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- *Representatives from all major organizations for different types of animal production in Sweden*

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Rural crime – a “new” Swedish issue?!



National web-based survey on rural crime

- Focus on farms & companies with animal production: dairy, beef, pig, poultry, sheep, goat, mink, rabbit & aquaculture
- Use of authority listings of e-mails & animal producer organizations to reach the majority of farms/companies
- A 3-month response period (June- September) with a total of 4 reminders
- A total of 56 main questions (plus subquestions)
- A total of 3836 (40%) completed surveys, 5225 partly (54%) & 651 are positive to further discuss about their experiences (N=9800)
- Survey was approved by the Swedish Ethical Review Authority

National web-based survey on rural crime

- Questions about farmer, farm (company)
- Actions to prevent rural crime on the farm
- Animal rights activists, thefts and harassments
- General debate in media & society regarding animal production
- Inspections of animal welfare by authorities
- Support by police, society and social
- Vulnerability and anxiety for crime

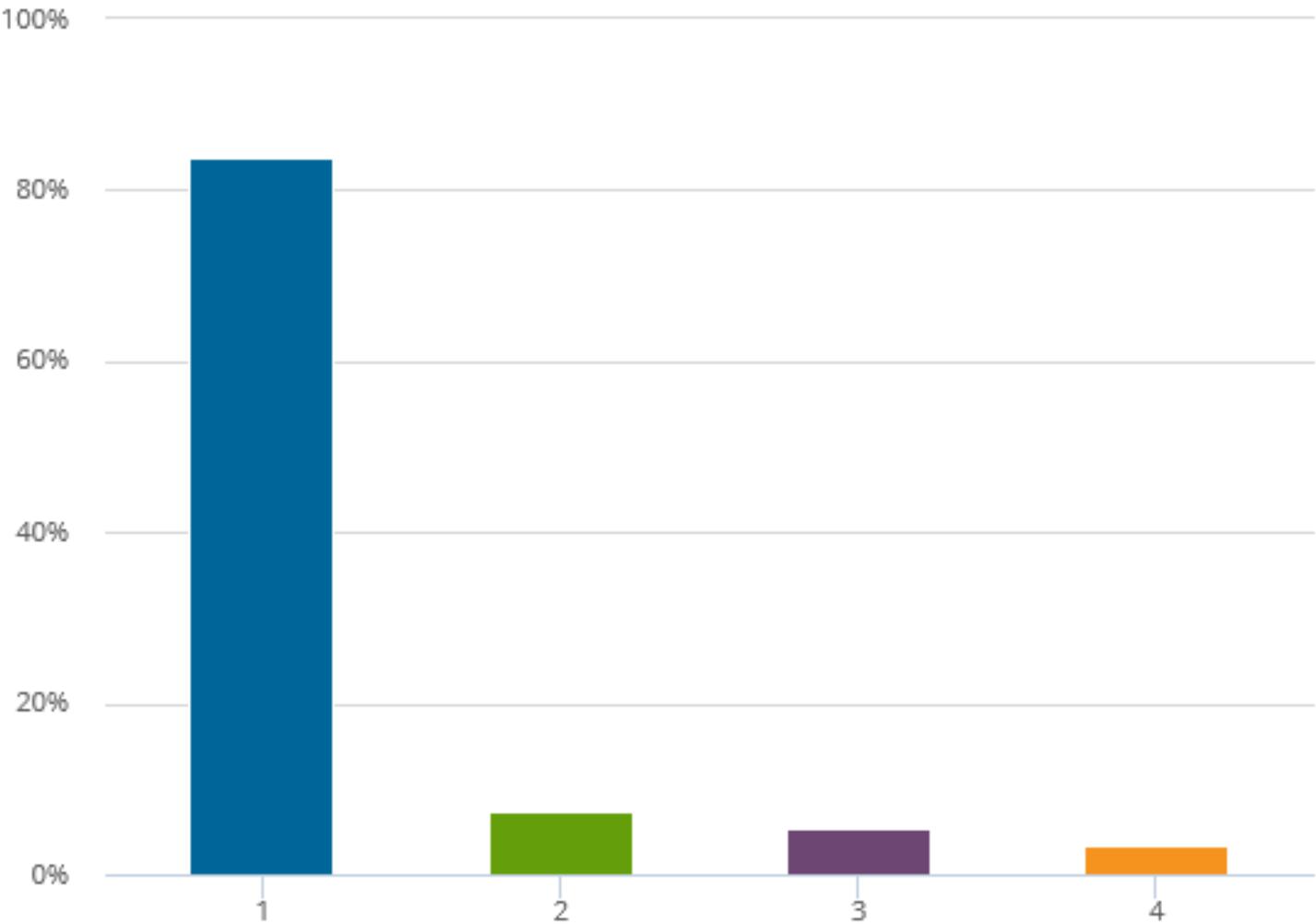
Some facts about the responders

- 29% female farmers
- 9% live alone and 34% have children (minors) living at home
- 91% live on their farm with animal production
- Most common (by numbers) type of farm: beef & sheep
- The least common: aquaculture, mink & rabbit

As an example ...one question with results...to discuss!



