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HAWAII COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

The Hawaii Commercial Agricultural Expansion Survey was conducted on operations that historically have at least \$50,000 in estimated gross value of production. The goal of this survey was to assess Hawaii agricultural producers' interest in expanding their commercial production and identify barriers to expansion. Results show that 66.9 percent of operations are interested in expansion within the next 6-9 months.

The most important factor in decision to expand production was to increase profit, reported by 79.2 percent of operations, followed by engaging in food self-sufficiency and creating local employment opportunities, reported by 43.5 percent of operations. The most expected result from expansion was additional employment opportunities, reported by 63.9 percent of operations, followed by increased direct business activities with suppliers and buyers, reported by 59.3 percent of operations. The greatest barrier or challenge to expansion as reported by operations was high cost of production, at 57.5 percent, followed by not enough access to labor, at 41.4 percent. The most needed technology to increase productivity was more advanced farm equipment, at 64.9 percent, followed by modern greenhouses/controlled environment agriculture, at 33.7 percent.

The reported average margin of profit over the past 3 years was between 0 to 4.99% on 27.6 percent of operations, followed by a negative profit margin on 19.1 percent of operations. Local markets were reported as the prevalent market for operations of commercial agricultural production at 88.9 percent, followed by U.S mainland at 39.3 percent, and International markets at 11.3 percent.

Based on the scenario of operations receiving \$100,000 grants, the following are the expected impacts. The most likely increase in total gross value of sales at end of 12-month period was 0 to 4.99% on 26.3 percent of operations, followed by over 25% on 21.8 percent of operations. The most likely increase in additional employees added to payroll was 1 to 4 on 70.6 percent of operations, followed by none on 20.2 percent of operations. The most likely amount of time required for expansion to begin was less than 1 month on 32.2 percent of operations, followed by 1 to 2 months on 23.4 percent of operations.

Table 1. County Summary (>= \$50,000 Estimated Gross Value of Production) : 2020

Item	State Number	Hawaii Number	Honolulu Number	Kauai Number	Maui Number
Farms.....	1,062	651	188	88	135
Farm Type by largest gross value of sales ¹					
Aquaculture.....	37	18	16	(D)	(D)
Cattle and calves.....	253	188	11	32	22
Coffee and tea.....	115	106	-	4	5
Floriculture and nursery.....	208	102	60	7	39
Fruits and nuts.....	255	156	37	20	42
Hogs ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Landscaping.....	25	11	11	3	-
Poultry ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sheep and goats ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vegetables and melons.....	107	45	36	8	18
Other.....	62	25	17	(D)	(D)
Factors in operation's decision to expand commercial agricultural production:					
Achieve vertical integration in commercial production.....	158	76	36	15	31
Engage in food self-sufficiency and create local employment opportunities.....	462	245	88	51	78
Increase market share.....	338	207	65	25	41
Increase profit.....	841	521	143	72	105
Increase competitiveness with imported commodities.....	258	142	54	21	41
Reduce cost of production and transportation.....	354	225	53	34	42
Other.....	224	140	38	11	35
Operation's expected results from expanding commercial agricultural production:					
Additional employment opportunities.....	679	410	128	54	87
Additional tax revenues for county and state governments.....	594	361	102	51	80
Create potential business opportunities for related/allied industries such as services, processing, shipping, etc.	164	97	17	13	37
Higher wages for current employees.....	414	247	80	36	51
Increased consumption and business activities in regional economy and beyond.....	475	272	79	47	77
Increased direct business activities with suppliers and buyers.....	630	390	105	56	79
Other.....	169	89	39	12	29
Barriers or challenges to expanding commercial agricultural production:					
Access to ag infrastructure.....	236	148	35	15	38
Climate change.....	225	125	44	18	38
Cost of shipping/transportation.....	417	265	55	37	60
Government regulations.....	303	180	56	27	40
High cost of production.....	611	356	127	48	80
Local tax burden.....	170	103	36	13	18
Marketing.....	248	170	37	25	16
Not enough access to adequate water.....	233	126	34	16	57
Not enough access to capital.....	389	232	70	33	54
Not enough access to labor.....	440	234	111	35	60
Not enough access to land.....	289	186	52	27	24
Not enough cash flow.....	389	224	82	31	52
Plant/animal diseases.....	330	197	56	33	44
Relatively low profit margin.....	377	224	65	32	56
Uncertainties due to COVID-19.....	379	237	77	28	37
Other.....	184	118	28	10	28

