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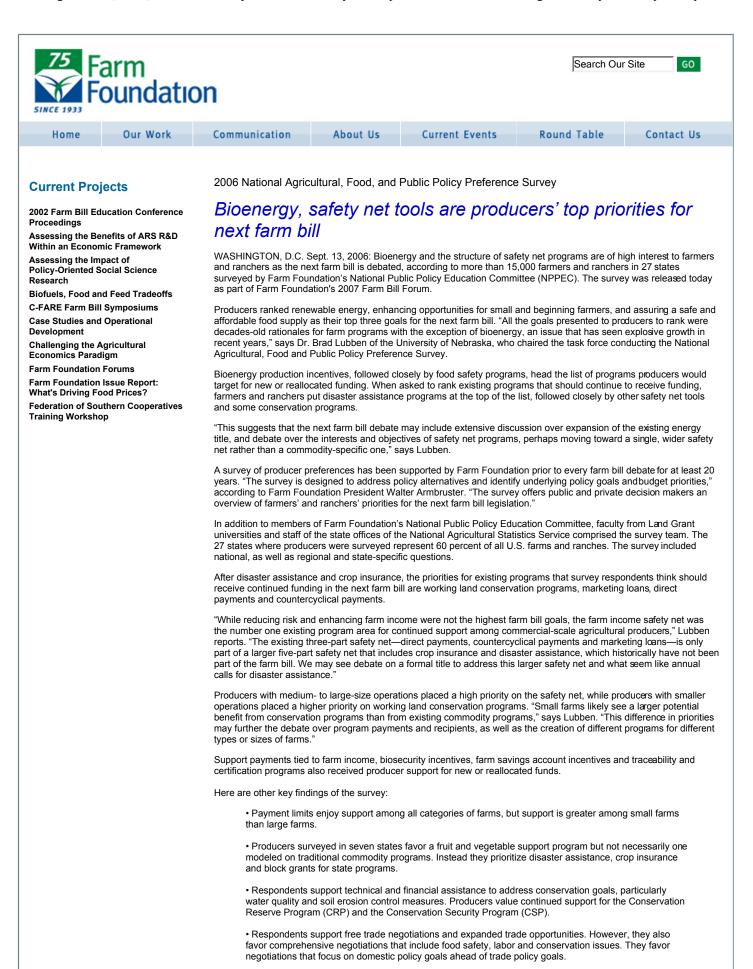
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· Producers favor country of origin labeling and prefer mandatory labeling over voluntary labeling.

Producers support mandatory animal identification programs. They also favor BSE testing, with preference for voluntary guidelines for testing by industry rather than government-mandated programs. • When asked about the expected future transition of their farm or ranch, more than 50 percent expected the transition would be to a family member. · Producers surveyed in three states supported agricultural credit programs, putting the highest priority on beginning farmer programs. Producers were surveyed in the following states: Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Ilinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Farm Foundation also sponsors a parallel project to make educational materials available on alternatives for addressing the entire range of topics covered under the farm bill. Those materials will be available later this year. Farm Foundation works as a catalyst, bringing together producers, industry leaders, interest groups, government officials and academics to address economic and public policy issues facing agriculture, the food system and rural communities. Farm Foundation has a 73-year history of objectivity. The Foundation does not lobby or advocate positions. A limited number of print copies of the survey report are available. Contact Mary Thompson, Director of Communications and Program Manager, Farm Foundation. Read the full report (68 pgs, 2144 KB) States participating in the survey: Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. A list of lead survey contacts in each of the 27 participating states. For more information: Brad Lubben University of Nebraska (402) 472-2235 Mary Thompson Farm Foundation (630) 571-9393 06-02 06-02 RSS Site Map Privacy Policy