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Teton Food and Farm Coalition Meat Processing Survey Analysis

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I. Purpose

The goal of the Teton Food and Farm Coalition, was to determine agricultural producers needs for a regional meat processing facility in the Teton County/ Eastern Idaho region/ "Teton foodshed.



II. Method

- Utilized Qualtrics, an online survey tool, with 13 questions related to agricultural production and livestock farming.
- It was requested that the survey be completed by individuals in need of this regional meat processing service
- Data collected from ~139 survey participants

III. Data

Demographic Characteristics

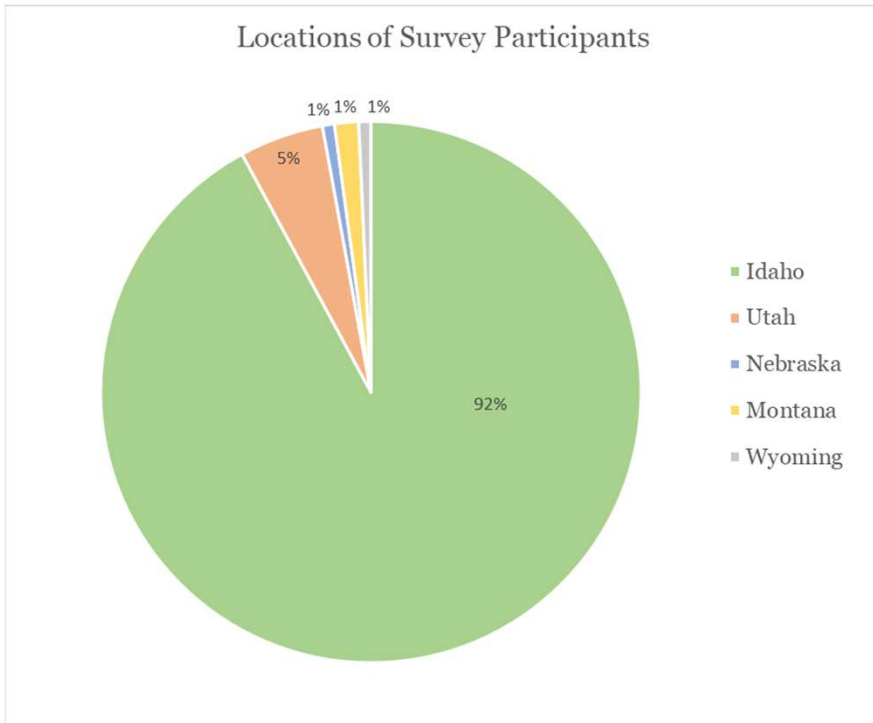


Figure 1: This graph shows the percent of survey respondents who indicated that their business was located in Idaho, Utah, Nebraska, Montana, or Wyoming.