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Table 1. County Summary (>= \$50,000 Estimated Gross Value of Production) : 2020 (continued)

Item	State Number	Hawaii Number	Honolulu Number	Kauai Number	Maui Number
Technologies needed to increase productivity in commercial agricultural production:					
Block chain.....	34	20	7	(D)	(D)
Farm automation and robotics.....	227	146	46	16	19
Livestock technology.....	187	129	17	27	14
Modern greenhouses/controlled environment agriculture.....	358	183	91	31	53
More advanced farm equipment.....	689	415	127	61	86
Precision agriculture and artificial intelligence.....	134	68	29	18	19
Other.....	149	97	17	6	29
Average margin of profit over the past 3 years:					
Negative.....	203	111	41	18	33
0 to 4.99%.....	293	182	38	30	43
5 to 9.99%.....	170	120	27	9	14
10 to 14.99%.....	139	86	29	11	13
15 to 19.99%.....	91	55	23	7	6
20 to 24.99%.....	71	38	15	8	10
Over 25%.....	95	59	15	5	16
Operation's current markets for majority of commercial agricultural production:					
Local.....	944	555	177	86	126
U.S. mainland.....	417	316	34	28	39
International markets.....	120	96	14	6	4
Land tenure status and duration of commercial agricultural operations:					
Short-term lease (< than 5 years)	193	104	52	14	23
Medium-term lease (5 to 19 years)	150	89	24	20	17
Long-term lease (20 or more years)	332	222	56	29	25
Own (freehold)	577	361	82	35	99
Land lessors by type:					
Federal government.....	11	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
State government.....	254	179	51	13	11
County government.....	24	10	(D)	8	(D)
Private entity (for-profit).....	363	207	74	43	39
Private entity (non-profit).....	88	57	12	(D)	(D)
Marketing outlets (wholesale and retail) of agricultural products sold:					
Brokers.....percent	19.4	27.2	5.8	33.5	1.8
CSAs.....percent	0.3	0.1	(Y)	1.8	0.8
Farmers markets.....percent	1.7	2.1	0.7	1.5	3.1
Food hubs.....percent	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6
Meat packers.....percent	1.4	2.4	-	0.4	1.9
On-line/e-commerce.....percent	8.4	8.5	8.4	8.5	7.4
On-farm.....percent	11.7	11.8	11.3	7.9	17.1
Produce wholesalers.....percent	17.7	14.2	25.6	9.3	22.6
Restaurants/caterers.....percent	2.0	1.3	2.7	2.5	3.3
Roadside stands.....percent	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.2	4.9
Schools/hospitals/correction facilities.....percent	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3
Supermarkets/groceries/supercenters.....percent	17.6	7.3	34.3	18.0	19.8
Other.....percent	18.7	24.5	10.3	16.2	16.4

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Table 1. County Summary (>= \$50,000 Estimated Gross Value of Production) : 2020 (continued)

Item	State Number	Hawaii Number	Honolulu Number	Kauai Number	Maui Number
Expected impact from \$100,000 grant scenario					
Increase in total gross value of sales at end of 12-month period:					
0 to 4.99%.....	279	157	62	22	38
5 to 9.99%.....	164	102	28	16	18
10 to 14.99%.....	169	105	30	18	16
15 to 19.99%.....	111	59	22	13	17
20 to 24.99%.....	107	72	16	6	13
over 25%.....	232	156	30	13	33
Additional employees added to payroll:					
None.....	214	155	28	13	18
1 to 4.....	750	436	139	69	106
5 to 9.....	81	51	17	6	7
10 or more.....	17	9	4	-	4
Time period required for expansion to begin:					
less than 1 month.....	342	250	42	19	31
1 to 2 months.....	249	131	51	23	44
2 to 3 months.....	143	76	25	20	22
3 to 6 months.....	196	121	37	21	17
more than 6 months.....	132	73	33	5	21
Operations interested in expanding agricultural production within next 6-9 months.....	710	432	115	73	90

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

¹ May not add to totals due to rounding and disclosure concerns.² Included in 'Other'.

