

RURAL LANDHOLDERS ON THE EYRE PENINSULA: SUMMARY OF 2024 SURVEY

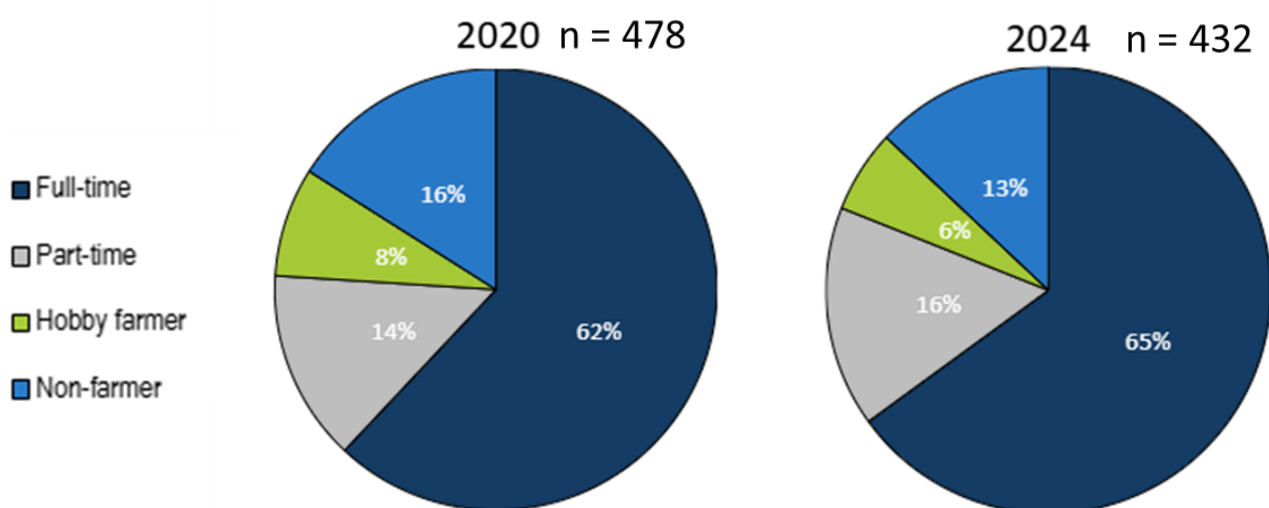


In 2024, all landholders on the Eyre Peninsula with rural properties over 10 hectares were posted a Social Benchmarking Survey as a part of a national Soil CRC project, funded by the Soil CRC, AIR EP and the EP Landscape Board. This followed up on a similar survey conducted in 2020. Landholders from 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