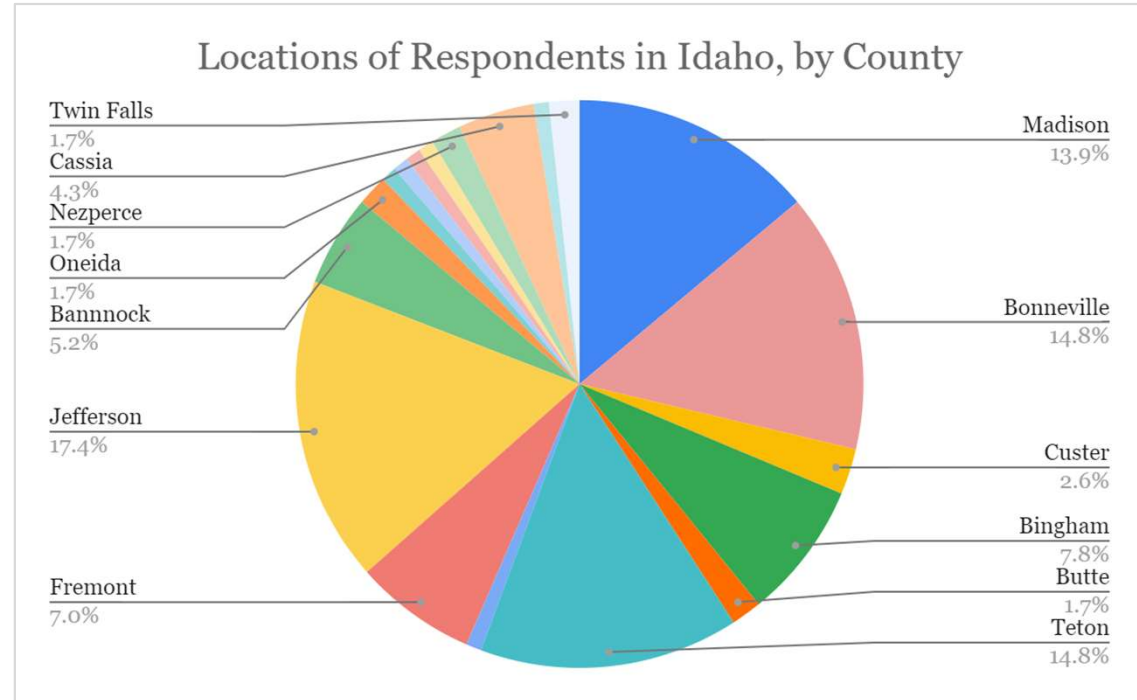


Figure 2: This graph shows the percentage of respondents located in Idaho, by County.

III. Data

Q - Are you an agricultural producer and/or do you raise livestock?

Agricultural Production and/or Livestock Farming Participation

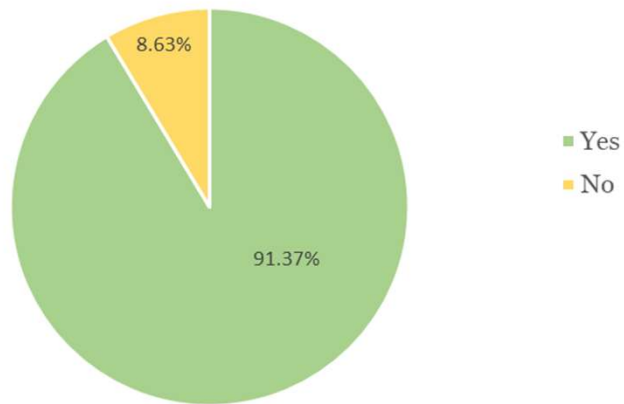


Figure 3: This graph shows the percent of survey respondents who indicated that they do or do not participate in agricultural production or livestock ranching.

Q - Do you raise livestock for market?

Respondents who Raise Livestock for Market

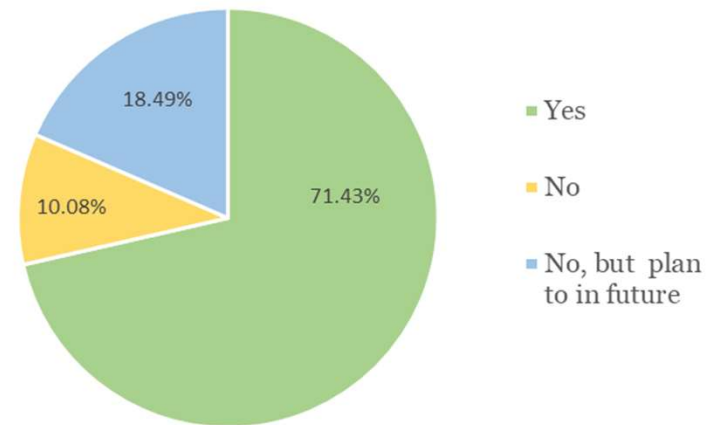


Figure 4: This graph shows the percent of survey respondents who indicated that either do and do not raise livestock for market, or plan to in the future.

III. Data

Q - If you raise livestock, what species do you raise?