Table 2. Farm Size (>= \$50,000 Estimated Gross Value of Production) : 2020

Item	--Acres--				
	Total	Less than 10	10 to 49	50 to 249	250 or more
Farms.....	Number 1,062	Number 318	Number 378	Number 145	Number 221
Farm Type by largest gross value of sales ¹					
Aquaculture.....	37	22	6	9	-
Cattle and calves.....	253	3	10	55	185
Coffee and tea.....	115	17	72	19	7
Floriculture and nursery.....	208	126	69	7	6
Fruits and nuts.....	255	78	146	21	10
Hogs ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Landscaping.....	25	18	7	-	-
Poultry ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sheep and goats ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vegetables and melons.....	107	35	48	(D)	(D)
Other.....	62	18	20	(D)	(D)
Factors in operation's decision to expand commercial agricultural production:					
Achieve vertical integration in commercial production.....	158	37	60	22	39
Engage in food self-sufficiency and create local employment opportunities.....	462	117	172	73	100
Increase market share.....	338	83	119	46	90
Increase profit.....	841	222	309	118	192
Increase competitiveness with imported commodities.....	258	57	96	36	69
Reduce cost of production and transportation.....	354	88	121	54	91
Other.....	224	89	74	24	37
Operation's expected results from expanding commercial agricultural production:					
Additional employment opportunities.....	679	191	263	85	140
Additional tax revenues for county and state governments.....	594	159	220	97	118
Create potential business opportunities for related/allied industries such as services, processing, shipping, etc.	164	43	72	19	30
Higher wages for current employees.....	414	107	172	48	87
Increased consumption and business activities in regional economy and beyond.....	475	129	172	78	96
Increased direct business activities with suppliers and buyers.....	630	168	226	92	144
Other.....	169	66	68	15	20
Barriers or challenges to expanding commercial agricultural production:					
Access to ag infrastructure.....	236	52	73	41	70
Climate change.....	225	56	72	29	68
Cost of shipping/transportation.....	417	116	131	51	119
Government regulations.....	303	81	99	51	72
High cost of production.....	611	186	233	89	103
Local tax burden.....	170	42	61	16	51
Marketing.....	248	53	95	32	68
Not enough access to adequate water.....	233	60	68	22	83
Not enough access to capital.....	389	102	156	46	85
Not enough access to labor.....	440	140	182	53	65
Not enough access to land.....	289	62	59	52	116
Not enough cash flow.....	389	108	139	50	92
Plant/animal diseases.....	330	87	133	48	62
Relatively low profit margin.....	377	92	126	52	107
Uncertainties due to COVID-19.....	379	117	156	42	64
Other.....	184	55	60	31	38

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Table 2. Farm Size (>= \$50,000 Estimated Gross Value of Production) : 2020 (continued)

