

# KAP Policy Roundtable Report - June 2019

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## Background

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KAP launched a policy roundtable on June 14, 2019. The roundtable provides another way for KAP members to have their say on issues and policy in a timely manner from the comfort of their own home. The roundtable members will receive short surveys once a month on a variety of topics.

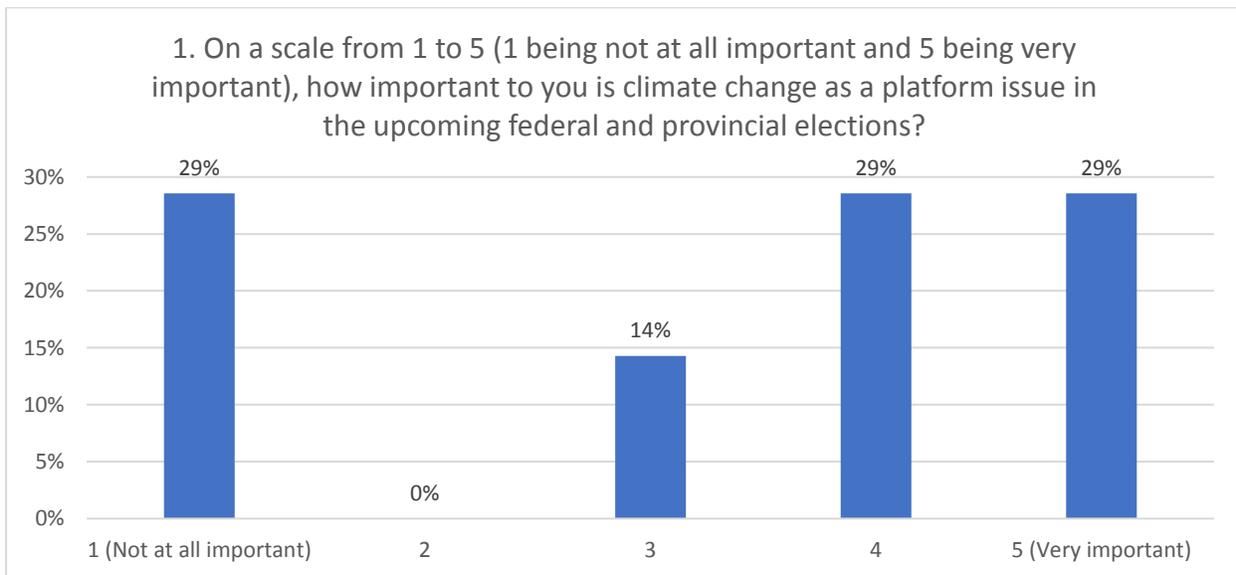
So far, we have seven people on the roundtable and will work to increase that over time. The sample size is very small, so the results are not representative but are still interesting and provide some indication as to the potential for this communications vehicle.

This first survey was on climate change and environmental best practices.

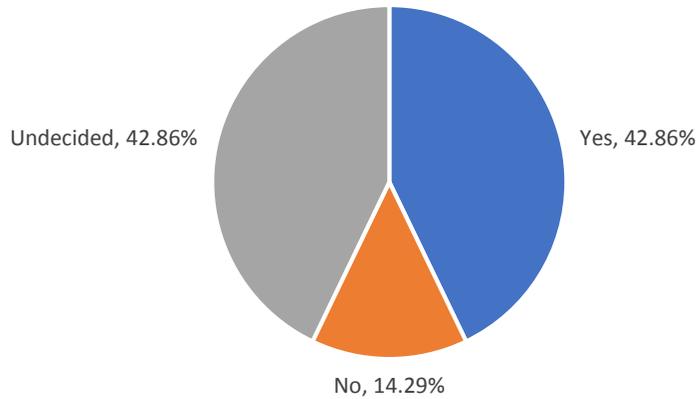
## Climate change is an important election issue, kind of

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Most, but not all of the respondents felt that climate change is an important platform issue in the upcoming elections but were not sure if a candidate or party's position on climate change would affect their own voting.



