



Alameda County Agriculture Worker Housing Need Assessment

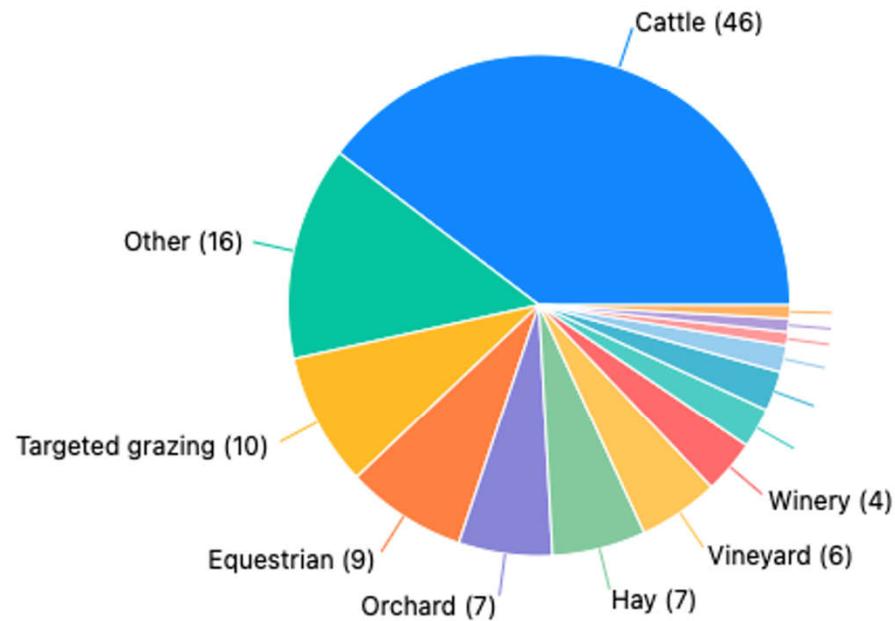
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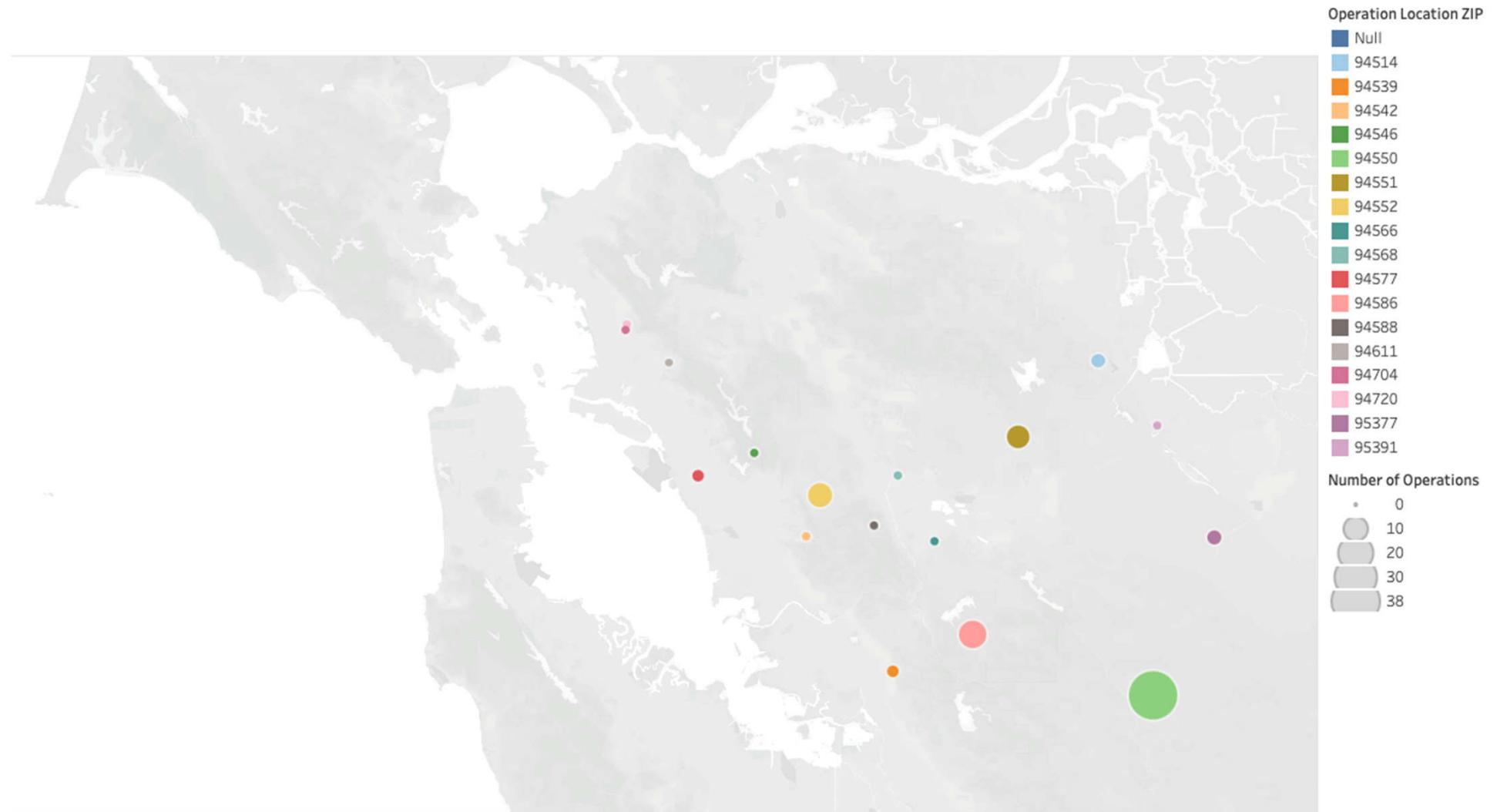
Results

