only. If you are interested in viewing results from the entire sample, including visitors, please visit www.unca.edu/farmlandvalues.

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WhatDoYouThinkOf

When you think of farmland, what do you think of? (Check all that apply and provide more details if you wish.)

	Buncombe County Respondents
Number of Respondents (n)	224
Close-knit rural community	50.4
Cropland	81.3
Family ties	48.7
Farm animals	88.8
Farm buildings and equipment	81.7
Fiber, such as cotton or wool	17.0
Food	76.8
Hay fields	82.6
Historic landmarks	24.6
Independent way of life	57.6
Open space	74.1
Orchards	65.2
Pasture	88.4
Small-scale vegetable and flower gardens	59.4
Soil	54.5
Traditional homes or buildings	43.8
Woodland	58.0
Wildflowers	47.3
Other	9.8
% no response	1.3

For the purpose of this study, we use the term “farmland” to mean land that is used for agricultural purposes. Farmland can include cropland, grazing land or pasture, orchards, woodland and open space. In addition, farmland may include structures such as farm houses, barns and greenhouses. Some farmland can also be used for commercial purposes such as roadside stands.

Benefits

What *benefits*, if any, do you believe farmland brings to your county? **(Check all that apply.)**

	Buncombe County Respondents
Number of Respondents	223
Agricultural Heritage	79.4
Attractiveness to visitors	57.8
Biodiversity	42.6
Capacity to slow global climate change	42.6
Flood control	38.6
Jobs for farmers and their suppliers, pickers, packers and truck drivers	82.1
Locally produced food	93.3
Open space	76.2
Opportunity to observe natural cycles	53.8
Scenic beauty	79.8
Soil conservation	60.5
Wildlife habitat	72.6
Other	7.6
None: I do not believe farmland benefits my county	0.9
% no response	0.4

Costs

What *costs*, if any, do you believe farmland imposes on your county? (Check all that apply.)

	Buncombe County Respondents
Number of Respondents	217
Dust	5.5
Environmental damage	40.6
Biodiversity loss	2.8
Contribution to global warming	1.8
Nutrient/pesticide runoff	37.3
Reduced flood control	3.7
Soil erosion	10.6
Wildlife habitat loss	9.7
Other environmental damage	2.3
Noise	0.9
Prevents profitable new development	4.1
Smells	10.6
Traffic congestion caused by slow moving farm vehicles	5.5
Other	2.8
None: I do not believe farmland imposes costs on my county	53.5
% no response	3.1

QualityOfLife

How does farmland affect your quality of life? (Check all statements that you agree with.)

	Buncombe County Respondents
Number of Respondents	218
I am happy just to know that it is there	80.7
Farmland allows me to buy local food	86.2
Farmland helps me to learn about natural cycles	38.5
Farmland provides a link to my agricultural heritage	53.7
Farmland provides recreation (for example, apple and pumpkin picking, horseback riding, etc.)	54.1
Farmland is attractive and makes the area more beautiful	85.8
Farmland brings visitors to the area, which helps the business/industry I am in	30.3
Farmland brings visitors to the area, which helps my county tax base	33.0
Unproductive farmland prevents new economic development	4.6
Pollution and byproducts from farmlands pose threats to my health	5.0
Farmland does not affect my quality of life	2.8
Other	3.2
% no response	2.7

FocusGroupStatements

Residents from Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Madison counties who participated in focus groups in 2006 indicated that there are several benefits that farmland provides for our region. Summary statements from these groups are listed below. **(Check all statements that you agree with.)**

	Buncombe County Respondents
Number of Respondents	220
Farmland provides scenic beauty	93.6
Farmland provides flood control	58.6
Farmland contributes to our region's agricultural heritage	86.8
Farmland provides habitat for wildlife	81.8
Farmland provides other natural services like biodiversity and pollination	71.8
Farmland provides local food	96.4
Farmland provides income for farmers	98.2
% no response	1.8

RankImportance

We are interested in learning which of these are most important to you. Please **rank the following statements in order of importance**, assigning a 1 to the most important item, 2 to the second most important, etc. If some items are not important to you, please use an X instead of a number in the space provided.

OVERVIEW OF STATEMENTS RANKED
Average Rank (1=most important, 7=least important)

	Buncombe County Respondents
Number of Respondents	197
Farmland provides scenic beauty	3.7
Farmland provides flood control	5.2
Farmland contributes to our region's agricultural heritage	4.5
Farmland provides habitat for wildlife	4.0
Farmland provides other natural services like biodiversity and pollination	4.8
Farmland provides local food	2.0
Farmland provides income for farmers	2.6
% no response	12.1

Farmers make choices that can affect their neighbors both positively and negatively. For example, their choices directly influence visual appeal, smells and sounds, and they indirectly affect the water and air quality in your community. If you live near a farm, pass by a farm, or just like the sense that farms give to your community, you may be affected by farmers’ choices.

