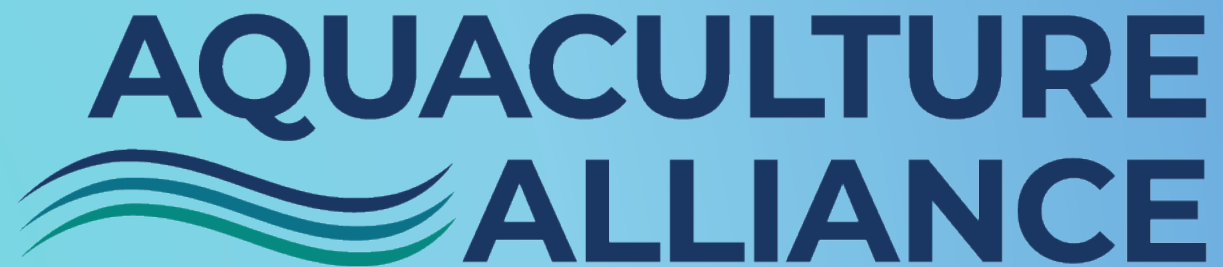


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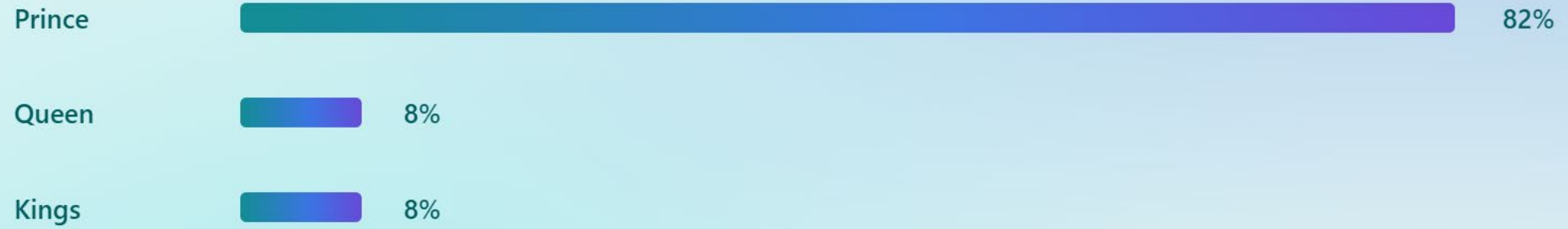
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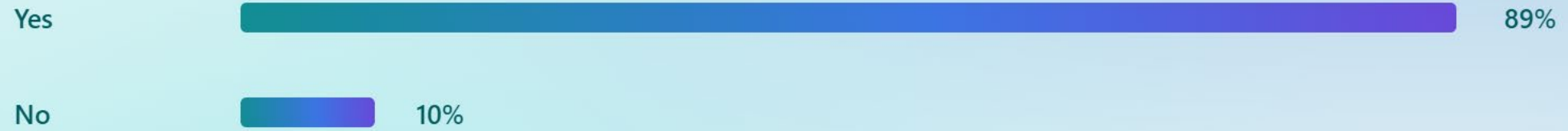
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Lease Location



89 responses submitted

Are you struggling financially due to the effects of MSX/Dermo?



