

Copa-Cogeca:
The united voice of farmers and their
cooperatives in the European Union

The actions of farmers and agro-cooperatives to reduce tail-biting and prevent routine tail-docking of pigs



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COUNTRIES:

Non reporting countries: 12
 Reporting countries: 16
Participation: 57,14%

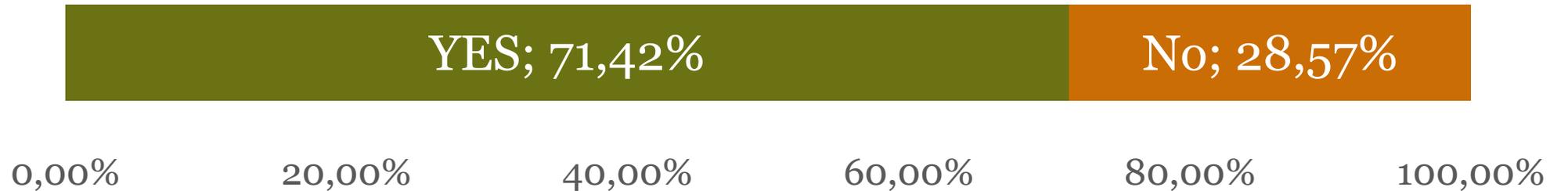
PIG POPULATION:

Non reporting pigs: $26,7 * 10^6$
 Reporting pigs: $120,4 * 10^6$
Share: 81,84%

1.- Are your members aware of Commission Recommendation (EU) 2016/336 and the accompanying Commission Staff Working Document?

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Answers: 87,5%



3.- Does your country specific subsidies/funds allocated to farmers to implement more requirements that Directive 120/2008?

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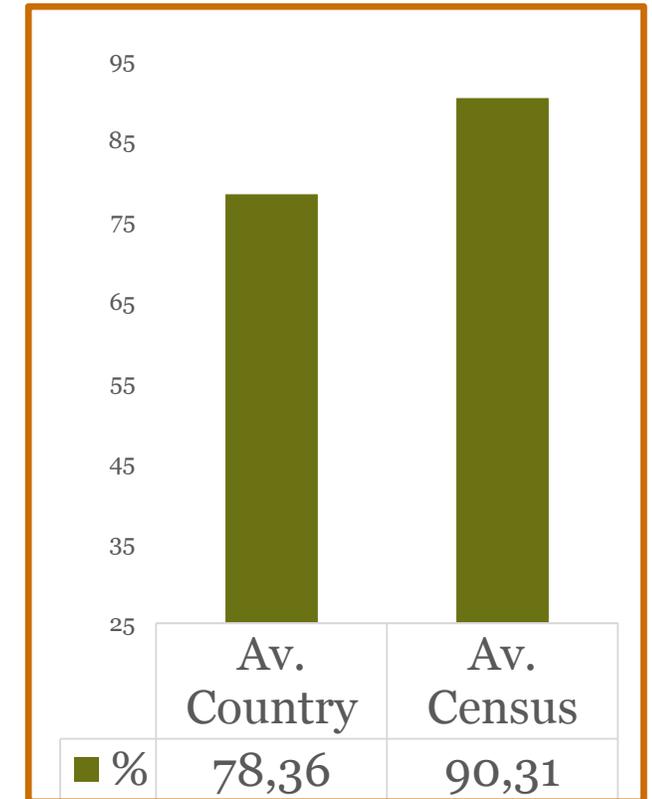
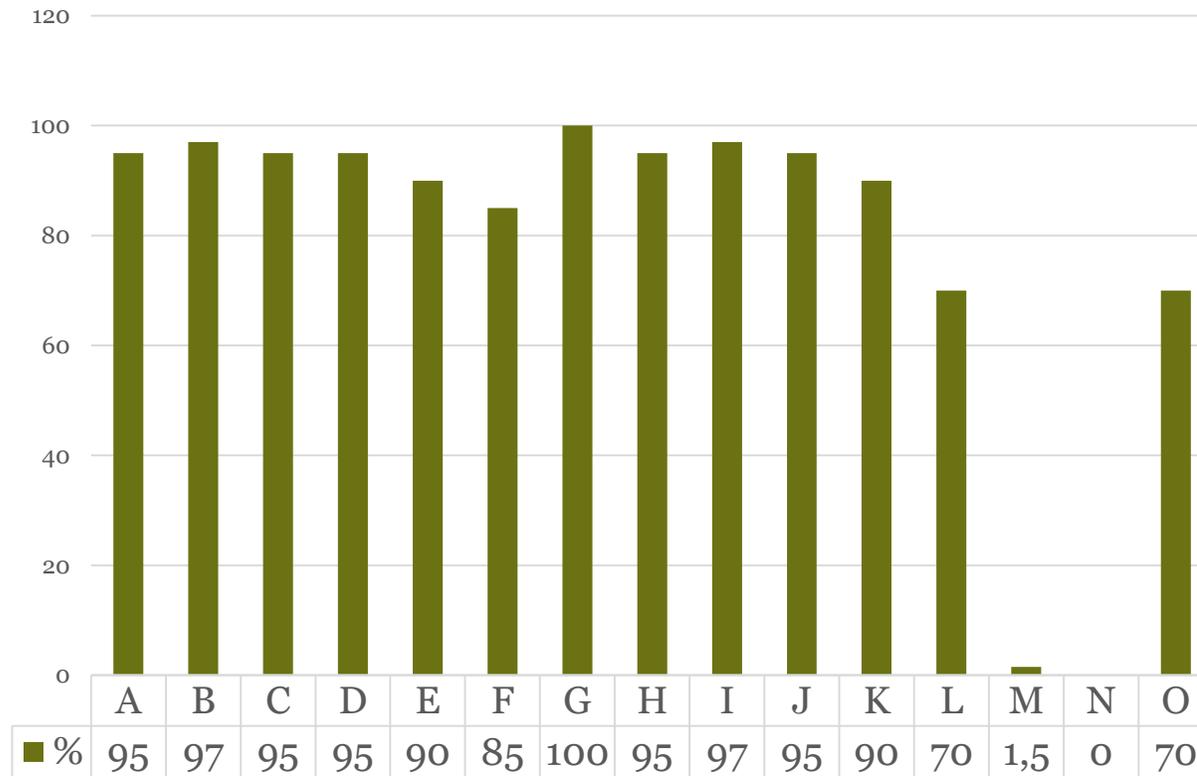
Answers: 93,75%