In the next eight questions, we list several characteristics of farms that some people consider positive. We would like to know how important each of these is to you. Please circle the number that best reflects your view.

Visual appeal (clean, orderly, well-kept, attractive, interesting landscape, green fields, hedgerows, activity, animals, open space.)

		Buncombe County Respondents
Number of Respondents		219
7	Very Important	43.4
6		27.4
5		18.7
4		5.9
3		2.7
2		0.5
1	Not Important	1.4
Average Score		6
Median Score		6
% no response		2.2

Pleasant smells/aroma (natural smells like soil or freshly mown hay.)

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		219
7	Very Important	23.7
6		20.5
5		26.0
4		13.7
3		6.4
2		4.6
1	Not Important	5.0
Average Score		5.1
Median Score		5
% no response		2.2

Availability of local farm products (access to products from farms in your region.)

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		220
7	Very Important	55.5
6		22.3
5		12.3
4		5.9
3		1.8
2		1.4
1	Not Important	0.9
Average Score		6.2
Median Score		7
% no response		1.8

Rural character (connection to history of place, rural heritage, sparse population, nostalgia.)

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		220
7	Very Important	41.4
6		24.1
5		15.5
4		11.8
3		2.3
2		2.7
1	Not Important	2.3
Average Score		5.7
Median Score		6
% no response		1.8

Contribution to environmental quality (preservation of open farm fields, provision of wildlife habitat, clean air, or water quality.)

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		219
7	Very Important	66.2
6		17.8
5		10.0
4		3.7
3		0.9
2		0.9
1	Not Important	0.5
Average Score		6.4
Median Score		7
% no response		2.2

Below we list several characteristics of farms that some people consider negative. Please circle the number that best reflects your view.

Impacts on water quality (soil erosion, nutrient/pesticide runoff.)

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		219
7	Very Concerned	26.0
6		13.2
5		17.8
4		13.2
3		13.2
2		9.1
1	Not Concerned	7.3
Average Score		4.7
Median Score		5
% no response		2.2

Impacts on air quality (dust, methane production of livestock, emissions from farm equipment.)

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		218
7	Very Concerned	12.8
6		10.6
5		12.8
4		14.2
3		17.0
2		14.7
1	Not Concerned	17.9
Average Score		3.7
Median Score		4
% no response		2.7

Unpleasant smells (manure, vehicle emissions.)

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		219
7	Very Concerned	8.2
6		5.0
5		8.7
4		17.4
3		16.4
2		20.5
1	Not Concerned	23.7
Average Score		3.2
Median Score		3
% no response		2.2

ParticularFarm

Is there any particular farmland, farm or farm landscape that you really appreciate in Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson or Madison County? **(Circle one.)** If you circle No, please skip to PayXForFarm.

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	208
Yes	59.1
No	40.9
% no response	7.1

WhatDoYouEnjoy

If you checked Yes on 23a, please indicate the things about this particular place you enjoy. **(Check all that apply.)**

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	126
Architecture of farm house, barn, or other buildings	71.4
Contrast of agricultural valley with forested mountains in the background	86.5
Farm equipment	31.0
Having friends/family who farm this land	39.7
Knowing that some of my food will come from this land	57.1
Nostalgia: it reminds me of my childhood	45.2
Particular farming style (organic, traditional crops, etc.)	39.7
Reminder of our agricultural heritage	61.9
Scenic beauty	89.7
Wildflowers along the side of the road	50.0
Other	11.1
% no response	43.8

ParticipateInMap

We would like to document all of the farm landscapes that people say are important to them. Would you be willing to participate in a mapping exercise to help us locate these places?

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	134
Yes	25.4
No	74.6
% no response	40.2

The next set of questions is designed to obtain a complete picture of how people value farmland.

PayXForFarm

Farmland in Western North Carolina, like in other parts of the country, is changing. The pressures associated with maintaining profitable farm operations are challenging, especially when coupled with the rise in land values occurring in our area. If farmland is converted to a non-farm use, non-farm residents often notice and express a sense of loss. Many residents and county commissioners have indicated that farmland is important for maintaining our area’s [this region’s] heritage and a local food supply, helping us control floodwaters, providing habitat for certain wildlife species and for scenic beauty that contributes to our quality of life. Because some of these benefits of farmland may extend to non-farmers, we are asking all respondents about the values they have for farmland.