Item	--Acres--				
	Total	Less than 10	10 to 49	50 to 249	250 or more
Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Technologies needed to increase productivity in commercial agricultural production:					
Block chain.....	34	5	9	10	10
Farm automation and robotics.....	227	67	103	23	34
Livestock technology.....	187	8	24	50	105
Modern greenhouses/controlled environment agriculture.....	358	152	150	24	32
More advanced farm equipment.....	689	183	280	84	142
Precision agriculture and artificial intelligence.....	134	26	44	13	51
Other.....	149	55	49	20	25
Average margin of profit over the past 3 years:					
Negative.....	203	68	69	32	34
0 to 4.99%.....	293	76	108	49	60
5 to 9.99%.....	170	45	59	21	45
10 to 14.99%.....	139	51	49	15	24
15 to 19.99%.....	91	22	27	14	28
20 to 24.99%.....	71	24	27	6	14
Over 25%.....	95	32	39	8	16
Operation's current markets for majority of commercial agricultural production:					
Local.....	944	294	352	120	178
U.S. mainland.....	417	84	122	76	135
International markets.....	120	32	47	26	15
Land tenure status and duration of commercial agricultural operations:					
Short-term lease (< than 5 years)	193	36	35	52	70
Medium-term lease (5 to 19 years)	150	28	50	25	47
Long-term lease (20 or more years)	332	48	133	57	94
Own (freehold)	577	224	197	67	89
Land lessors by type:					
Federal government.....	11	(D)	(D)	(D)	6
State government.....	254	34	78	39	103
County government.....	24	(D)	15	5	(D)
Private entity (for-profit).....	363	55	109	85	114
Private entity (non-profit).....	88	25	22	17	24
Marketing outlets (wholesale and retail) of agricultural products sold:					
Brokers.....percent	19.4	1.9	8.9	22.3	36.6
CSAs.....percent	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.3	-
Farmers markets.....percent	1.7	1.5	2.5	0.9	1.8
Food hubs.....percent	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1
Meat packers.....percent	1.4	0.1	(Y)	0.1	4.6
On-line/e-commerce.....percent	8.4	12.6	4.0	15.2	4.0
On-farm.....percent	11.7	13.8	13.3	16.3	5.3
Produce wholesalers.....percent	17.7	5.6	22.8	34.1	7.6
Restaurants/caterers.....percent	2.0	1.1	2.7	0.9	2.9
Roadside stands.....percent	0.7	0.2	0.6	1.7	0.4
Schools/hospitals/correction facilities.....percent	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Supermarkets/groceries/supercenters.....percent	17.6	20.1	18.0	7.0	24.1
Other.....percent	18.7	42.2	25.8	0.9	12.5

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Table 2. Farm Size (>= \$50,000 Estimated Gross Value of Production) : 2020 (continued)

Item	--Acres--				
	Total Number	Less than 10 Number	10 to 49 Number	50 to 249 Number	250 or more Number
Expected impact from \$100,000 grant scenario					
Increase in total gross value of sales at end of 12-month period:					
0 to 4.99%.....	279	87	81	35	76
5 to 9.99%.....	164	34	72	31	27
10 to 14.99%.....	169	43	74	22	30
15 to 19.99%.....	111	29	47	14	21
20 to 24.99%.....	107	44	31	16	16
over 25%.....	232	81	73	27	51
Additional employees added to payroll:					
None.....	214	58	58	30	68
1 to 4.....	750	233	269	101	147
5 or more.....	98	27	51	14	6
Time period required for expansion to begin:					
less than 1 month.....	342	107	104	54	77
1 to 2 months.....	249	66	96	42	45
2 to 3 months.....	143	44	56	19	24
3 to 6 months.....	196	66	79	21	30
more than 6 months.....	132	35	43	9	45
Operations interested in expanding agricultural production within next 6-9 months.....	710	173	274	107	156

- Represents zero.

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Table 3. Farms by Value of Sales (>= \$50,000 Estimated Gross Value of Production) : 2020