2. Would a candidate's or party's position on climate change affect your vote?



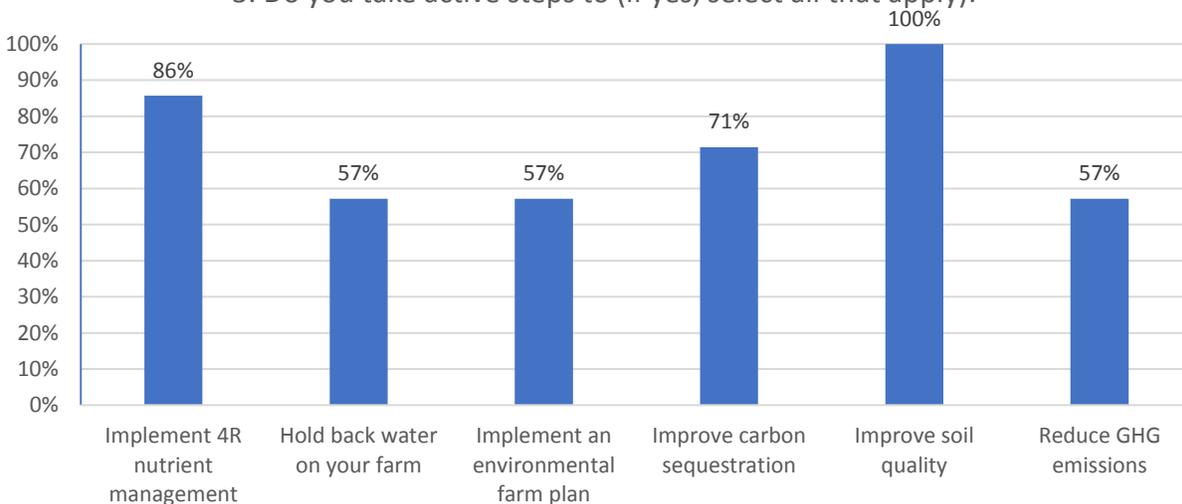
**Farmers are actively working to improve their environmental impact**

The respondents were all actively engaged in environmental stewardship, particularly improving soil quality and implementing 4R nutrient management.

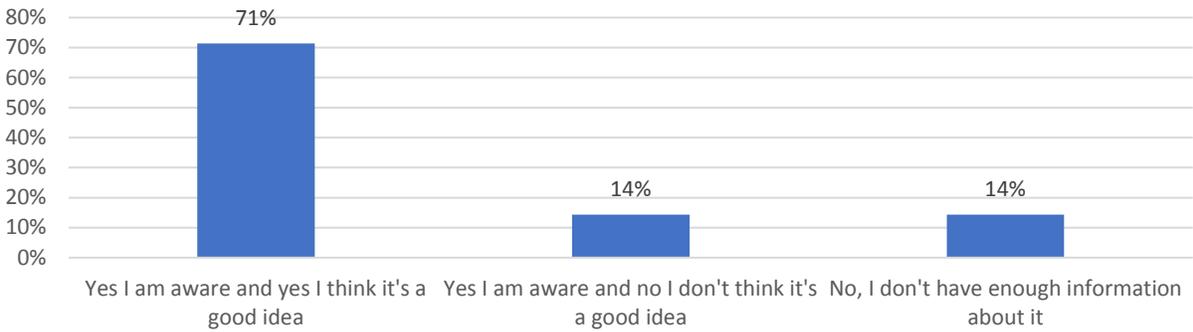
They are generally aware of an ALUS-type program to recognize the ecological goods and services that farmers provide and think it's a good idea.

One respondent has tried to take advantage of Manitoba Agriculture's best management practices funding program, for the establishment of a cover crop and sub-surface drainage water management.