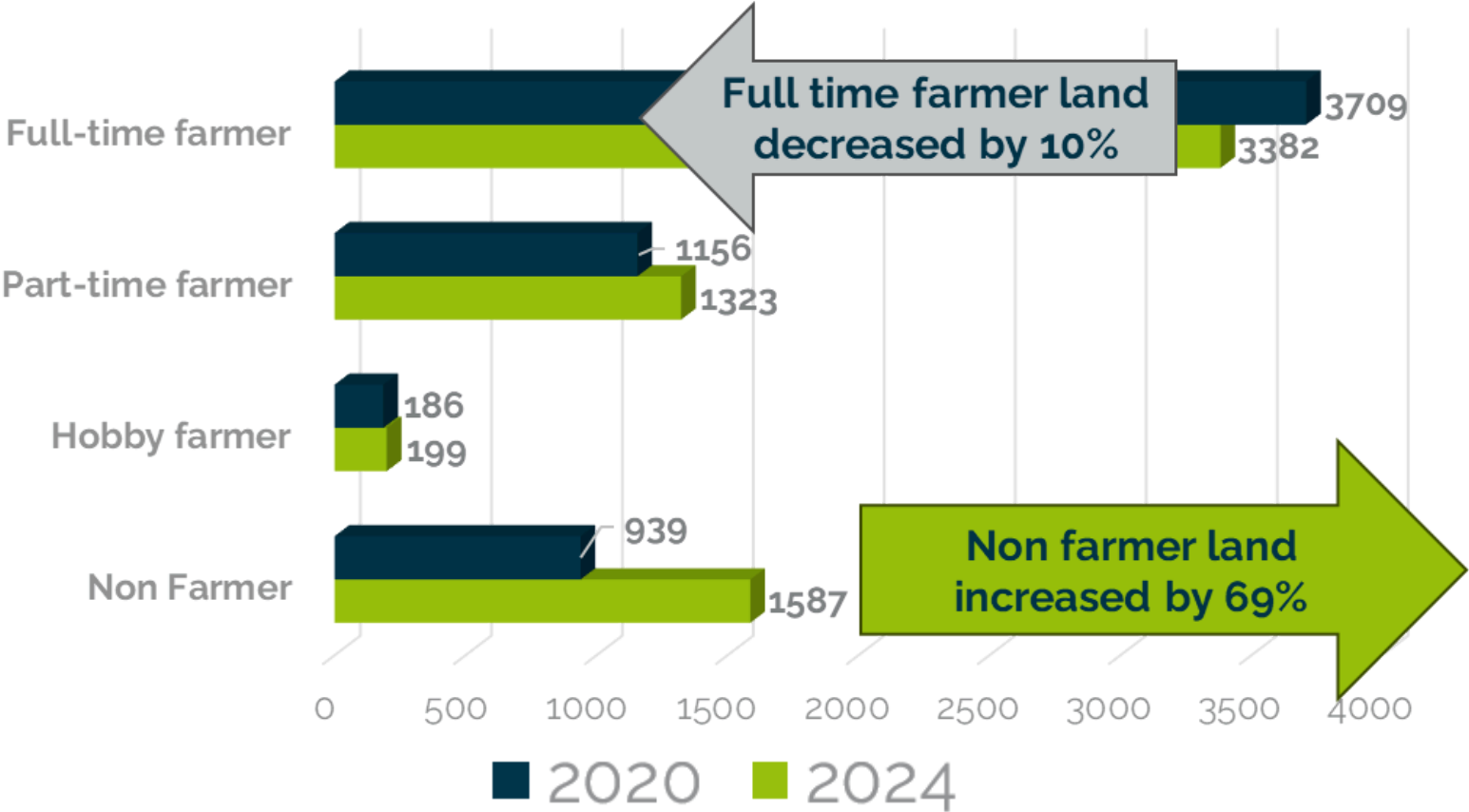


- **Full-time Farmers:** 56 years, 95% male, 55 hours worked each week
- **Part-time Farmers:** 60 years, 94% male, 29 hours worked each week
- **Hobby Farmers:** 60 years, 79% male, 13 hours worked each week
- **Non-farmers:** 63 years, 83% male, 8 hours worked each week



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Average Land Area (Ha) 2020 - 2024



Key Issues, All Landholders 2020 - 2024