Item	--Dollars--				
	Total	0 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 499,999	500,000 or more
Farms.....	1,062	474	174	260	154
Farm Type by largest gross value of sales					
Aquaculture.....	37	4	5	11	17
Cattle and calves.....	253	144	46	43	20
Coffee and tea.....	115	44	20	33	18
Floriculture and nursery.....	208	53	37	78	40
Fruits and nuts.....	255	169	35	33	18
Hogs ¹	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Landscaping.....	25	7	-	11	7
Poultry ¹	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sheep and goats ¹	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vegetables and melons.....	107	21	27	39	20
Other.....	62	32	4	12	14
Factors in operation's decision to expand commercial agricultural production:					
Achieve vertical integration in commercial production.....	158	51	27	46	34
Engage in food self-sufficiency and create local employment opportunities.....	462	213	81	103	65
Increase market share.....	338	103	74	82	79
Increase profit.....	841	365	140	205	131
Increase competitiveness with imported commodities.....	258	96	53	70	39
Reduce cost of production and transportation.....	354	137	64	86	67
Other.....	224	106	41	60	17
Operation's expected results from expanding commercial agricultural production:					
Additional employment opportunities.....	679	243	116	184	136
Additional tax revenues for county and state governments.....	594	272	95	141	86
Create potential business opportunities for related/allied industries such as services, processing, shipping, etc.	164	69	42	33	20
Higher wages for current employees.....	414	123	78	127	86
Increased consumption and business activities in regional economy and beyond.....	475	204	86	117	68
Increased direct business activities with suppliers and buyers.....	630	272	110	146	102
Other.....	169	80	31	46	12
Barriers or challenges to expanding commercial agricultural production:					
Access to ag infrastructure.....	236	105	52	52	27
Climate change.....	225	116	50	37	22
Cost of shipping/transportation.....	417	165	86	100	66
Government regulations.....	303	115	51	91	46
High cost of production.....	611	251	111	150	99
Local tax burden.....	170	66	30	53	21
Marketing.....	248	97	64	66	21
Not enough access to adequate water.....	233	98	47	51	37
Not enough access to capital.....	389	145	85	106	53
Not enough access to labor.....	440	144	72	129	95
Not enough access to land.....	289	116	65	65	43
Not enough cash flow.....	389	177	69	90	53
Plant/animal diseases.....	330	134	64	78	54
Relatively low profit margin.....	377	179	76	74	48
Uncertainties due to COVID-19.....	379	159	76	87	57
Other.....	184	83	27	52	22

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Table 3. Farms by Value of Sales (>= \$50,000 Estimated Gross Value of Production) : 2020 (continued)

Item	--Dollars--				
	Total	0 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 499,999	500,000 or more
Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Technologies needed to increase productivity in commercial agricultural production:					
Block chain.....	34	12	5	10	7
Farm automation and robotics.....	227	74	40	52	61
Livestock technology.....	187	99	41	28	19
Modern greenhouses/controlled environment agriculture.....	358	128	58	111	61
More advanced farm equipment.....	689	288	119	179	103
Precision agriculture and artificial intelligence.....	134	44	23	27	40
Other.....	149	75	21	42	11
Average margin of profit over the past 3 years:					
Negative.....	203	129	22	28	24
0 to 4.99%.....	293	182	46	48	17
5 to 9.99%.....	170	53	48	37	32
10 to 14.99%.....	139	45	18	43	33
15 to 19.99%.....	91	25	8	41	17
20 to 24.99%.....	71	15	13	24	19
Over 25%.....	95	25	19	39	12
Operation's current markets for majority of commercial agricultural production:					
Local.....	944	420	162	236	126
U.S. mainland.....	417	142	73	112	90
International markets.....	120	23	25	30	42
Land tenure status and duration of commercial agricultural operations:					
Short-term lease (< than 5 years)	193	70	36	46	41
Medium-term lease (5 to 19 years)	150	47	22	50	31
Long-term lease (20 or more years)	332	138	56	77	61
Own (freehold)	577	270	77	151	79
Land lessors by type:					
Federal government.....	11	6	(D)	(D)	(D)
State government.....	254	114	24	60	56
County government.....	24	4	7	6	7
Private entity (for-profit).....	363	119	72	97	75
Private entity (non-profit).....	88	33	14	28	13
Marketing outlets (wholesale and retail) of agricultural products sold:					
Brokers.....percent	19.4	21.5	21.8	14.0	20.2
CSAs.....percent	0.3	0.2	0.4	1.2	0.2
Farmers markets.....percent	1.7	8.8	6.6	4.0	1.0
Food hubs.....percent	0.2	2.0	2.2	0.9	(Y)
Meat packers.....percent	1.4	8.0	6.1	3.8	0.8
On-line/e-commerce.....percent	8.4	10.3	8.7	8.6	8.3
On-farm.....percent	11.7	17.9	10.1	13.2	11.3
Produce wholesalers.....percent	17.7	15.4	20.9	19.6	17.4
Restaurants/caterers.....percent	2.0	3.0	4.8	3.0	1.8
Roadside stands.....percent	0.7	3.1	1.7	2.4	0.4
Schools/hospitals/correction facilities.....percent	0.2	0.9	1.7	0.5	(Y)
Supermarkets/groceries/supercenters.....percent	17.6	4.2	8.4	17.5	18.1
Other.....percent	18.7	4.7	6.6	11.3	20.5