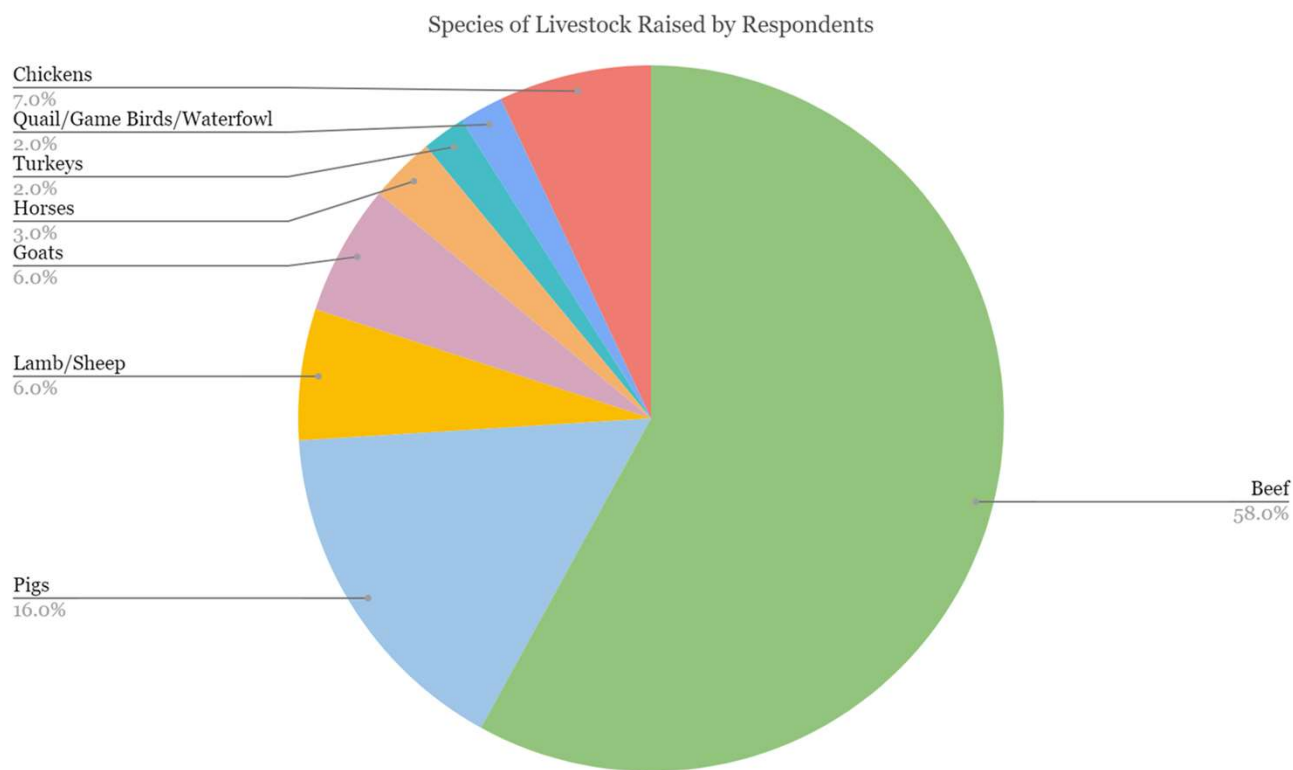


Figure 5: This graph shows the percent of survey respondents who indicated that they raise any of the above livestock species.

