

RURAL LANDHOLDERS ON THE EYRE PENINSULA: SUMMARY OF 2024 SURVEY

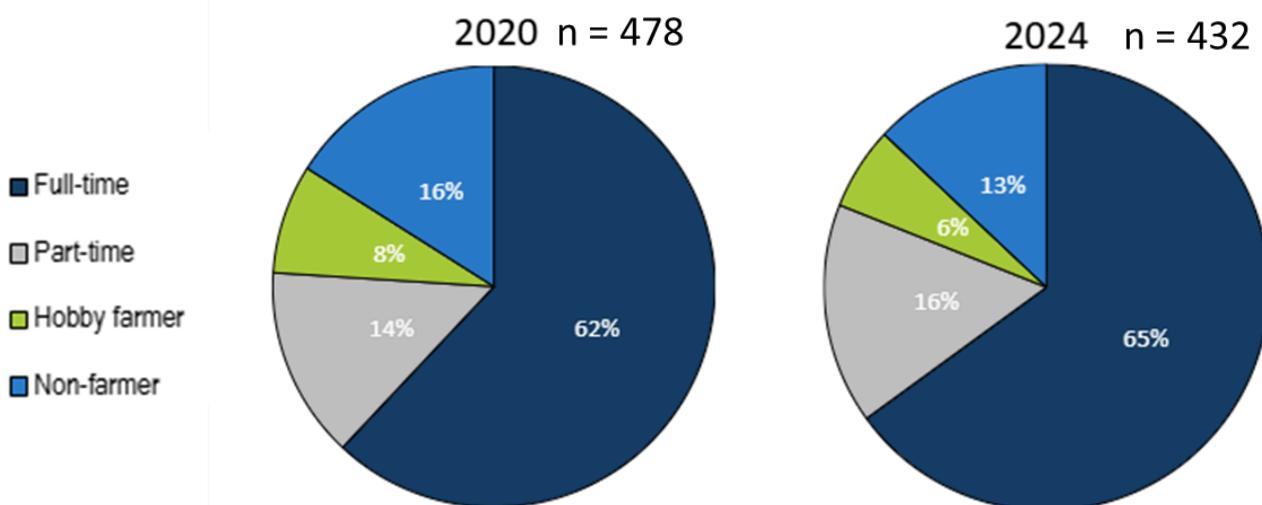


In 2024, all landholders on the Eyre Peninsula with rural properties over 10 hectares were posted a Social Benchmarking Survey as a part of a national Soil CRC project, funded by the Soil CRC, AIR EP and the EP Landscape Board. This followed up on a similar survey conducted in 2020. Landholders from across the region returned 432 survey forms, a 30% response rate. This summary provides an overview of demographics, challenges and aspirations of landholders on the Eyre Peninsula.