Has your business ever been exposed to any incident such as demonstration, harassment, intrusion, graffiti, animal release, personal attack on the media or the like, because you are an animal producer?



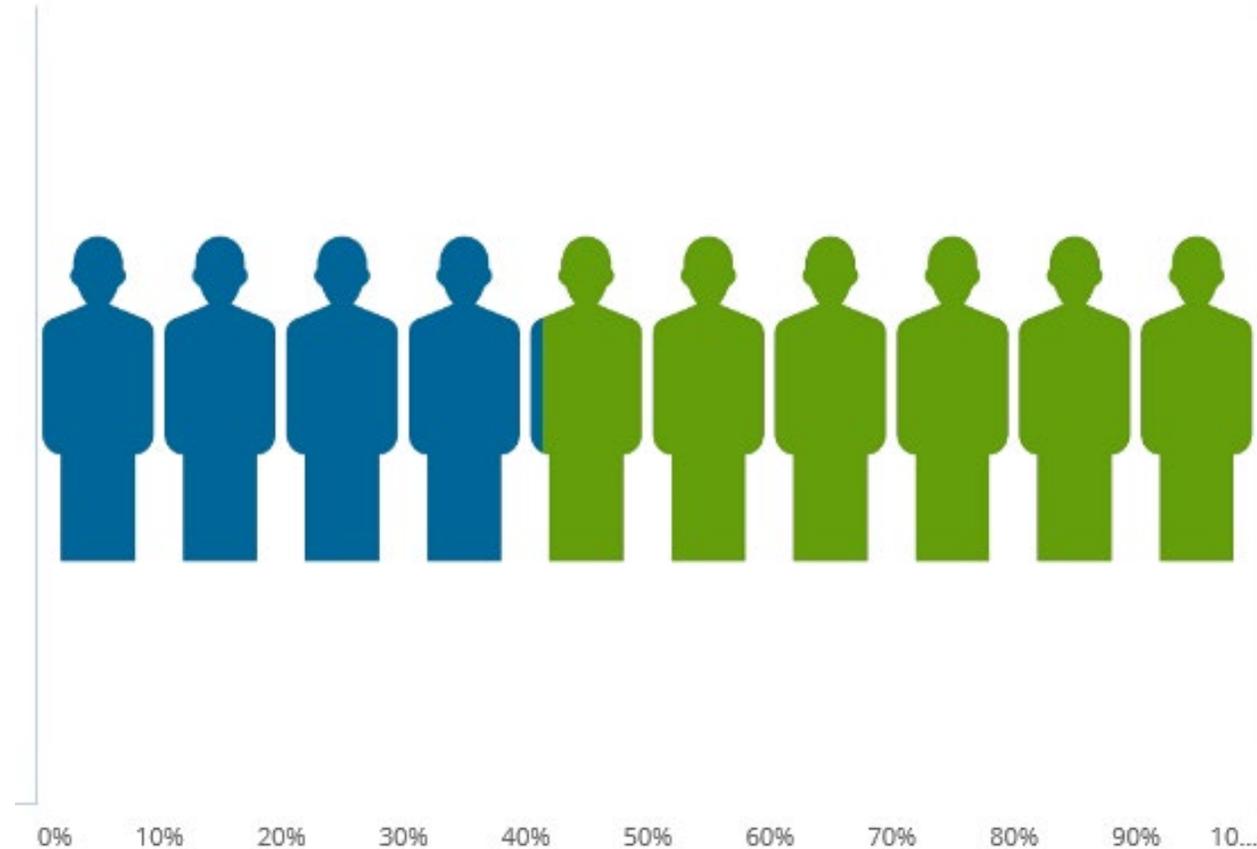
	Response	Rate
1	No, never	3474 (83.79 %)
2	Yes, during 2017 - 2020	308 (7.43 %)
3	Yes, before 2017	221 (5.33 %)
4	Yes, both before and after 2017	143 (3.45 %)
	Responses	4146

Do you know any other farmer who had these experiences?

- Yes (41,5%)

**The worries
& the fear are real
for many more
farmers!**

**...even many years
after an incident!**



The work goes on...

- Preliminary results will be presented for or reference group
- The results needs to be analyzed by different aspects as location, type of production
- What type of focus in the up-coming interviews with affected farmers?
- Publications – both in a Swedish report & international journals
- Actions to recommend!
- Take part in the international forums