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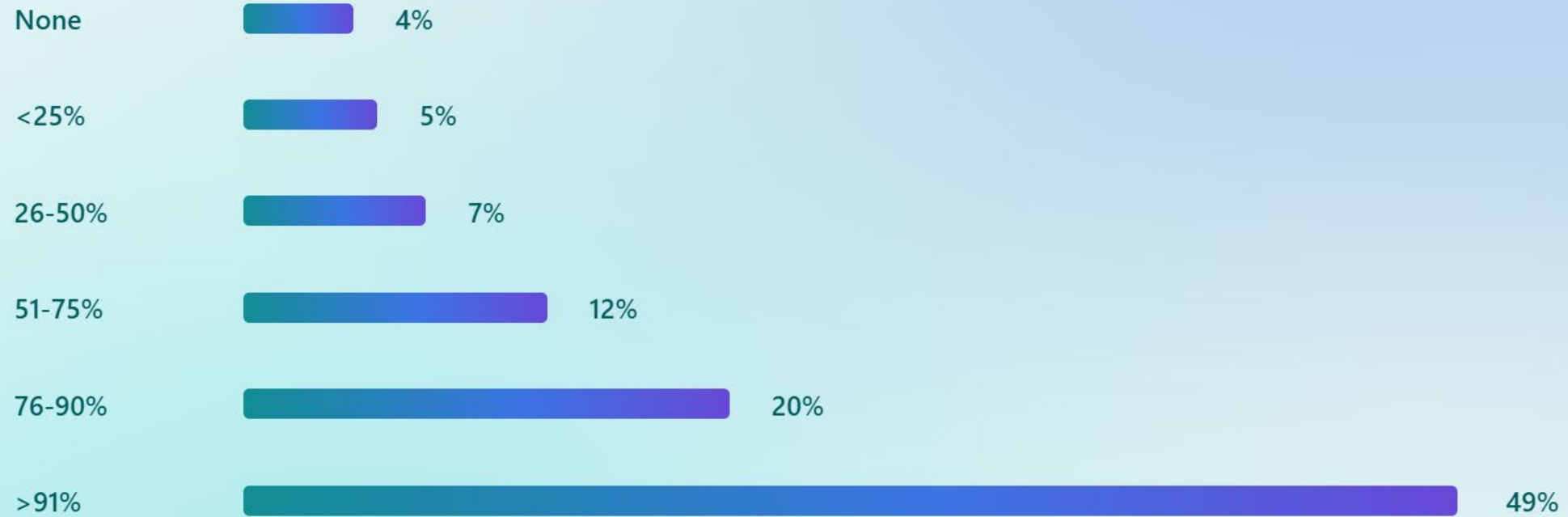


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Approximately what percentage of mortality have you suffered in the Spring of 2026?



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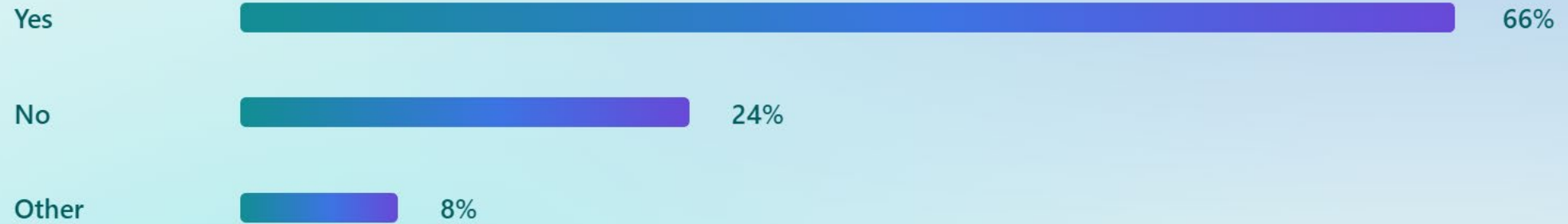


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Have you been fully paid for all oysters sold in 2025?



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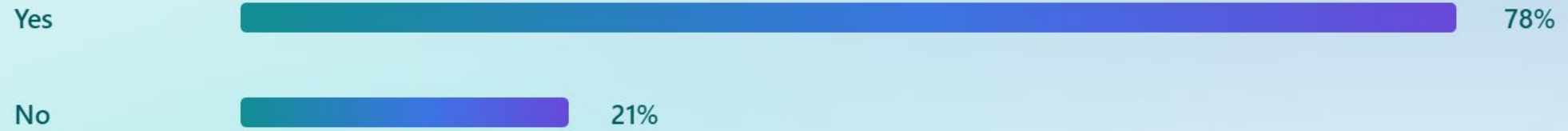


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Do you plan on operating your farm or business this year?



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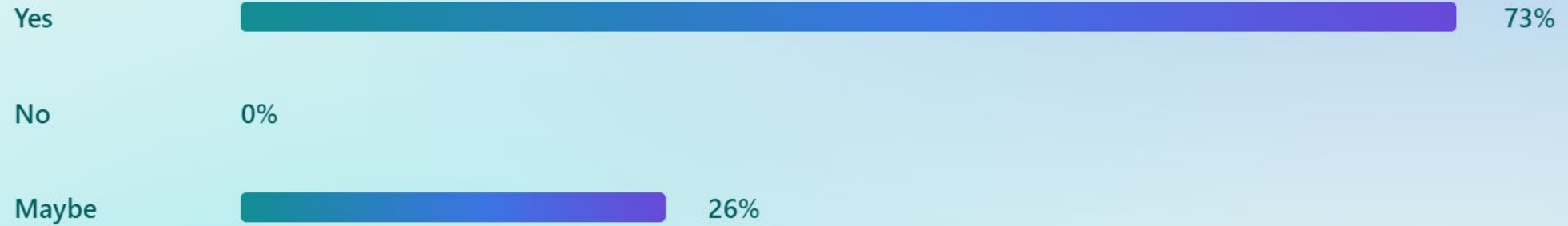


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If no, would confirmation of the availability of disease-resistant seed and or new funding encourage you to change that decision?