About Our Respondent Landholders

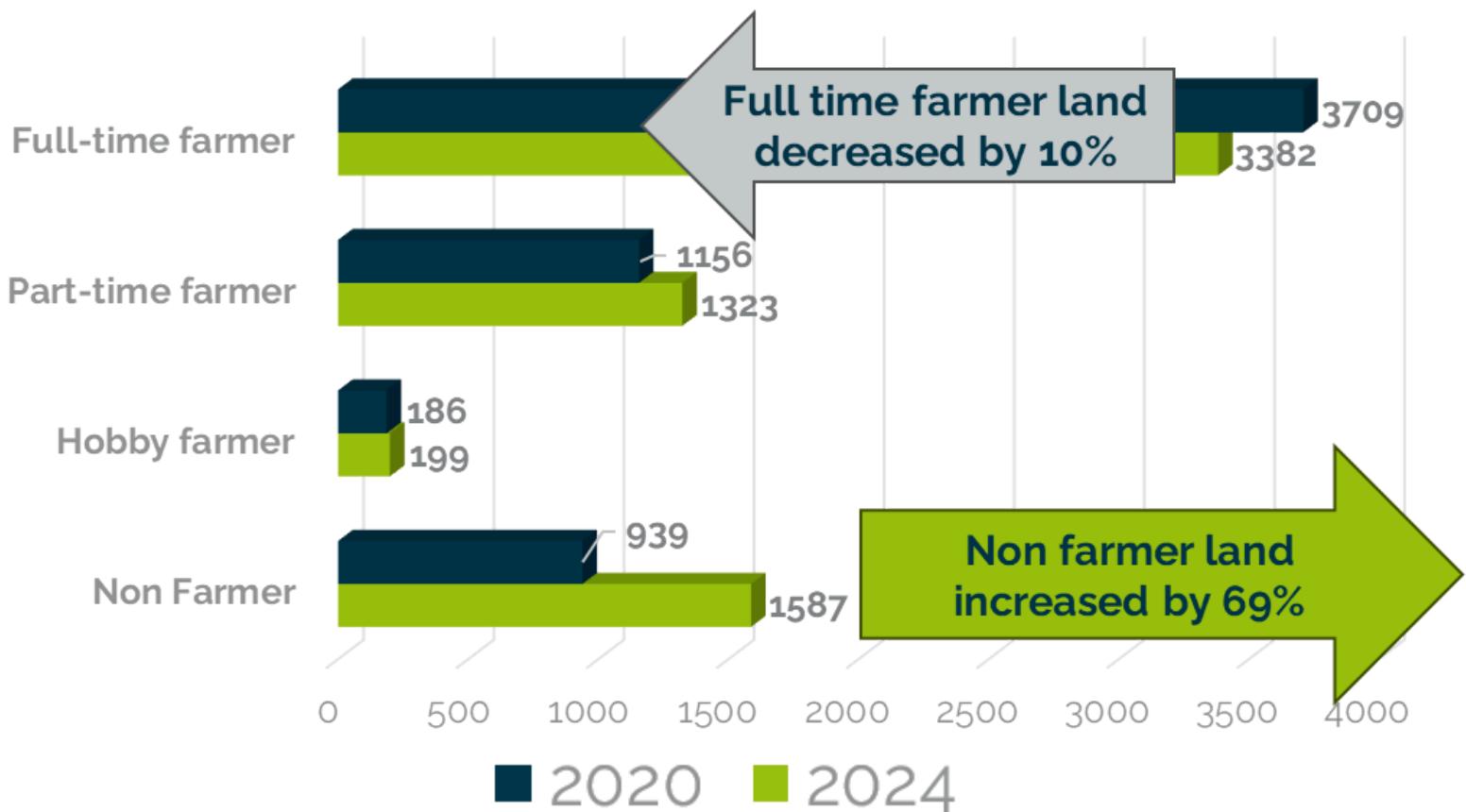


- Full-time Farmers:** 56 years, 95% male, 55 hours worked each week
- Part-time Farmers:** 60 years, 94% male, 29 hours worked each week
- Hobby Farmers:** 60 years, 79% male, 13 hours worked each week
- Non-farmers:** 63 years, 83% male, 8 hours worked each week



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Average Land Area (Ha) 2020 - 2024



Key Issues, All Landholders 2020 - 2024

Key Issues 2020

1. Water security 81%

2. Absence of important services and sufficient infrastructure e.g. phone, schools, internet, childcare 79%
3. Support for new and young farmers 72%
- =4. Public opposition for agricultural practices e.g. GMs, animal welfare, pesticide use 67%
- =4. The availability/cost of water for livestock 67%