III. Data

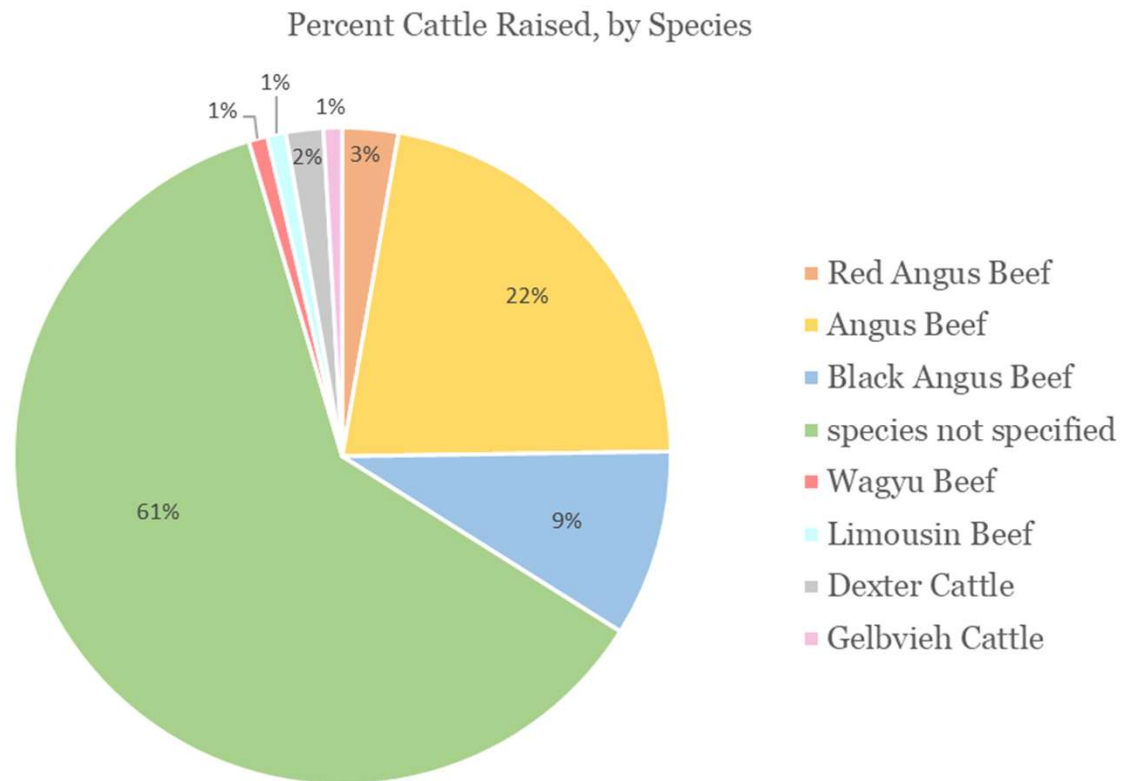


Figure 6: This graph shows the percent of survey respondents who indicated that they raise any of the above species of beef cattle.

III. Data

Q - If you raise "Beef," please indicate estimated average number of livestock typically processed and how often.

Average Number & Frequency of Livestock Processed (Beef)					
Variable	Units	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std deviation
NUM_ANNUALLY	#	1.00	3840.00	97.36	449.15
NUM_MONTHLY	#	0.00	320.00	20.08	70.93
NUM_WEEKLY	#	0.00	80.00	6.03	19.25

NUM_ANNUALLY=# of livestock processed annually; NUM_MONTHLY=# of livestock processed monthly; NUM_WEEKLY= # of livestock processed weekly

III. Data

Q - If you raise "Swine," please indicate estimated average number of livestock typically processed and how often.

Average Number & Frequency of Livestock Processed (Swine)					
Variable	Units	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std deviation
NUM_ANNUALLY	#	2.00	250.00	24.94	46.97
NUM_MONTHLY	#	0.00	20.00	4.56	5.79
NUM_WEEKLY	#	0.00	5.00	1.21	1.84

NUM_ANNUALLY=# of livestock processed annually; NUM_MONTHLY=# of livestock processed monthly; NUM_WEEKLY= # of livestock processed weekly

III. Data

Q - If you raise "Lamb," please indicate estimated average number of livestock typically processed and how often.