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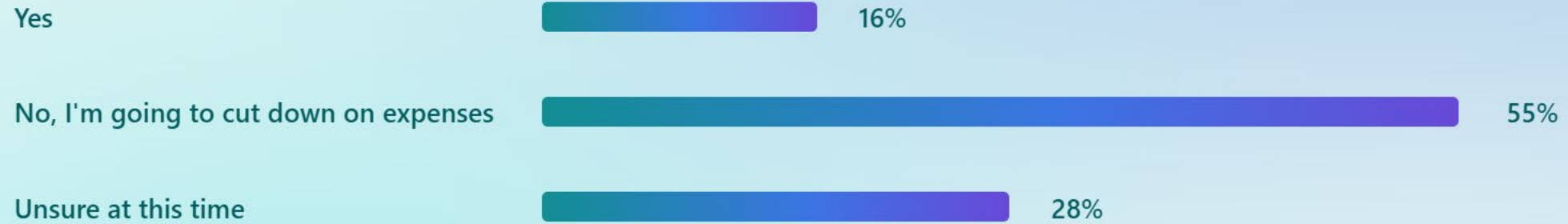


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Do you intend to hire the same number of employees as in the previous year?



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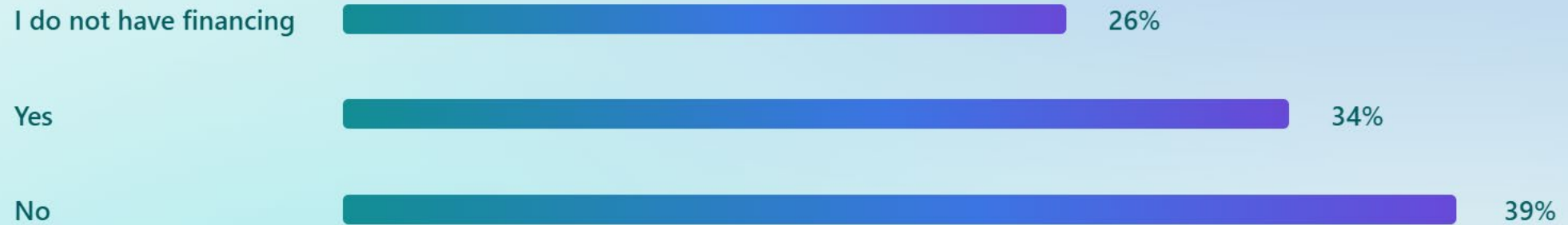


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89 responses submitted

If you have financing, have you been in contact with your loan provider regarding deferring payments?



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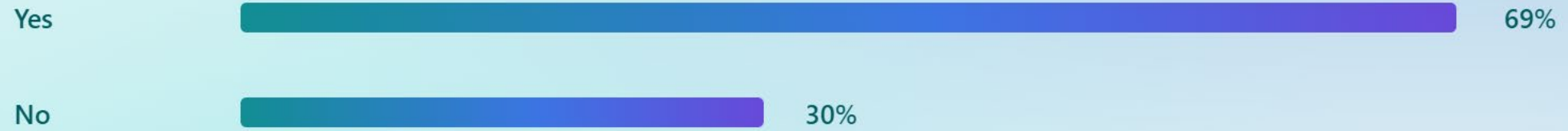


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Are you considering alternate employment for this year? (i.e. Outside of the oyster industry)



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If Yes, will this be instead of or as well as your oyster farm?

Instead



22%

As well



77%



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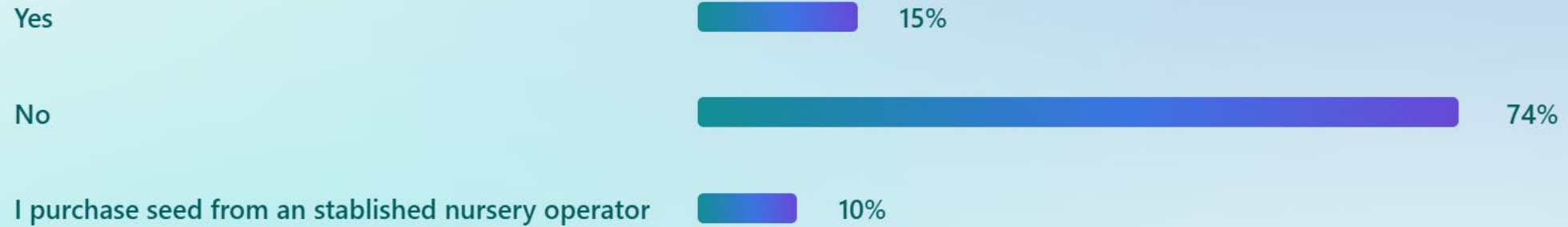