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Table 3. Farms by Value of Sales (>= \$50,000 Estimated Gross Value of Production) : 2020 (continued)

Item	--Dollars--				
	Total	0 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 499,999	500,000 or more
Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Expected impact from \$100,000 grant scenario					
Increase in total gross value of sales at end of 12-month period:					
0 to 4.99%.....	279	142	32	53	52
5 to 9.99%.....	164	66	27	33	38
10 to 14.99%.....	169	79	23	41	26
15 to 19.99%.....	111	49	18	36	8
20 to 24.99%.....	107	41	20	35	11
over 25%.....	232	97	54	62	19
Additional employees added to payroll:					
None.....	214	122	41	34	17
1 to 4.....	750	317	113	200	120
5 or more.....	98	35	20	26	17
Time period required for expansion to begin:					
less than 1 month.....	342	148	56	104	34
1 to 2 months.....	249	98	44	51	56
2 to 3 months.....	143	72	23	27	21
3 to 6 months.....	196	93	28	46	29
more than 6 months.....	132	63	23	32	14
Operations interested in expanding agricultural production within next 6-9 months.....	710	303	117	189	101

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(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

¹ Included in 'Other'.

Table 4. Hired Farm Labor (>= \$50,000 Estimated Gross Value of Production) : 2020

Item	--Workers--				
	Total	None	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 or more
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Farms.....	1,062	458	382	113	109
Farm Type by largest gross value of sales ¹					
Aquaculture.....	37	5	8	9	15
Cattle and calves.....	253	139	91	15	8
Coffee and tea.....	115	36	48	13	18
Floriculture and nursery.....	208	76	79	31	22
Fruits and nuts.....	255	143	83	16	13
Hogs ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Landscaping.....	25	7	7	(D)	(D)
Poultry ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sheep and goats ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vegetables and melons.....	107	33	42	17	15
Other.....	62	19	24	(D)	(D)
Factors in operation's decision to expand commercial agricultural production:					
Achieve vertical integration in commercial production.....	158	48	65	20	25
Engage in food self-sufficiency and create local employment opportunities.....	462	179	185	44	54
Increase market share.....	338	110	129	43	56
Increase profit.....	841	347	306	95	93
Increase competitiveness with imported commodities.....	258	92	115	33	18
Reduce cost of production and transportation.....	354	137	128	43	46
Other.....	224	111	82	20	11
Operation's expected results from expanding commercial agricultural production:					
Additional employment opportunities.....	679	225	261	100	93
Additional tax revenues for county and state governments.....	594	236	235	72	51
Create potential business opportunities for related/allied industries such as services, processing, shipping, etc.	164	77	54	19	14
Higher wages for current employees.....	414	108	186	73	47
Increased consumption and business activities in regional economy and beyond.....	475	175	211	49	40
Increased direct business activities with suppliers and buyers.....	630	254	244	61	71
Other.....	169	82	71	7	9
Barriers or challenges to expanding commercial agricultural production:					
Access to ag infrastructure.....	236	102	94	16	24
Climate change.....	225	111	85	14	15
Cost of shipping/transportation.....	417	172	154	47	44
Government regulations.....	303	141	89	39	34
High cost of production.....	611	258	214	69	70
Local tax burden.....	170	61	70	22	17
Marketing.....	248	102	101	23	22
Not enough access to adequate water.....	233	108	82	21	22
Not enough access to capital.....	389	156	153	45	35
Not enough access to labor.....	440	160	161	52	67
Not enough access to land.....	289	123	111	28	27
Not enough cash flow.....	389	167	142	39	41
Plant/animal diseases.....	330	150	111	31	38
Relatively low profit margin.....	377	183	129	37	28
Uncertainties due to COVID-19.....	379	150	147	42	40
Other.....	184	86	67	20	11