Average Number & Frequency of Livestock Processed (Lamb)					
Variable	Units	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std deviation
NUM_ANNUALLY	#	0.00	120.00	21.89	33.68
NUM_MONTHLY	#	0.00	12.00	3.86	4.29
NUM_WEEKLY	#	0.00	2.00	0.60	0.80

NUM_ANNUALLY=# of livestock processed annually; NUM_MONTHLY=# of livestock processed monthly; NUM_WEEKLY= # of livestock processed weekly

III. Data

Q - If you raise another species not previously listed, please indicate species and estimated average number of livestock typically processed and how often.

Average Number & Frequency of Livestock Processed						
Species	Variable	Units	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std deviation
Chicken	NUM_ANNUALLY	#	30.00	600.00	266.00	305.01
Turkey	NUM_ANNUALLY	#	2.00	10.00	6.00	5.66
Goats	NUM_ANNUALLY	#	7.00	12.00	9.50	3.54

NUM_ANNUALLY=# of livestock processed annually

III. Data

Q - What type of processing do you use?

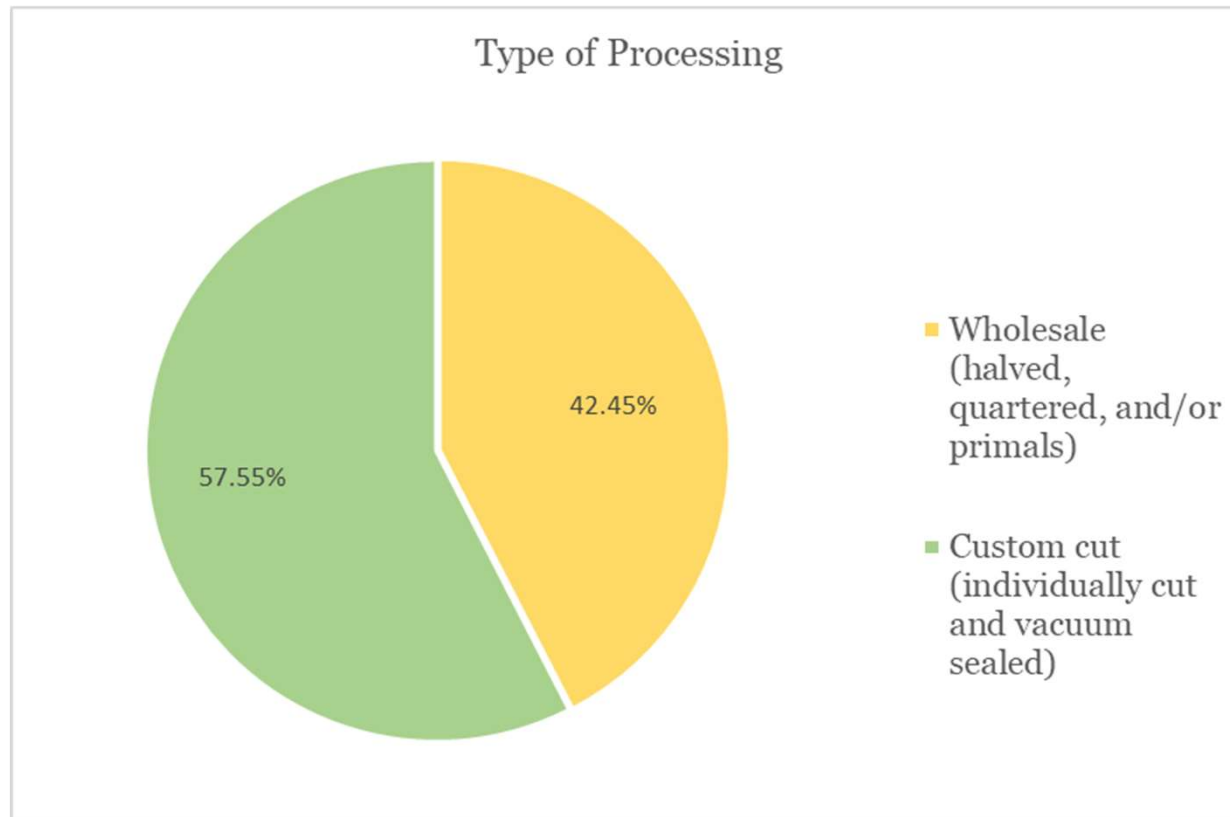


Figure 7: This graph shows the percent of survey respondents who indicated that they use wholesale or custom cut processing.