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Do you currently own a Nursery System, e.g. FLUPSY or Land-Based-Upweller



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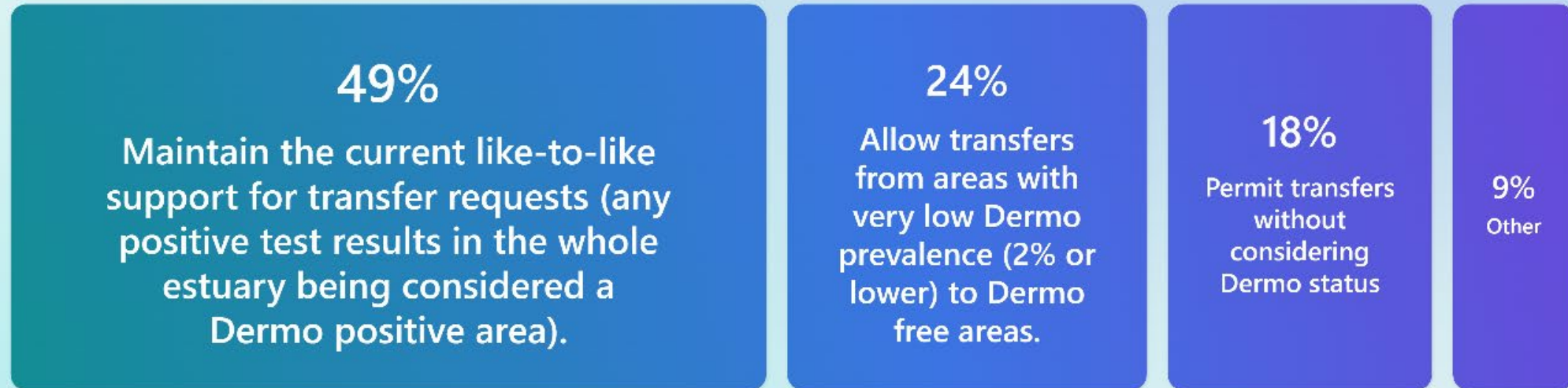
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Now that MSX has been found in every oyster growing area in the province, how would you like to see Dermo managed?



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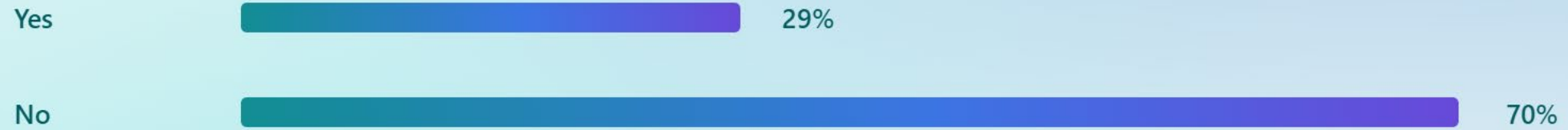
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9% “Other” answers include:

- “I choose not to influence this decision
- No transfers to dermo free area
- I not sure it matters anymore
- Don’t think in the west it really matters any more
- MSX is what's killing our oysters right now I don't see dermo being an issue as for #13 I have no oyster left they are all dead
- All oysters dead
- I am in Foxley and tested positive for Dermo so I’ll defer
- I have no idea what's best, likely will be everywhere within short time frame, likely not stopping it

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Have you discussed the possibility of "sinking on site" (to fulfill CSSP requirements) with your buyer/processor?