Number of Responses by Operation Category



Categories that represent less than 3 % include: BeeKeeping (1); Goat (1); Multi-use Ag (1); Nursery (2); Vegetable (3); Sheep (3)

Distribution of Responses to Ag/ Land Steward Worker Survey

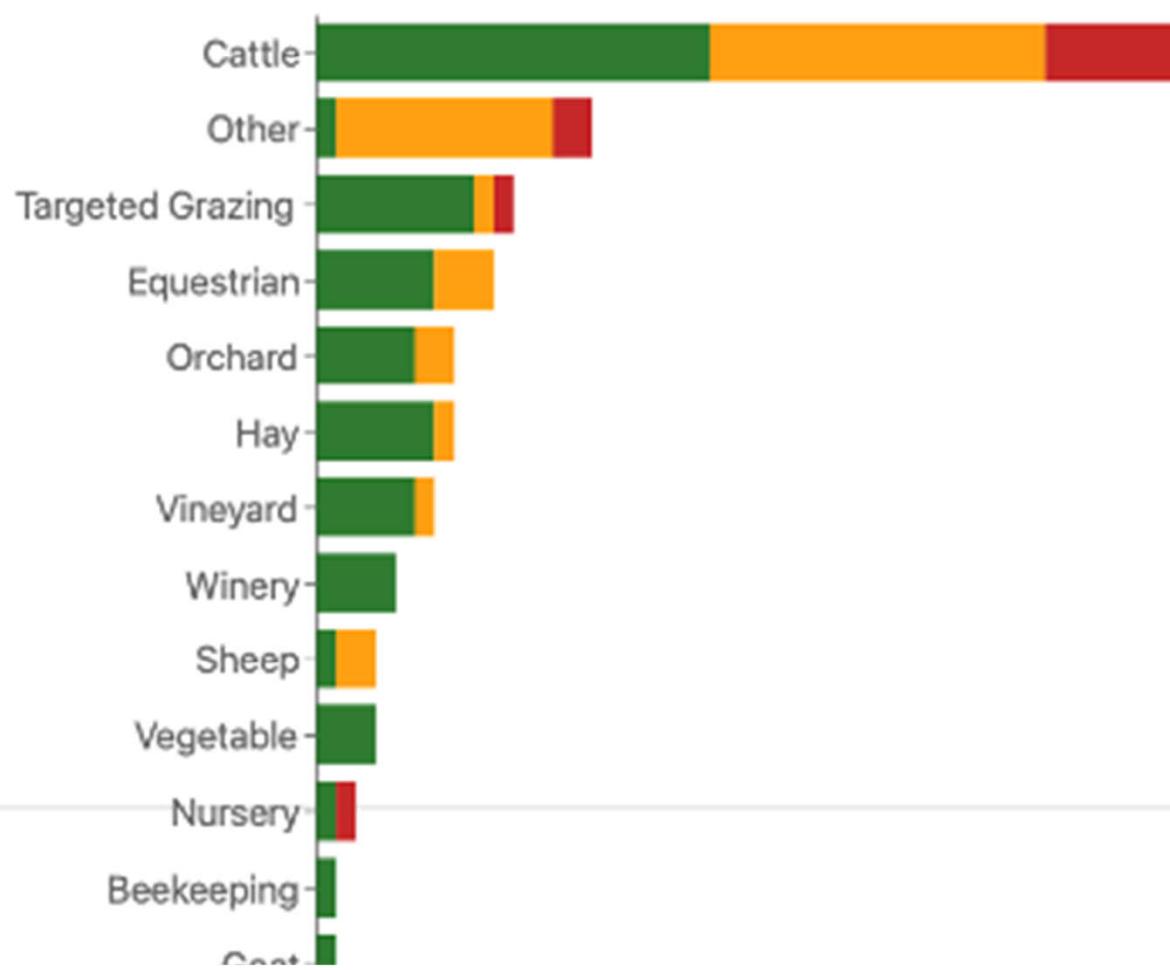


Number of Agriculture and Land Steward workers in Alameda County by Operation Category from Responses

Operation Category	Permanent Workers			Seasonal Workers		
	Farm/Field	Processing	Other	Farm/Field	Processing	Other
Cattle	23	0	3	3	2	0
Cattle and other Livestock	17	0	0	7	0	0
Vineyard, Winery	23	0	0	16	0	0
Orchard	18	0	0	15	0	0
Nursery	42	0	0	0	0	0
Open Space	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mulit-use	41	0	15	0	18	0
Targeted grazing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cattle and Hay	48	2	0	11	20	6
Equestrian	9	0	0	0	0	0
Cattle, Hay, and other	16	0	0	15	0	0
Land Management	2	0	0	0	0	0
Vineyard	10	0	0	10	0	0
Goat	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beekeeping	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheep	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	249	2	18	77	40	6
Total		269			123	

Is more housing needed to support agricultural workers and land stewards in Alameda County?
Other includes open space, non-ag lands.