III. Data

Q- If you process "wholesale" livestock, please indicate your estimated quantity you would like processed for each visit. (Skip if N/A)

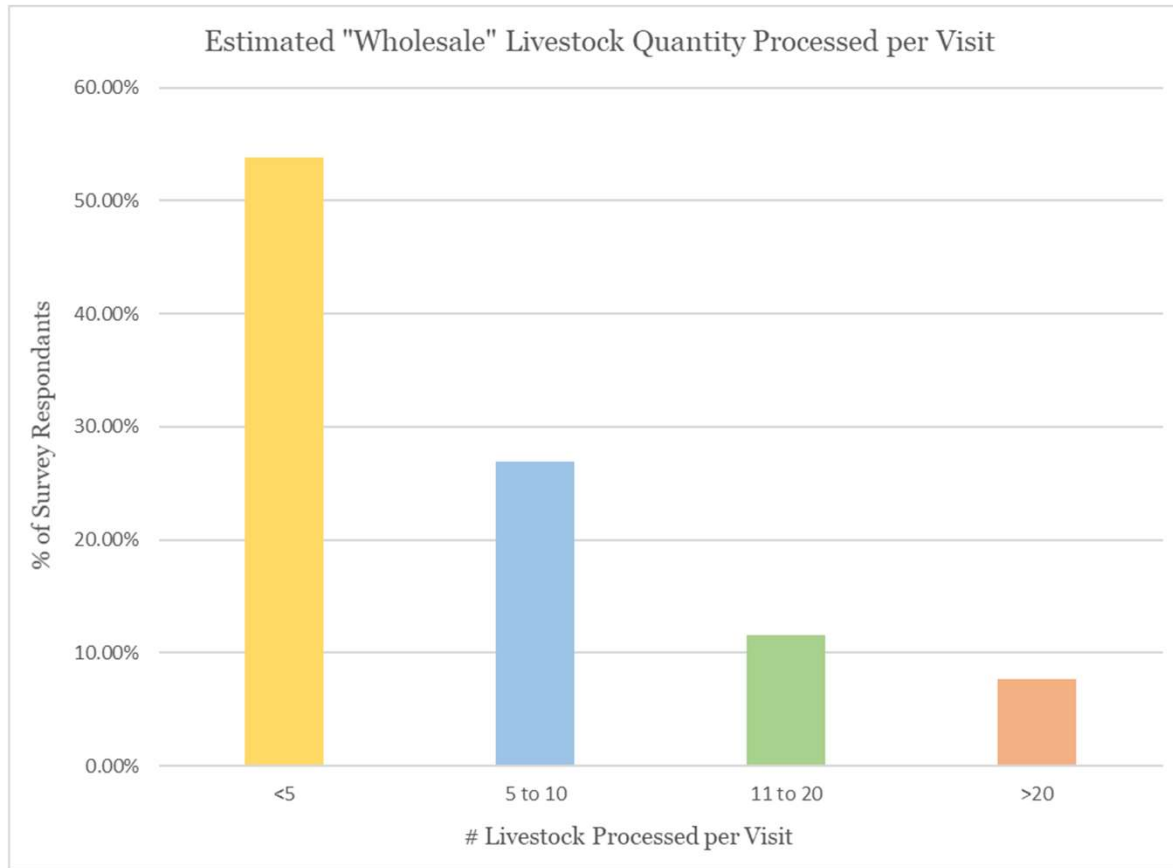


Figure 8: This graph shows the estimated number of “wholesale” livestock that survey respondents would like processed per visit.