*Studies have shown that many people say they are willing to contribute more for things than they actually will pay. For this reason, as you answer the following questions, please imagine your household **actually** making the financial contribution. Keep in mind that our collective results will be shared with policymakers in your county.*

Would you be willing to make an annual voluntary contribution of \$X if you knew the money would be designated for protecting farmland in your county? **(Circle one.)**¹

**** Note: The results in the following table represent the percent of survey respondents who indicated that they were willing to make a financial contribution of any kind, even if they were not willing to pay the amount shown in the question above.**

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	220
% willing to make a contribution of any amount	54.1
% no response	1.8

Note: Because large sample sizes are required to ensure accurate estimation, estimated average willingness to pay was not calculated by county. Details on the contingent valuation method and models used to derive estimated annual willingness to pay, along with results for the overall sample, are available at www.unca.edu/farmlandvalues/new/survey.htm.

GroupToManageFunds

If you answered Yes to the question above, which group would you prefer to manage funds designated for farmland protection? **(Check one.)**

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	76
Locally run non-profit organization	82.9
Your county government	10.5
United States Department of Agriculture	5.3
North Carolina state government	5.3
% no response	4.0

¹ In place of \$X, each survey presented a dollar amount randomly chosen from the following options: \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, \$250, \$500, \$1000.

PayMoreForFood

Would you be willing to pay more for your food if you knew that the increase in price went directly to protect farmland in your county? **(Circle one.)**

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	215
Yes	61.4
No	38.6
% no response	4.0

WhyNotPayMoreForFood

If you answered No to the question above, please tell us why.

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	83
I do not want to pay any more for my food	47.0
I should not have to pay to preserve farmland	44.6
I do not think that the amount of farmland acreage will decrease, so I do not think we need to try to preserve it	1.2
I do not have sufficient income to pay more for my food	25.3
I do not believe farmland will be preserved, regardless of my payment	33.7
I do not believe preserving farmland will benefit me	3.6
Farmland in Western North Carolina is not that important to me	0.0
I would prefer to make a voluntary contribution on my local taxes rather than food prices to fund farmland preservation	20.5
I do not have enough information to decide right now	10.8
Other	4.8
% no response	7.2

Circle the number that best corresponds with your opinions about each of the following statements.

LivingNearFarmland

Living near farmland is important to me.

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		220
7	Strongly agree	31.4
6		16.8
5		21.8
4		15.5
3		5.9
2		2.7
1	Strongly disagree	0.9
Average Score		5.4
Median Score		6
No opinion		5.0
% no response		1.8

ExperienceNature

Opportunities to experience nature close to home are important to me.

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		222
7	Strongly agree	47.3
6		23.4
5		14.4
4		6.8
3		2.7
2		1.8
1	Strongly disagree	0.5
Average Score		6
Median Score		6
No opinion		3.2
% no response		0.9

CommNeedsToDoMore

I believe that our community needs to do more to preserve farmland.

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		223
7	Strongly agree	50.7
6		17.0
5		12.6
4		9.0
3		3.1
2		1.3
1	Strongly disagree	2.2
Average Score		5.9
Median Score		7
No opinion		4.0
% no response		0.4

RegionSupplyOwnNeeds

I believe that our region should supply its own basic food needs locally, including the energy and material inputs needed to produce the food.

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		219
7	Strongly agree	37.4
6		19.6
5		18.7
4		13.2
3		3.2
2		1.8
1	Strongly disagree	2.3
Average Score		5.6
Median Score		6
No opinion		3.7
% no response		2.2

CommPreserveOpenSpace

I believe that our community needs to do more to provide parks and open space.

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		218
7	Strongly agree	33.0
6		18.3
5		16.5
4		13.8
3		5.0
2		4.1
1	Strongly disagree	6.9
Average Score		5.2
Median Score		6
No opinion		2.3
% no response		2.7

ConcernedAboutDevelopment

I am concerned about the likelihood that farmland in my county will be developed for non-farm use.

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		222
7	Strongly agree	58.6
6		21.2
5		6.8
4		7.7
3		2.7
2		0.0
1	Strongly disagree	2.3
Average Score		6.2
Median Score		7
No opinion		0.9
% no response		0.9

ImpactOfPrivateDecisions

What do you think about the impact of private land use decisions?

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		219
7	Private decisions <i>often</i> impact others in the community	52.1
6		24.7
5		10.0
4		8.7
3		0.0
2		0.0
1	Private decisions <i>never</i> impact others in the community	0.5
Average Score		6.2
Median Score		7
No opinion		4.1
% no response		2.2

LevelOfLocalGovt

What do you think about the level of local government involvement in land use in your county?