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Table 4. Hired Farm Labor (>= \$50,000 Estimated Gross Value of Production) : 2020 (continued)

Item	--Workers--				
	Total	None	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 or more
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Technologies needed to increase productivity in commercial agricultural production:					
Block chain.....	34	14	11	-	9
Farm automation and robotics.....	227	62	91	37	37
Livestock technology.....	187	104	64	11	8
Modern greenhouses/controlled environment agriculture.....	358	137	141	37	43
More advanced farm equipment.....	689	285	258	69	77
Precision agriculture and artificial intelligence.....	134	32	57	19	26
Other.....	149	68	60	11	10
Average margin of profit over the past 3 years:					
Negative.....	203	112	47	20	24
0 to 4.99%.....	293	153	106	22	12
5 to 9.99%.....	170	54	73	18	25
10 to 14.99%.....	139	50	52	12	25
15 to 19.99%.....	91	29	43	13	6
20 to 24.99%.....	71	19	31	14	7
Over 25%.....	95	41	30	14	10
Operation's current markets for majority of commercial agricultural production:					
Local.....	944	409	343	99	93
U.S. mainland.....	417	141	164	49	63
International markets.....	120	28	45	17	30
Land tenure status and duration of commercial agricultural operations:					
Short-term lease (< than 5 years)	193	86	49	33	25
Medium-term lease (5 to 19 years)	150	45	70	8	27
Long-term lease (20 or more years)	332	134	114	44	40
Own (freehold)	577	262	194	58	63
Land lessors by type:					
Federal government.....	11	7	(D)	(D)	(D)
State government.....	254	111	81	31	31
County government.....	24	9	5	(D)	(D)
Private entity (for-profit).....	363	137	124	50	52
Private entity (non-profit).....	88	28	41	7	12
Marketing outlets (wholesale and retail) of agricultural products sold:					
Brokers.....percent	19.4	22.4	13.0	11.3	22.4
CSAs.....percent	0.3	1.2	0.8	-	0.2
Farmers markets.....percent	1.7	3.5	3.8	5.5	0.2
Food hubs.....percent	0.2	0.6	1.1	0.1	0.1
Meat packers.....percent	1.4	5.2	1.7	1.7	1.0
On-line/e-commerce.....percent	8.4	6.7	13.9	5.9	7.9
On-farm.....percent	11.7	12.4	16.7	18.6	8.9
Produce wholesalers.....percent	17.7	20.7	22.7	5.0	19.4
Restaurants/caterers.....percent	2.0	3.8	2.8	1.5	1.8
Roadside stands.....percent	0.7	0.9	0.9	3.6	-
Schools/hospitals/correction facilities.....percent	0.2	1.3	0.3	-	(Y)
Supermarkets/groceries/supercenters.....percent	17.6	10.9	14.9	22.0	17.7
Other.....percent	18.7	10.4	7.4	24.8	20.4

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Table 4. Hired Farm Labor (>= \$50,000 Estimated Gross Value of Production) : 2020 (continued)

Item	--Workers--				
	Total Number	None Number	1 to 4 Number	5 to 9 Number	10 or more Number
Expected impact from \$100,000 grant scenario					
Increase in total gross value of sales at end of 12-month period:					
0 to 4.99%.....	279	138	77	29	35
5 to 9.99%.....	164	61	56	22	25
10 to 14.99%.....	169	76	58	17	18
15 to 19.99%.....	111	42	46	13	10
20 to 24.99%.....	107	42	47	7	11
over 25%.....	232	99	98	25	10
Additional employees added to payroll:					
None.....	214	144	50	8	12
1 to 4.....	750	293	293	82	82
5 or more.....	98	21	39	23	15
Time period required for expansion to begin:					
less than 1 month.....	342	155	131	27	29
1 to 2 months.....	249	91	92	29	37
2 to 3 months.....	143	54	59	11	19
3 to 6 months.....	196	94	64	25	13
more than 6 months.....	132	64	36	21	11
Operations interested in expanding agricultural production within next 6-9 months.....	710	278	273	86	73

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

¹ May not add to totals due to rounding and disclosure concerns.² Included in 'Other'.

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