Key Issues 2020

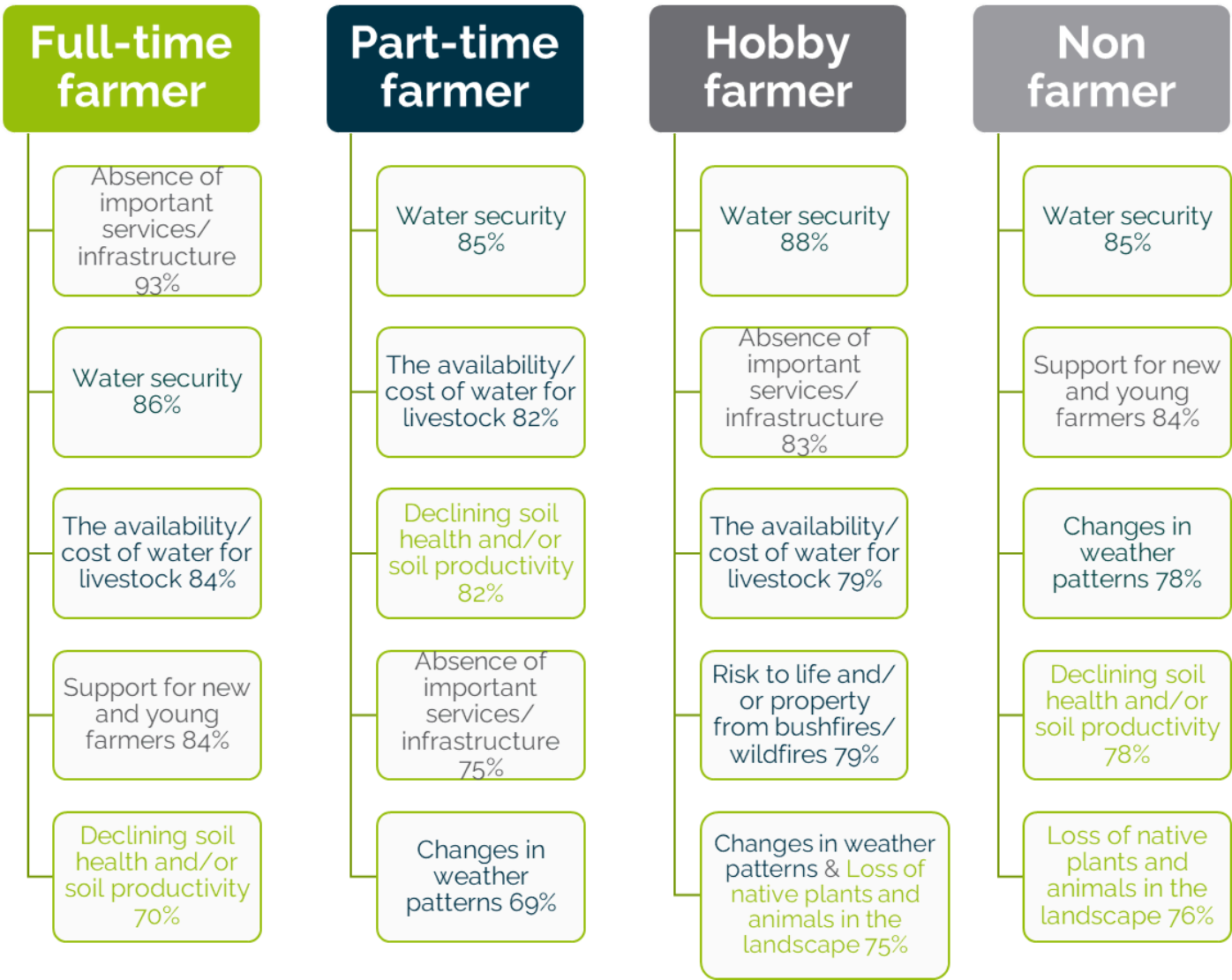
- 1. Water security 81%
- 2. Absence of important services and sufficient infrastructure e.g. phone, schools, internet, childcare 79%
- 3. Support for new and young farmers 72%
- =4. Public opposition for agricultural practices e.g. GMs, animal welfare, pesticide use 67%
- =4. The availability/cost of 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%