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		217
7	More government action is needed	14.3
6		12.9
5		18.9
4		14.7
3		7.4
2		7.8
1	Less government action is needed	18.9
Average Score		4.1
Median Score		4
No opinion		5.1
% no response		3.1

The information provided in this section will be used to ensure that we are surveying a representative group of local residents and will not be used to identify you. All responses are anonymous and confidential.

YearBorn

What year were you born? 19_____

Age (in 2007)

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	215
Average age	60.9
Median age	59
Minimum age	30
Maximum age	96
% no response	4.0

Gender

What is your gender?

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	221
Male	47.5
Female	52.5
% no response	1.3

Children

How many children under the age of 18 live in your household? _____ children

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	217
Average number of children	0.3
Median number of children	0
Maximum number of children	5
% of respondents with children under 18	17.5
% no response	3.1

Education

Which of the following best describes the highest level of education that you have completed? **(Check one.)**

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	218
Grade school	1.8
High school or GED	28.0
Associates Degree (A.A. or A.S.)	8.3
Bachelors Degree (B.A. or B.S.)	32.1
Masters Degree (M.A. or M.S)	14.7
Other graduate degree	9.2
Other	7.3
Any college degree	69.3
% no response	2.7

EmploymentStatus

Which of the following statements best describes your employment status? **(Check one.)**

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	212
I work full-time	44.3
I work part-time	13.7
I am retired	39.6
I am currently unemployed	0.0
I do not work outside the home	4.7
% no response	5.4

Occupation

Which of the following best describes your present occupation? (Check one.)

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	149
Farming	2.7
Forestry	1.3
Manager	13.4
Operator, fabricator or laborer	3.4
Precision production, craft, or repair occupation	6.0
Professional specialty	30.2
Service Occupation	8.1
Student	0.0
Teacher	6.7
Technical, sales support	0.7
Other	36.9
% no response	33.5

Industry

Which of the following best describes the industry that you work in? (Check one.)

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	148
Agriculture	4.7
Arts, entertainment, or recreation	5.4
Education	12.2
Finance and insurance	2.0
Food service	2.7
Forestry	1.4
Government	3.4
Manufacturing	10.8
Medical/Health care	20.3
Real estate	11.5
Retail	4.7
Other	27.7
% no response	33.9

FarmingHistory

Is there a history of farming in your family? (Check all that apply.)

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	221
Your generation	24.4
Your parents' generation	46.6
Your grandparents' generation	62.4
Before your grandparents' generation	42.5
Any farming history	81.0
None	17.6
I do not know	1.4
% no response	1.3

VisitedFarm

In the last year, have you visited any of the following farm-related businesses or activities? (Check all that apply.)

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	220
The Biltmore Estate's Historic Horse Barn, Farm Village, or Kitchen Garden	26.4
Carl Sandburg Home (Flat Rock)	14.5
Community festival celebrating agriculture (Apple Festivals, etc.)	34.5
Community-supported agriculture farm operation	6.4
Corn maze, farm tour, or other agri-tourism site	9.5
Historic Johnson Farm (Hendersonville)	4.5
Museum exhibition about farming in Western North Carolina	4.1
Pick-your-own fruit or vegetable operation	25.9
Roadside produce stand	66.8
Western North Carolina Farmer's Market	76.4
Tailgate market or other farmer's market	56.4
Other	4.1
None	4.5
% no response	1.8

Income

Which of the following best describes your total household income, before taxes, in 2006? **(Check one.)**

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	196
Less than \$10,000	1.0
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6.6
\$20,000 to \$29,999	7.1
\$30,000 to \$39,999	12.8
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7.1
\$50,000 to \$59,999	9.7
\$60,000 to \$69,999	7.7
\$70,000 to \$79,999	9.2
\$80,000 to \$89,999	9.7
\$90,000 to \$99,999	3.1
\$100,000 to \$109,999	7.7
\$110,000 to \$119,999	1.5
\$120,000 to \$129,999	2.6
\$130,000 to \$139,999	0.5
\$140,000 to \$149,999	1.5
\$150,000 or more	12.2
% no response	12.5

Activities

In which of the following activities do you participate, if any? **(Check all that apply.)**

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	223
Business or professional organizations	19.7
Civic activism	13.5
Environmental awareness or education	15.7
Fishing	26.9
Gardening	50.7
Hunting or shooting	16.6
Music or theater	29.6
Outdoor recreation (hiking, kayaking, camping, biking, etc.)	53.8
Political organizations	9.9
Religious groups	49.8
Other	10.8
None	7.2
% no response	0.4

How Often Purchase Local

How often do you purchase local farm products? (Circle one.)