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Oyster Grower Employment and Financial Survey

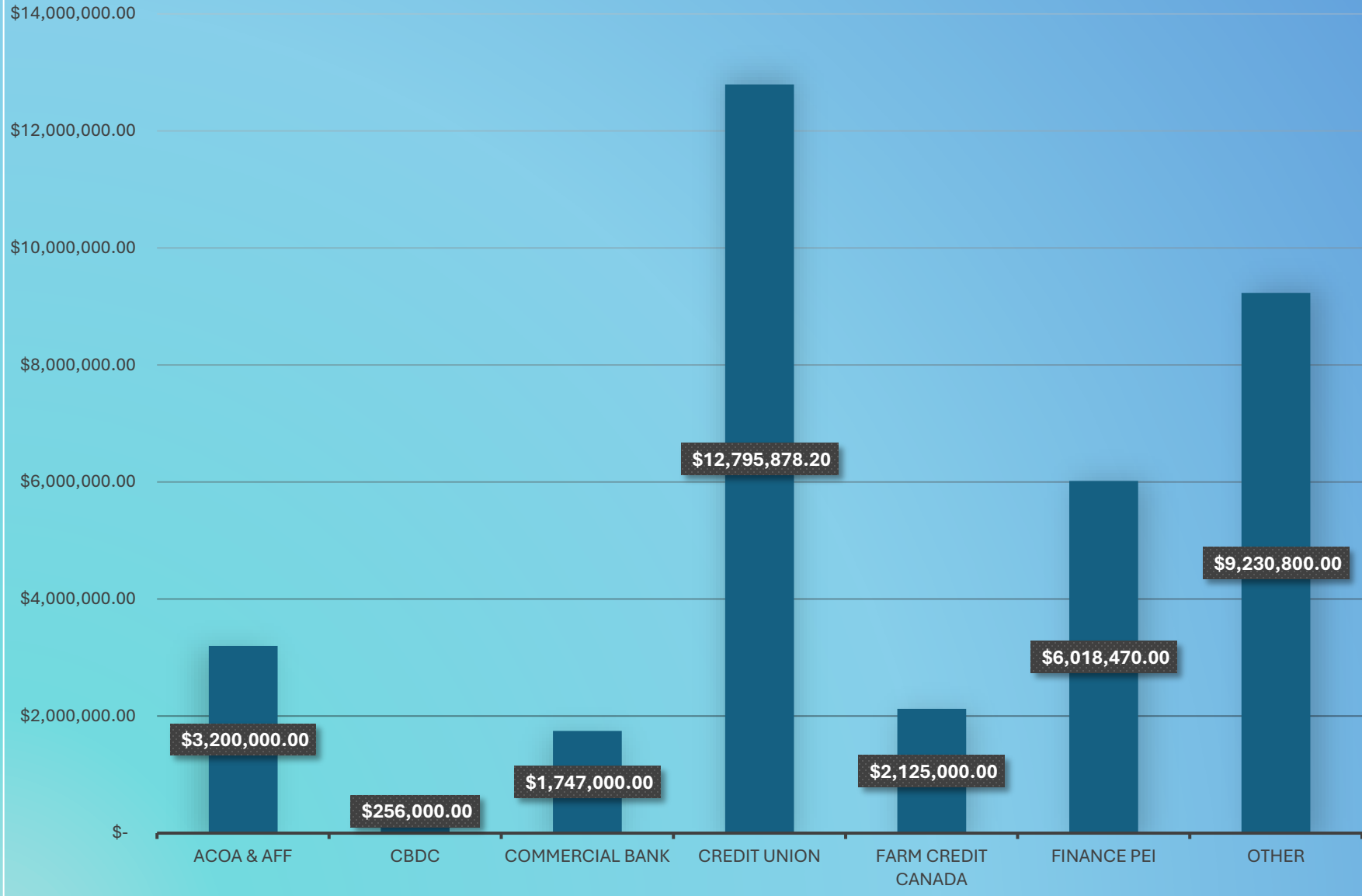
This smaller survey was distributed after the above, to try and gain further insight into debt burden, where it is being held, and to estimate the impact on employment that farm closures will have

Oyster Grower Employment and Financial Survey -

- 55 respondents in total
- 10 carry no debt (or were excluded for incorrect data)
- 45 (81%) carry approximately **\$35 million** (breakdown below)
- 39 respondents
 - Normally employ **197** full time staff
 - With an average weekly wage of **\$1,110 pp**
- 31 respondents
 - Normally employ **101** part time staff
 - With an average weekly wage of **\$922 pp**

PEI Oyster Farm/Processor Debt Burden Survey Results

Based on 45 out of 55 Responses



ACOA & AFF	\$ 3,200,000.00	9%
CBDC	\$ 256,000.00	1%
Commercial Bank	\$ 1,747,000.00	5%
Credit Union	\$ 12,795,878.20	36%
Farm Credit Canada	\$ 2,125,000.00	6%
Finance PEI	\$ 6,018,470.00	17%
Other	\$ 9,230,800.00	26%
Total	\$ 35,373,148.20	