III. Data

Q- If you process "custom cut" livestock, please indicate your estimated quantity you would like processed for each visit.
(Skip if N/A)

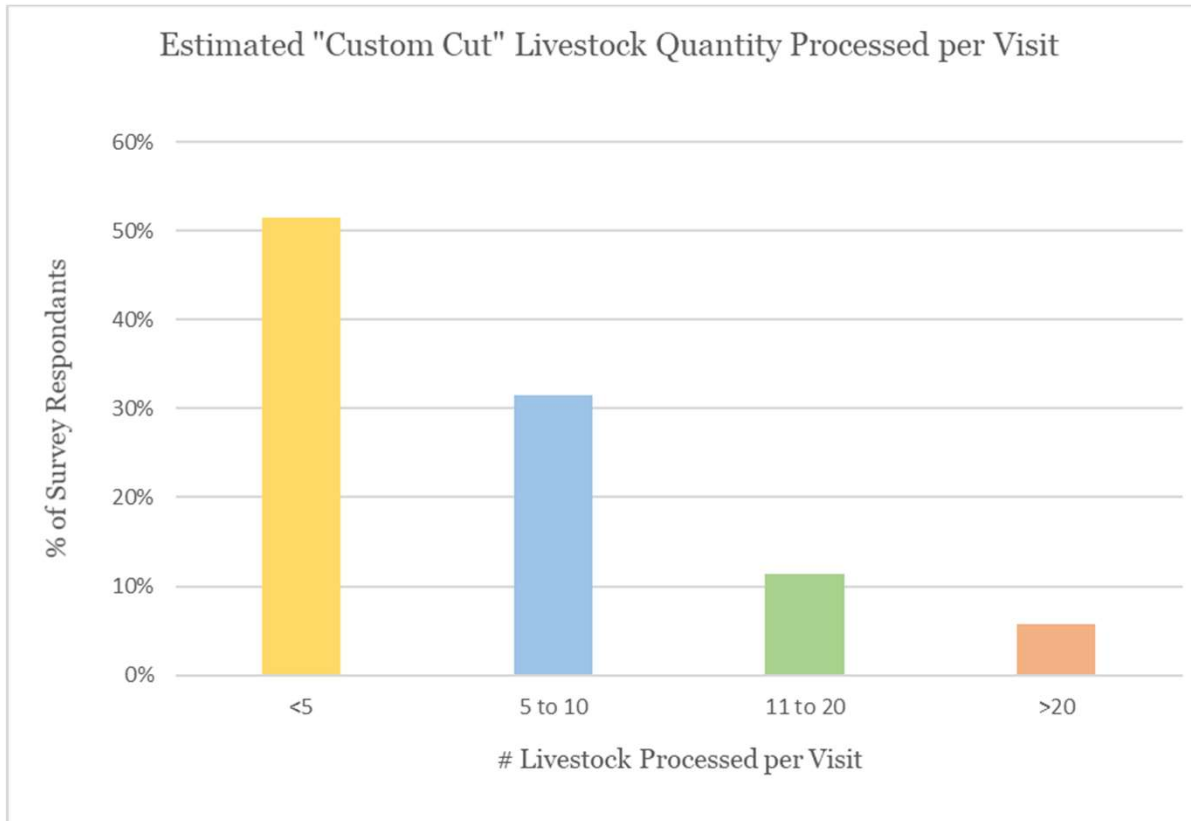


Figure 9: This graph shows the estimated number of “custom cut” livestock that survey respondents would like processed per visit.

III. Data

Main Concerns of Survey Respondents



- Insufficient number USDA certified butchers available
 - suppresses growth of operations and is a barrier to ranch expansion
- Suggest the development of a Regional Labor Source Plan
 - Are we better off to build more facilities in East Idaho or expanding existing facilities?
- Respondents claims that they would rapidly increase sales if a processing facility was nearby
- Lack of facilities challenges ranchers and also individuals seeking local employment in processing
- Limited Bird Processing Facilities specifically
- Long waiting lists for processors
 - 1-2 years