	Percent
	Buncombe County Respondents
n	219
Never	1.4
Sometimes	50.2
Often (once a week or more)	44.7
Purchase local any amount	95.0
I do not know	3.7
% no response	2.2

Where Purchase Local

Where do you purchase local farm products?

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	216
On-farm	27.8
Local supermarket	57.9
Western North Carolina Farmer's Market	69.0
Tailgate market	52.3
Other	12.5
Roadside stand	6.0
% no response	3.6

ResponseInfluencePolicy

Do you think that it is likely that the responses to this survey will influence policy decisions in your county?

		Buncombe County Respondents
n		222
7	It is <i>very</i> likely that responses will influence policy	4.5
6		5.4
5		19.4
4		23.0
3		13.1
2		14.4
1	It is <i>not</i> likely that responses will influence policy	15.8
Average Score		3.5
Median Score		4
No opinion		4.5
% no response		0.9

YearsInWNC

How many years have you been living in Western North Carolina?

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	221
Average number of years	41.3
Median number of years	42
Minimum number of years	0
Maximum number of years	94
% no response	1.3

YearsInCounty

How many years have you been living in this county?

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	214
Average number of years	38.5
Median number of years	36
Minimum number of years	3
Maximum number of years	93
% no response	4.5

OwnOrRent

Do you own or rent your residence in this county? **(Circle one.)**

	Percent
	Buncombe County Respondents
n	223
Own	98.7
Rent	1.3
% no response	0.0

FullOrPartRes

Are you a full-time or part-time resident of this county? **(Check one.)**

	Percent
	Buncombe County Respondents
n	221
Full-time; I do not have another residence.	95.0
Part-time; I have another residence.	5.9
% no response	1.3

Part-time residents: I have another residence in _____(zip code) and on average, spend ____ months of each year in Western North Carolina.

	Buncombe County Respondents
n	13
Average number of months	7.5
Median number of months	8
Minimum number of months	2
Maximum number of months	12
% no response	0.0

LiveOnFarm

Do you live on a farm? (Circle one.)

	Percent
	Buncombe County Respondents
n	221
Yes	15.4
No	84.6
% no response	1.3

LiveCloseToFarm

Do you live close to a farm or farmland? (Circle one.)

	Percent
	Buncombe County Respondents
n	212
Yes	64.2
No	35.8
% no response	5.4

WhyLiveHere

Which of the following factors have influenced your decision to live here? (Check all that apply and add detail if you wish.)

	Percent
	Buncombe County Respondents
n	223
Appalachian roots/heritage	43.0
Availability of the job that I want	37.2
Availability of continuing educational opportunities	13.0
Available wage/salary	12.1
Cost of living	13.0
Cultural diversity	18.8
Environmental quality	44.8
Family in area	55.6
Feeling of community	35.9
Grew up here	46.6
Local arts and music	22.4
Local politics	3.6
Natural landscapes	70.4
Property tax rate	6.7
Proximity to outdoor recreational opportunities	42.2
Proximity to or ease of access to parks and open space	34.1
Quality of schools for children	26.9
Rural character	43.0
Safety	29.1
Savings not adequate to move somewhere else	6.3
Other (Please describe):	13.0
None	0.4
% no response	0.4

Most Important

Of the factors you checked in the previous question, which would you consider the *most* important?

	Percent
	Buncombe County Respondents
n	173
Appalachian roots/heritage	7.5
Availability of the job that I want	11.0
Availability of continuing educational opportunities	1.2
Available wage/salary	0.6
Cost of living	0.6
Cultural diversity	1.7
Environmental quality	4.0
Family in area	28.9
Feeling of community	3.5
Grew up here	11.0
Local arts and music	1.2
Local politics	0.6
Natural landscapes	18.5
Property tax rate	0.6
Proximity to outdoor recreational opportunities	1.2
Proximity to or ease of access to parks and open space	2.3
Quality of schools for children	0.6
Rural character	7.5
Safety	0.6
Savings not adequate to move somewhere else	1.2
Other (Please describe):	6.9
None	0.0
% no response	22.9

FVP Focus Group

Did you participate in a Farmland Values Project focus group in 2006? **(Circle one.)**

	Percent
	Buncombe County Respondents
n	219
Yes	2.7
No	97.3
% no response	2.2

Community Involvement

Have you participated in any other forum, public meeting, or survey related to land use in your community in the past year? **(Circle one.)**

	Percent
	Buncombe County Respondents
n	216
Yes	11.6
No	88.4
% no response	3.6



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