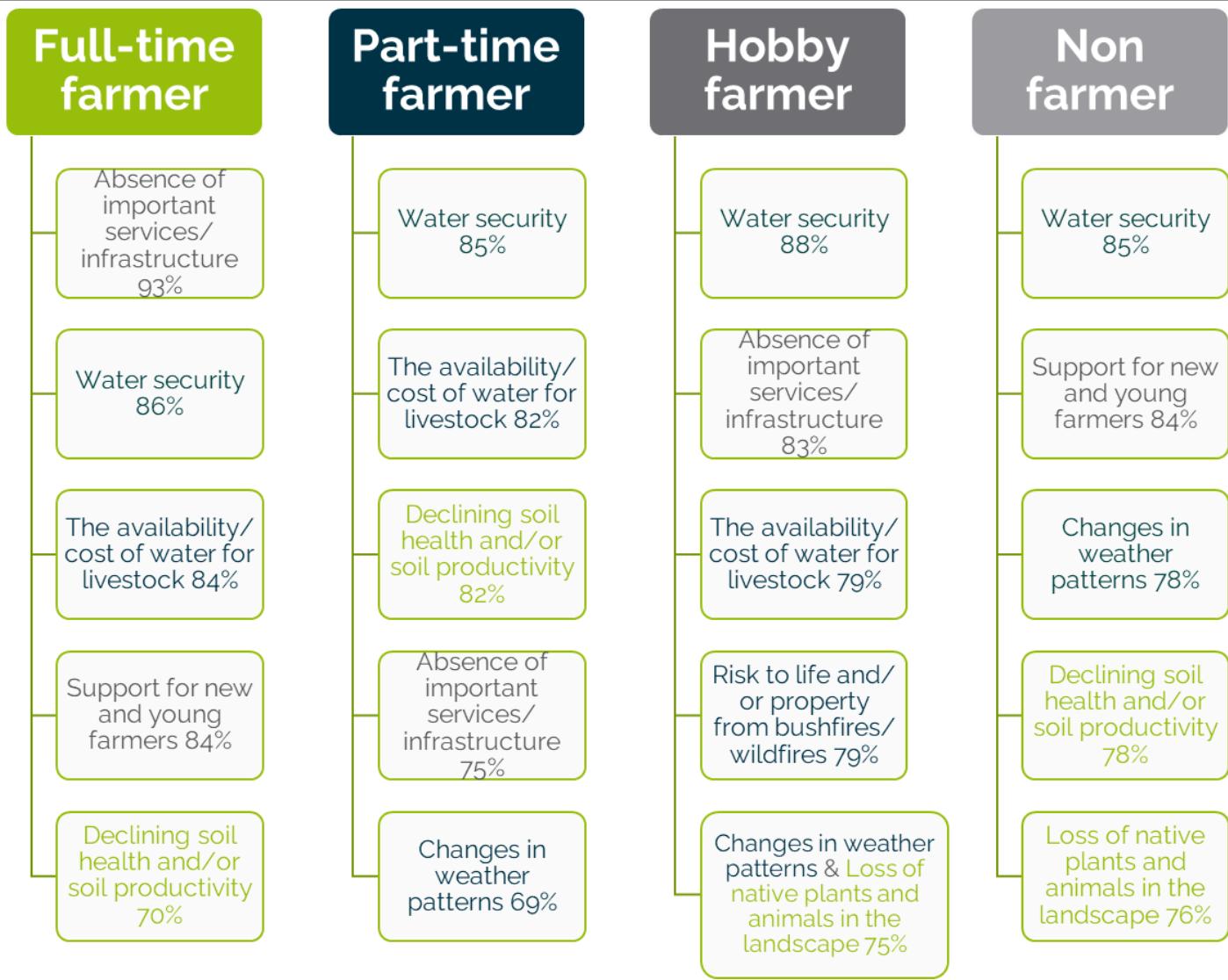
Key Issues 2024

1. Water security 86%

2. Absence of important services and sufficient infrastructure e.g. phone, schools, internet, childcare 85%
3. The availability/cost of water for livestock 81%
4. Support for new and young farmers 79%
5. Declining soil health and/or soil productivity 73%

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Key Issues By Landholder Type 2024



Succession-Planning

Non farmers

Ownership of the property will stay within the family
Yes 71%

Are there family members interested in taking on your property in the future?
Yes 34%

Has your family agreed to a succession plan?
Early stages 17%
Halfway 10%
Well advanced/ongoing 24%

Farmers

Ownership of the property will stay within the family
Yes 80%

Are there family members interested in taking on your property in the future?
Yes 53%

Has your family agreed to a succession plan?
Early stages 34%
Halfway 19%
Well advanced/ongoing 32%

Values Landholders Associate with their Properties

Full-time farmer

Ability to pass on a healthier environment for future generations 96%

An important source of household income 94%

Having a healthy landscape that grows food of the highest quality 93%

Part-time farmer

Ability to pass on a healthier environment for future generations 93%

Sense of accomplishment from building/maintaining a viable business 90%

Having a healthy landscape that grows food of the highest quality 82%

Hobby farmer

Ability to pass on a healthier environment for future generations 95%

An attractive place/area to live 91%

Having a healthy landscape that grows food of the highest quality 85%

Non Farmer

Native plants and animals make the property an attractive place to live 81%

Ability to pass on a healthier environment for future generations 79%

Its native vegetation provides habitat for birds and animals 79%

Landholder Views About Risk, Trust and Climate

Full-time farmer

I am open to new ideas about farming & land management 87%

Landholders should manage their properties in expectation of a highly variable climate 66%

I prefer to see evidence of local success before trying a new practice 60%

Part-time farmer

I am open to new ideas about farming & land management 91%

Landholders should manage their properties in expectation of a highly variable climate 57%

Most people are trustworthy 56%

Hobby farmer

I am open to new ideas about farming & land management 85%

Most people are trustworthy 62%

I prefer to avoid risks 60%

Non Farmer

I am open to new ideas about farming and land management 80%

It is not too late to take action to address climate change 66%

If we do nothing, climate change will have dire consequences for all living things, including humans & Primary producers should do all they can to reduce carbon emissions from their activities 65%



Full report coming mid 2025.

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