7.- Prevalence of tail docking in your country?

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Answers: 93,33%



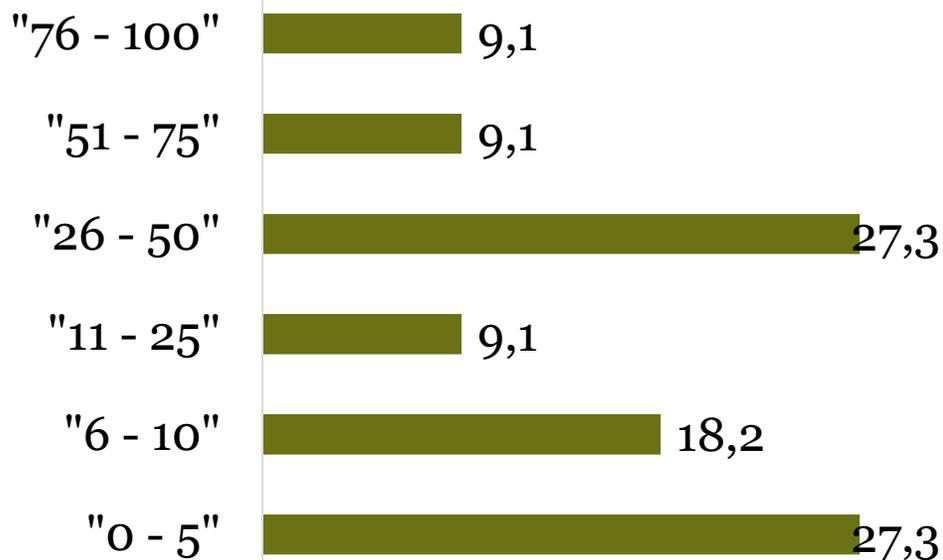
8.- Tail biting on entire tails:

Prevalence:

Answers: 68,75%

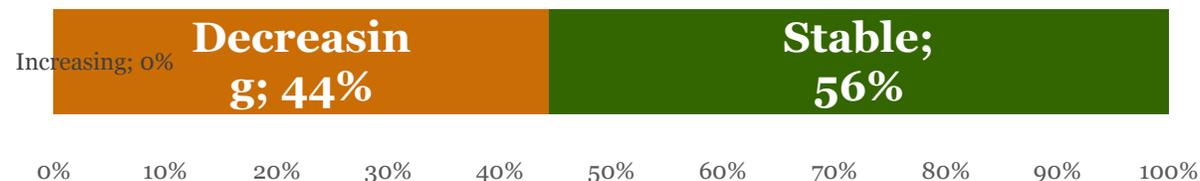
Av. Countries: 28,5%

Av. Census: 46,3%



Evolution:

Answers: 56,25%



Location (nursery, Fattening, Both)

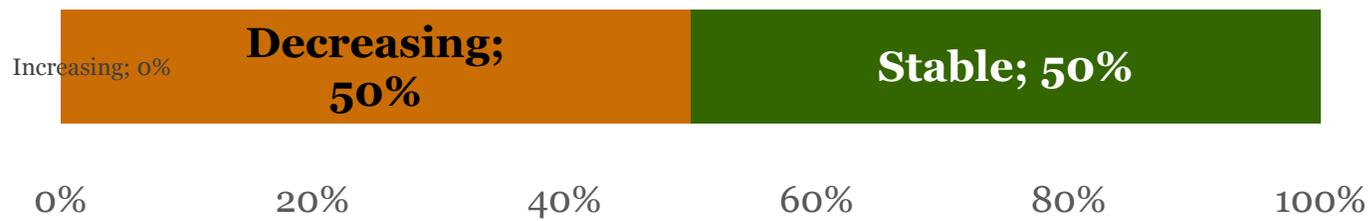
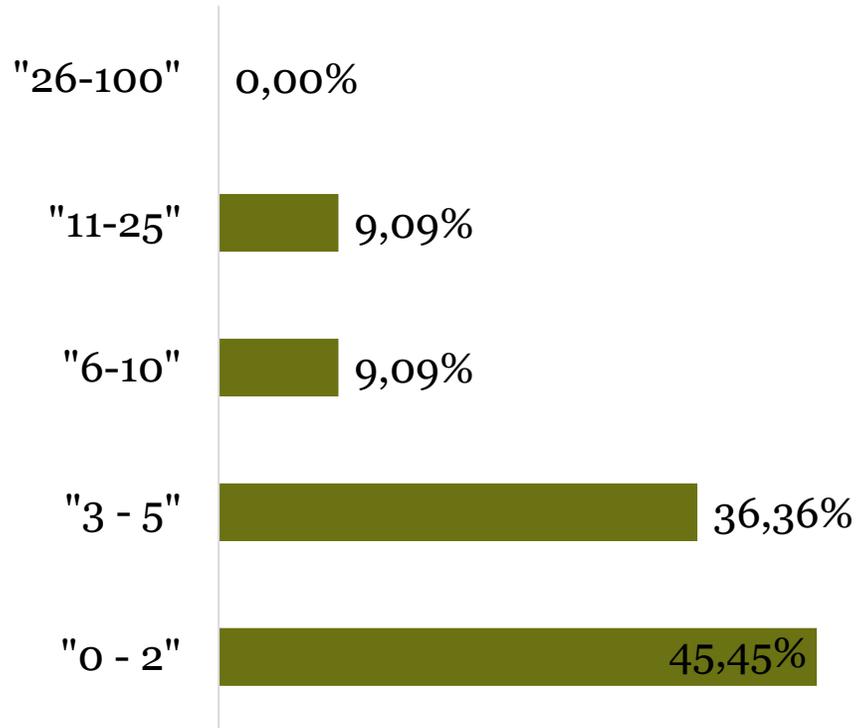
Answers: 68,75%



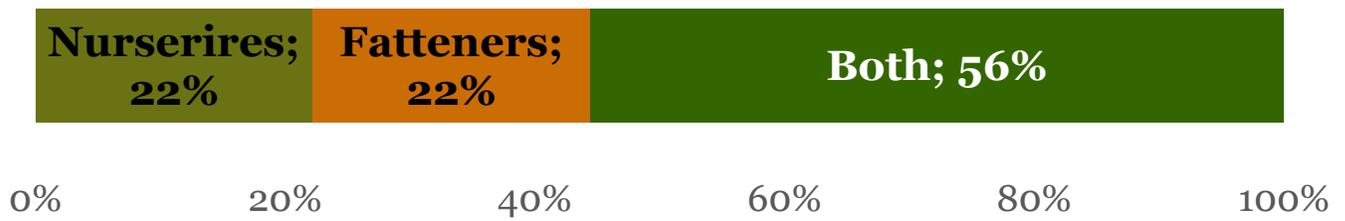
9.- Tail biting on docked tails:

Prevalence:
 Answers: 66,33%
 Av. Countries: 5,2%

Evolution:
 Answers: 50,0%

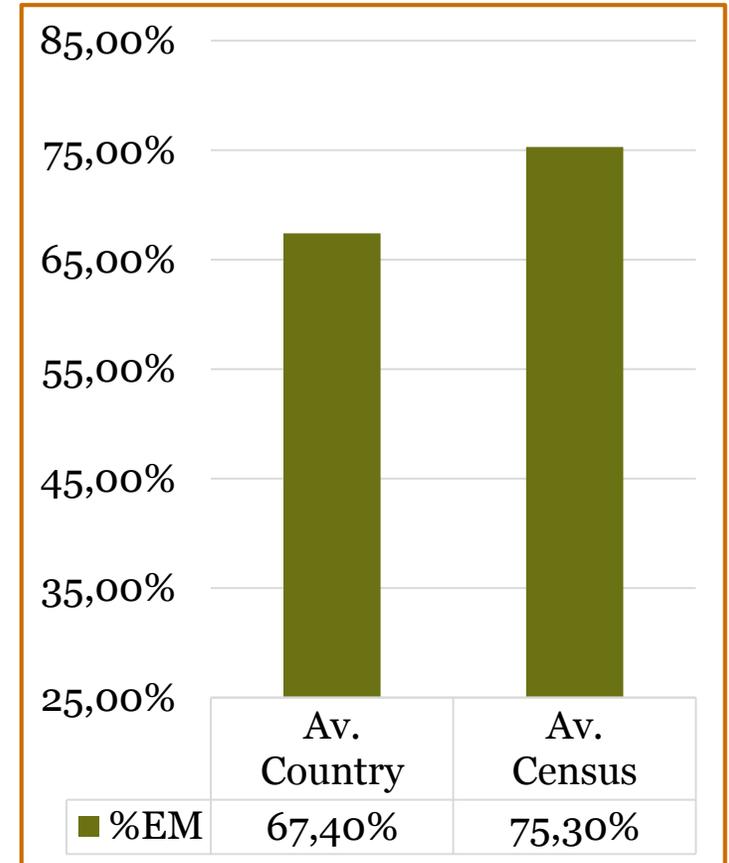
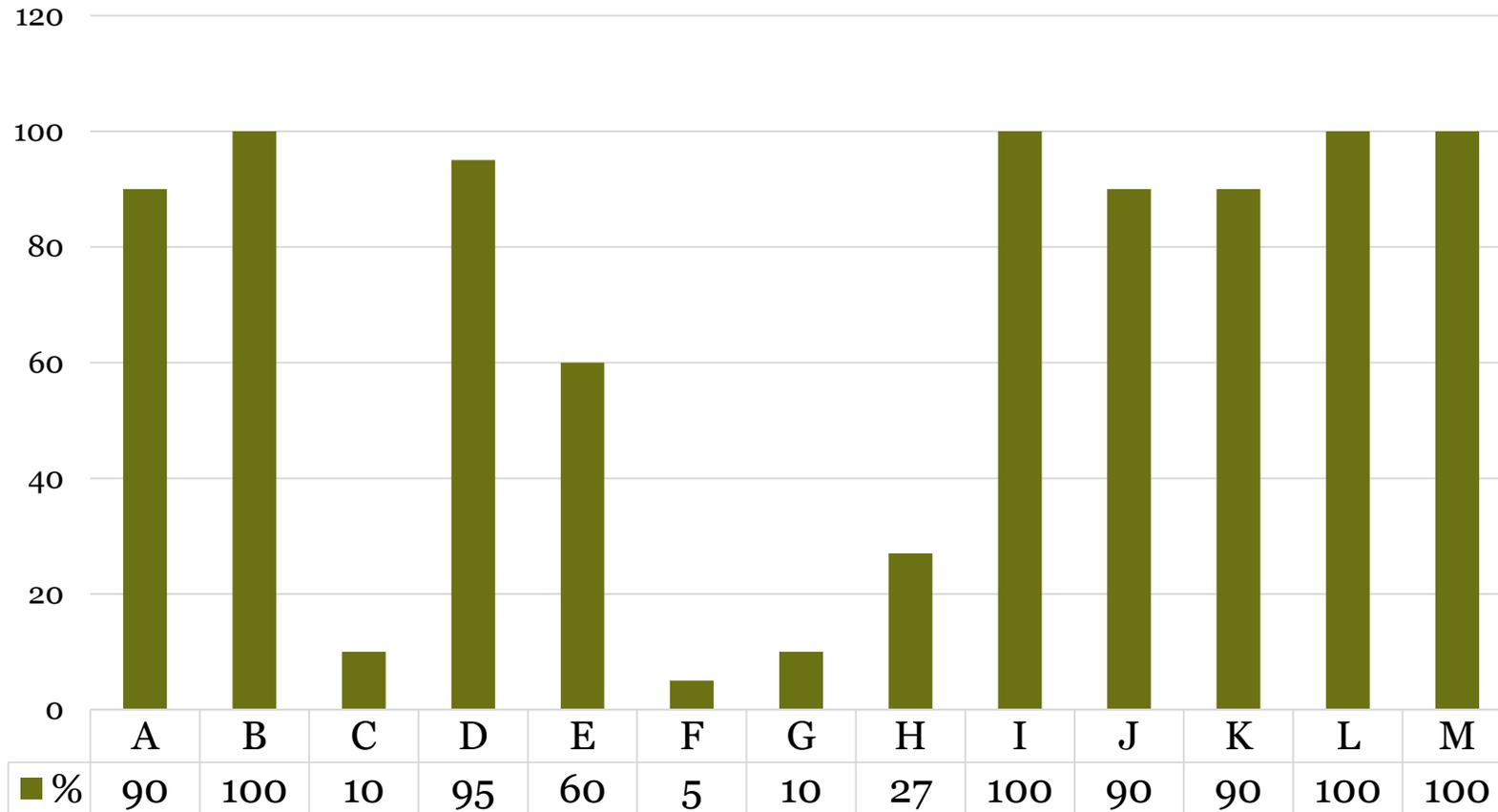