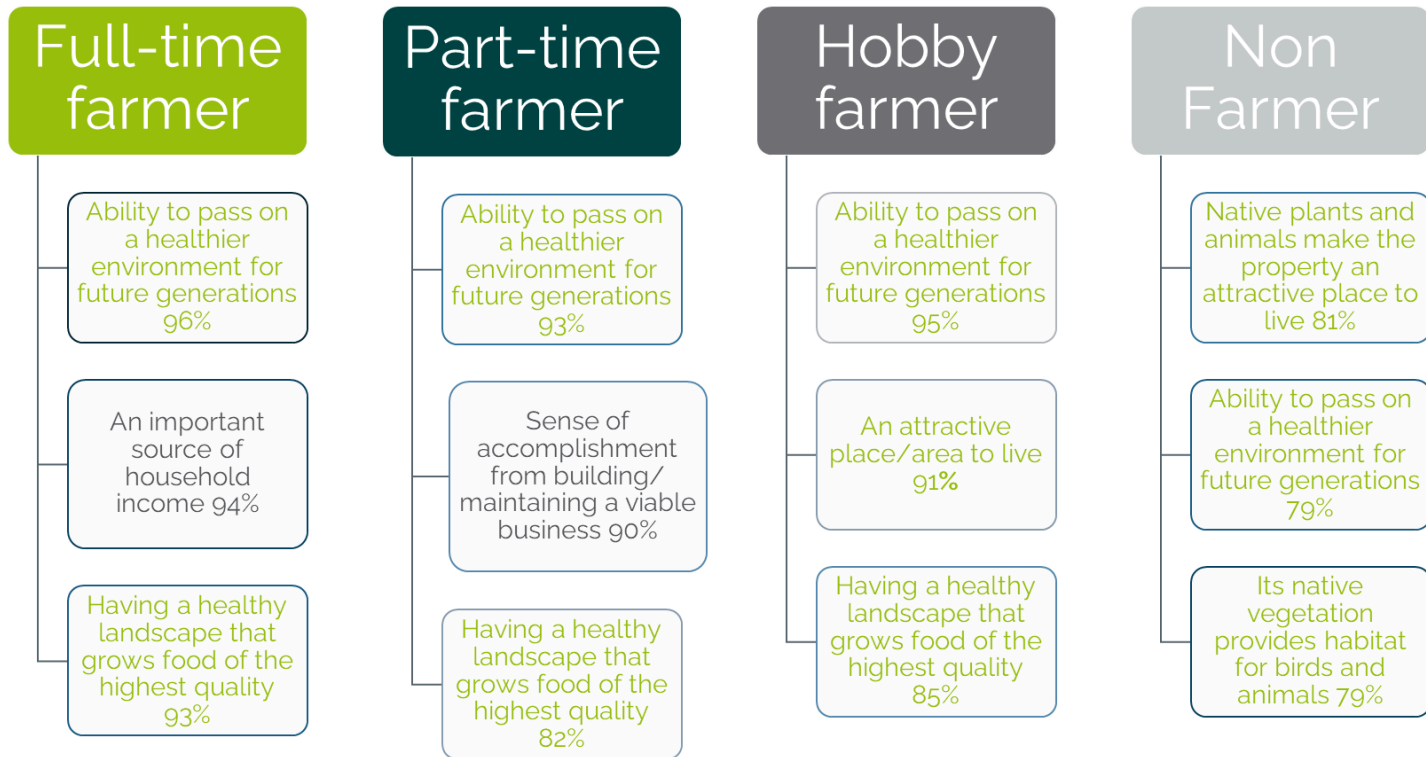
Farmers

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

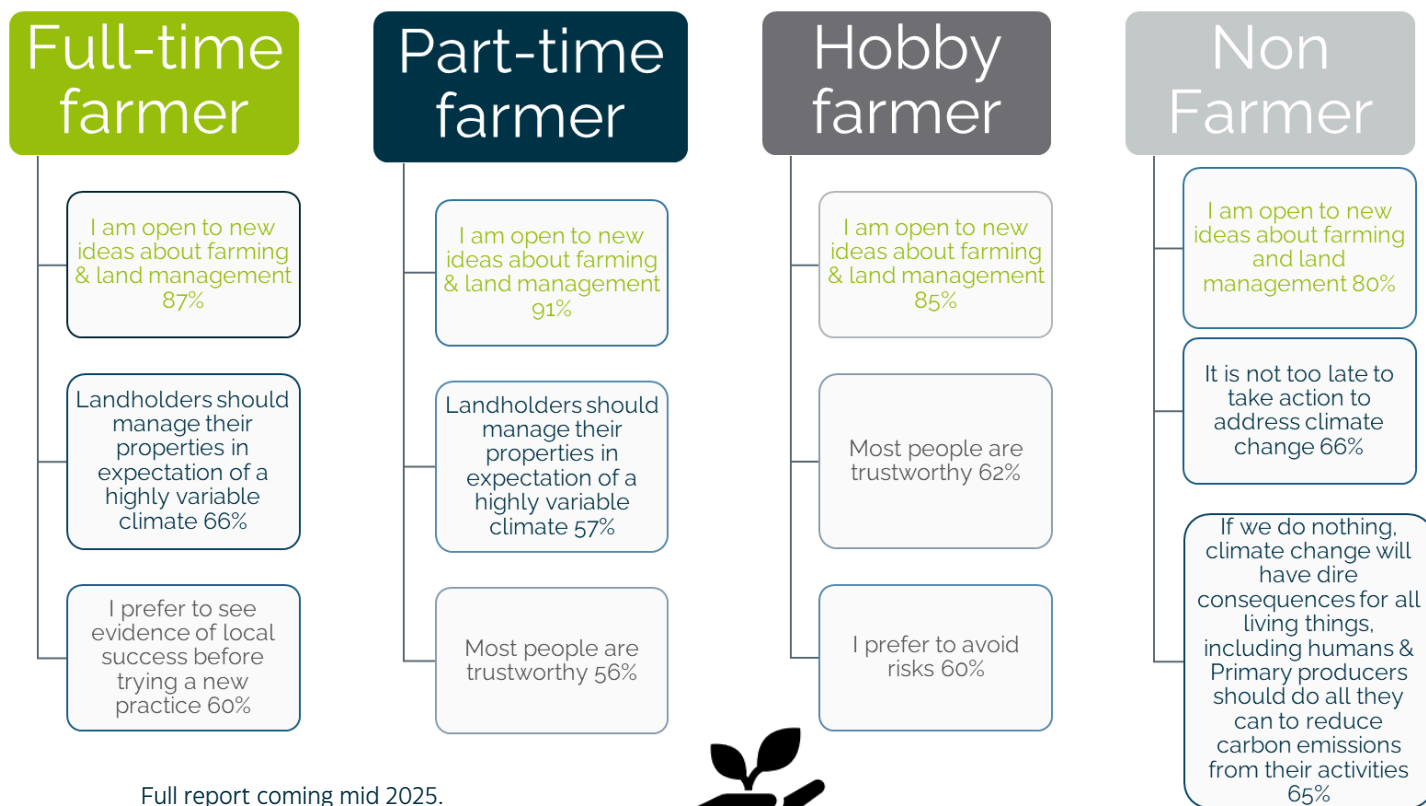
Are there family members interested in taking on your property in the future?
Yes 53%

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

Values Landholders Associate with their Properties



Landholder Views About Risk, Trust and Climate



Full report coming mid 2025.
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