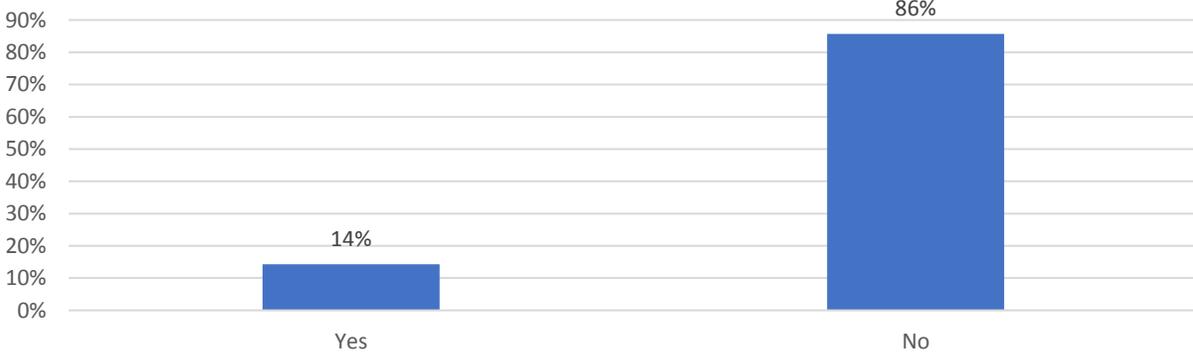
3. Do you take active steps to (if yes, select all that apply):



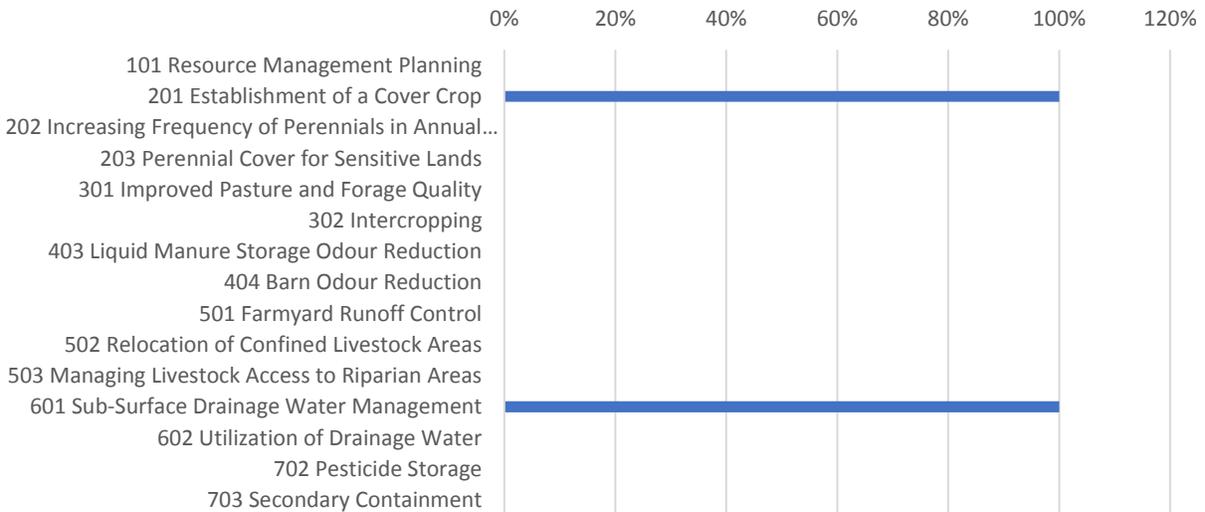
4. Are you aware of the alternative land use services (ALUS) program and think it's a good idea?



5a. Did you apply for Ag Action Manitoba best management practice (BMP) funding in 2019?



5b. If so, which ones? (Select all that apply)



So far, the policy roundtable is a little older and little more crop-oriented than the industry as a whole

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We asked some demographic questions to compare with Statistics Canada's 2016 Census of Agriculture. We have not captured anyone under 35 yet and our respondents are mostly in crops and oilseeds, with some beef on the side.