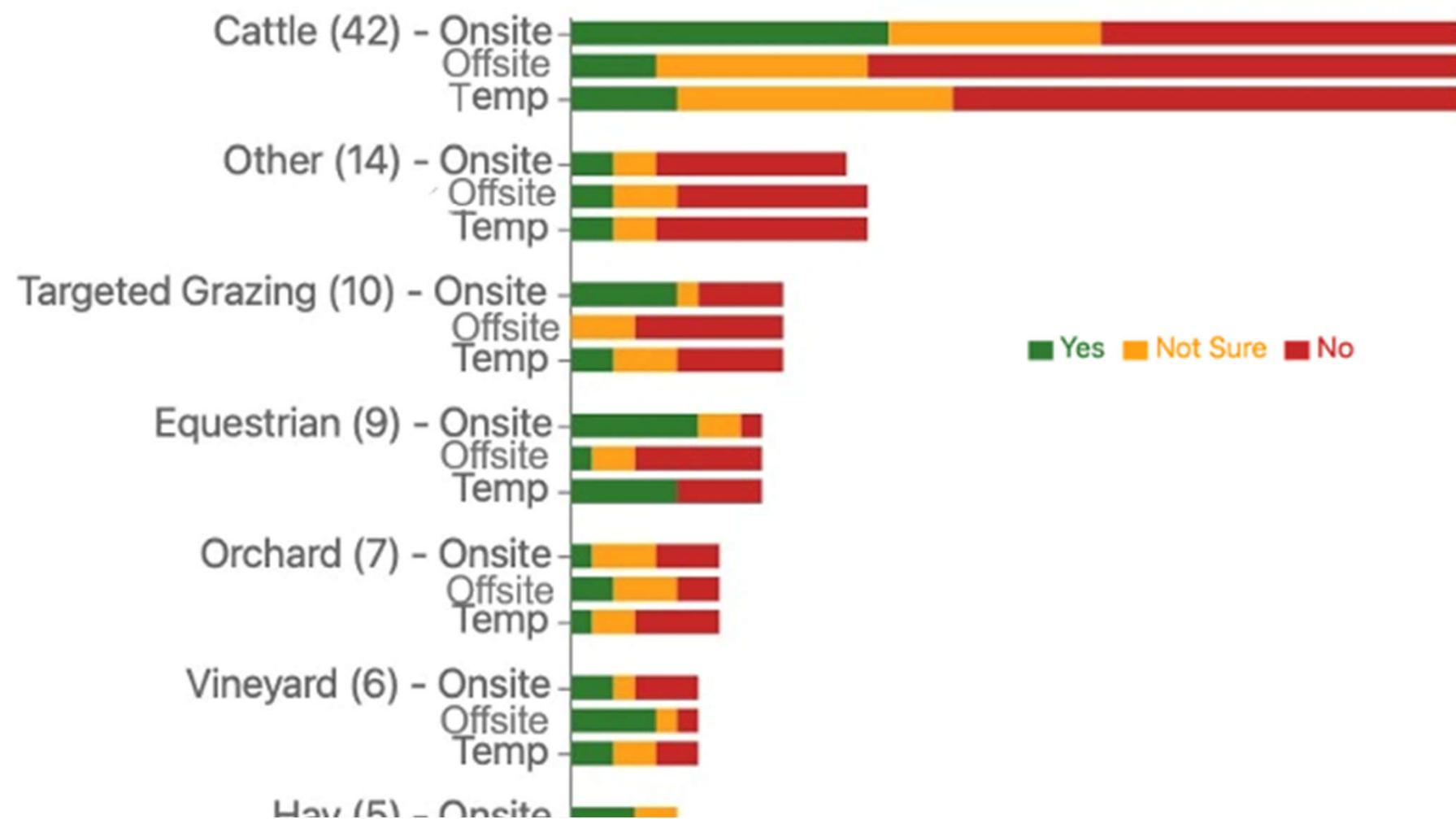
Need for Agricultural Worker Housing by Operation Category



⊕ Housing Provision and Opportunities by Operation Category from Responses

Operation Category	Provides Housing n (%)	Housing Types Provided	Desired Housing Opportunities
Cattle (including mixed) (n=46)	7 (15.2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single-family housing (5) • Caretaker units (2) • Room (1) • Apartment (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caretaker units (18) • Single-family -onsite (12) • ADU (9) • Apartments (1) • Duplex (3) • Trailers (2) • Trailers- offsite (1) • Tiny Home -onsite (6) • Tiny Home- offsite (1)
Vineyard and Wineries (n=6)	1 (16.7%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single-family home (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caretaker unit (2) • ADU (2) • Single family (2) • Duplex (onsite)(1) • Tiny home (1)
Orchard (including mixed) (n=7)	1 (14.3%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caretakers Unit (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caretaker unit (2) • Single family (2) • Single family on and off (1) • ADU (2) • Trailers (3) • Tiny home (1)
Equestrian (including mixed) (n=9)	6 (66.7%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apartment (2) • Caretakers Unit (2) • Trailer (1) • Room (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caretaker unit (7) • ADU (5) • Trailers (5) • Trailers -onsite (1) • Tiny home (4) • Single-family (2) • Duplex (1)
Hay farming (including mixed) (n=7)	1 (14.3%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single-family home (1) • Apartment (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caretaker unit (4) • ADU (4) • Single-family (3) • Apartments (1) • Duplex (1) • Tiny home- on site (1) • Tiny home- off site (1) • Trailers – off site (1)
Other- Open Space (n=16)	0 (0%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caretaker unit (2) • Single-family (2) • Duplex (1)
Targeted Grazing (including mixed) (n=10)	1 (10%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caretaker unit (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caretaker unit (4) • Single-family housing (2) • ADU (1) • Tiny home- onsite (1) • Trailers- onsite (2)
Nursery (n=2)	0 (0%)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caretaker unit (1) • ADU (1) • Single-family housing (1) • Apartments (1) • Tiny home- on and offsite (1)

Benefit of Housing (Onsite, Offsite, Temporary) by Operation Type from Responses



Interest in developing affordable housing on property



Interest Level Scale:

 Level 1
  Level 2
  Level 3
  Level 4
  Level 5

Agricultural worker housing needs assessment by Operation Category

Operation Type	Operation Profile	Key Considerations	Housing Needs Assessment
Cattle only n=28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avg workers: 1.1, 21% w/workers Permanent workers: 5 operations Seasonal workers: 2 operations Size: 11-200 acres (43%), 201-500 acres (21%), 501-1000 acres (21%) Currently providing housing: 3 operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoning laws/restrictions (12) Permitting issues (9) Septic concerns (8) Building costs (8) Limited building envelope (5) Potable water (3) 	Low to moderate need with current housing provision at 11%. Low average worker numbers. Preference towards caretaker units or single-family housing onsite.
Mixed Operations with Cattle (e.g. hay, sheep, targeted grazing, vineyard, equestrian) n=18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avg workers: 7.8, 61% w/workers Permanent workers: 9 operations Seasonal workers: 9 operations Size: 11-200 acres (44%) and 201-500 acres (39%) Currently provides housing: 4 operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoning laws/restrictions (9) Septic issues (8) Permitting (8) Building costs (3) Limited building envelope (2) 	Moderate need with larger average workforce and mix of permanent/seasonal workers. Current housing provision (22%). Preference towards caretaker, ADU, single-family or tiny homes onsite.
Vineyard/Winery and Orchard Operations n=7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avg workers: 10.3, 71% w/workers Permanent workers: 4 operations Seasonal workers: 4 operations Size: Mix of 11-200 acres (60%) and 0-10 acres (40%) Currently provides housing: 0 operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited building envelope (2) Zoning restrictions (2) Building costs (2 responses) Permitting (2) 	Critical need with high average workforce and no current housing provision. Equal split between permanent and seasonal needs. Mixed of interest in <u>offsite</u> , onsite, and temp housing. Interest in caretaker, ADU and <u>trailers</u> (1)
Equestrian Operations n=4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avg workers: 2.25, 75% w/workers Permanent workers: 3 operations Size: Primarily 201-500 acres (50%) Currently provides housing: 3 operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoning laws/restrictions (2) Permitting (3) Floor area ratio limitations (2) 	Well-addressed current needs (75% provide housing). Interest in temporary and onsite housing
Nursery Operations n=2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avg workers: 21 Permanent workers: 2 operations Size: Split between 0-10 and 11-200 acres Currently provides housing: 0 operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple infrastructure needs, water availability, zoning, building cost (1) 	Most critical unmet need with highest worker density (21 workers avg) and no current housing provision. Nursery respondents are split about the need for housing
Targeted grazing, goat, beekeeping, sheep n=8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avg workers: 0 Currently provides housing: 0 operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoning laws/restrictions (4) Permitting issues (3) Septic concerns (2) Building costs (4) Potable water (3) 	Limited need and limited interest.
Other, Open Space and Land Management n=16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avg workers 0.13, 6% w/workers Currently provides housing: 1 operation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoning laws/restrictions (5) Permitting issues (3) Septic concerns (4) Building costs (2) Limited building envelope (1) Potable water (2) 	Limited need and limited interest.

Why do you graze cattle?	Controls fire danger
	Provides inexpensive food for cattle
	Controls weeds
	Improves wildlife habitat
	Compliance for property tax benefit
	Part of family heritage/history
	It's profitable
	I get paid to graze