Location (nursery, Fattening, Both)
 Answers: 56,25%



12.- What is the estimated prevalence of farms with suitable enrichment material? :

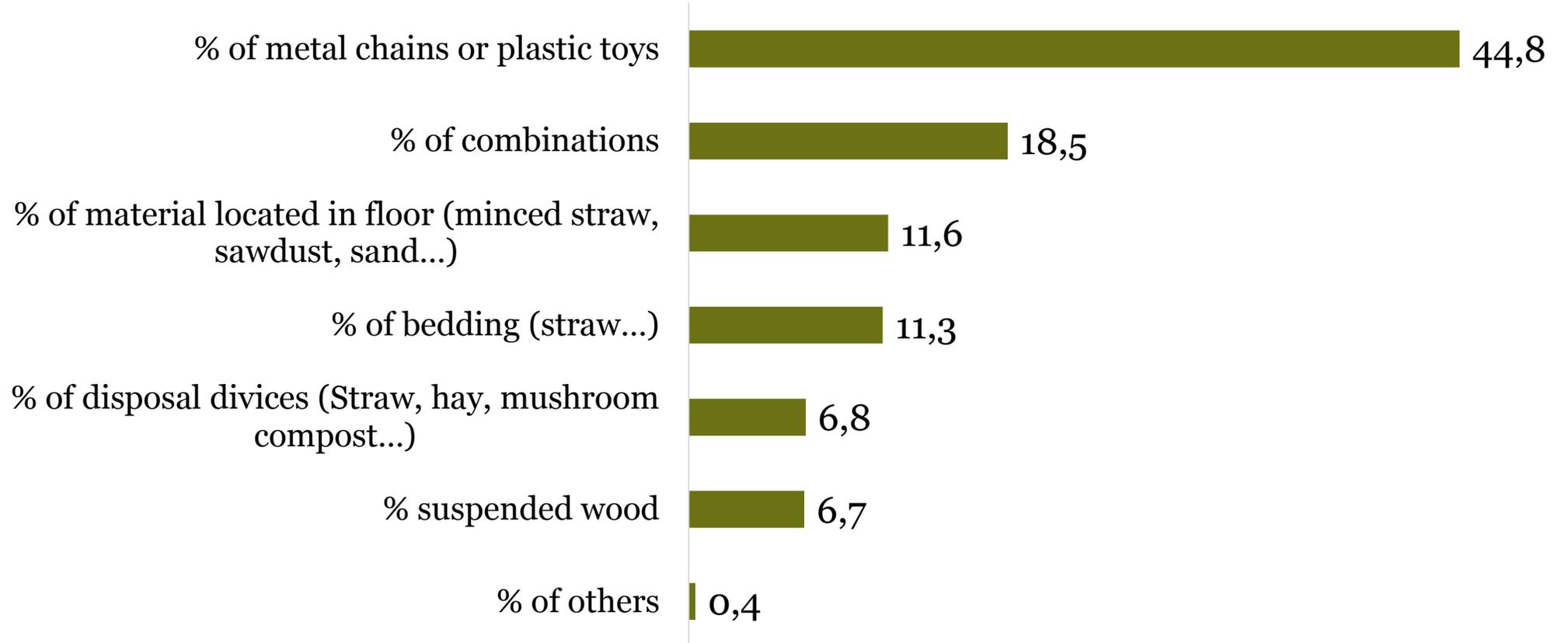
Answers: 81,25%



13.- Enrichment material used in nurseries:

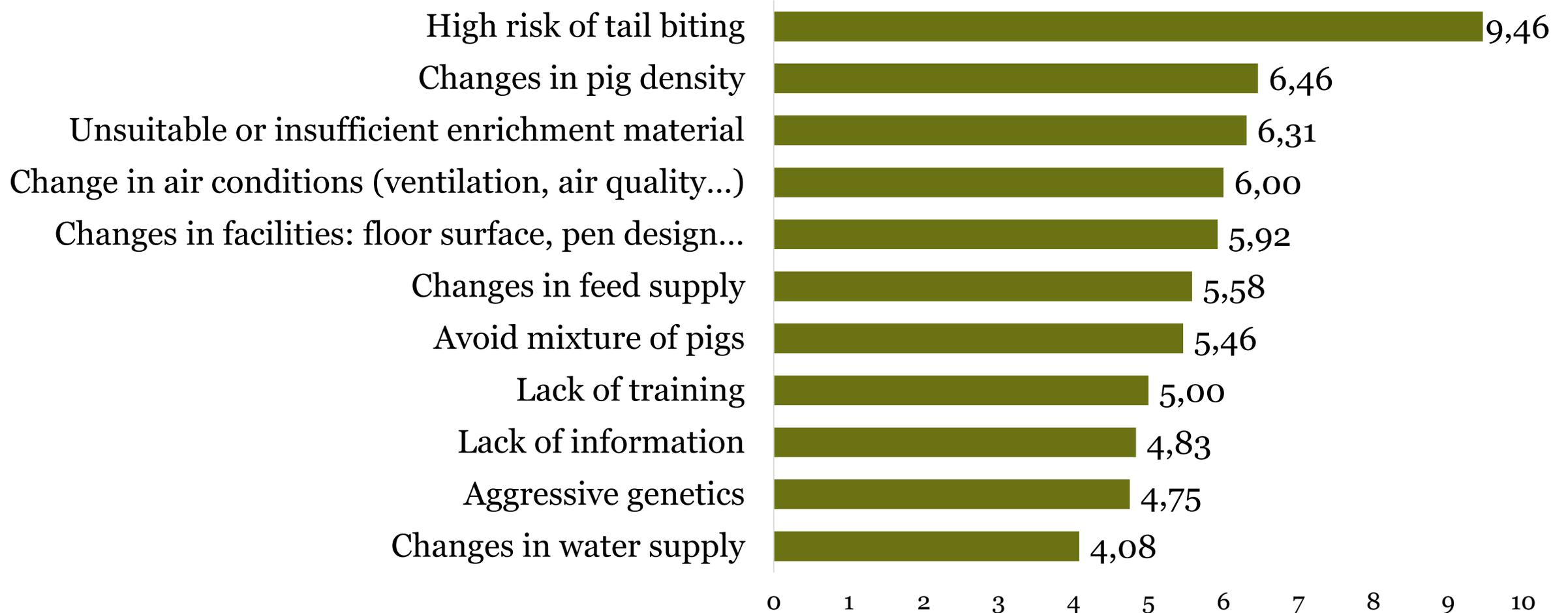
Answers: 81,25%

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14.- What are the main challenges farmers are facing to avoid tail docking? 1 to 10 (1 less importance, 10 much importance)

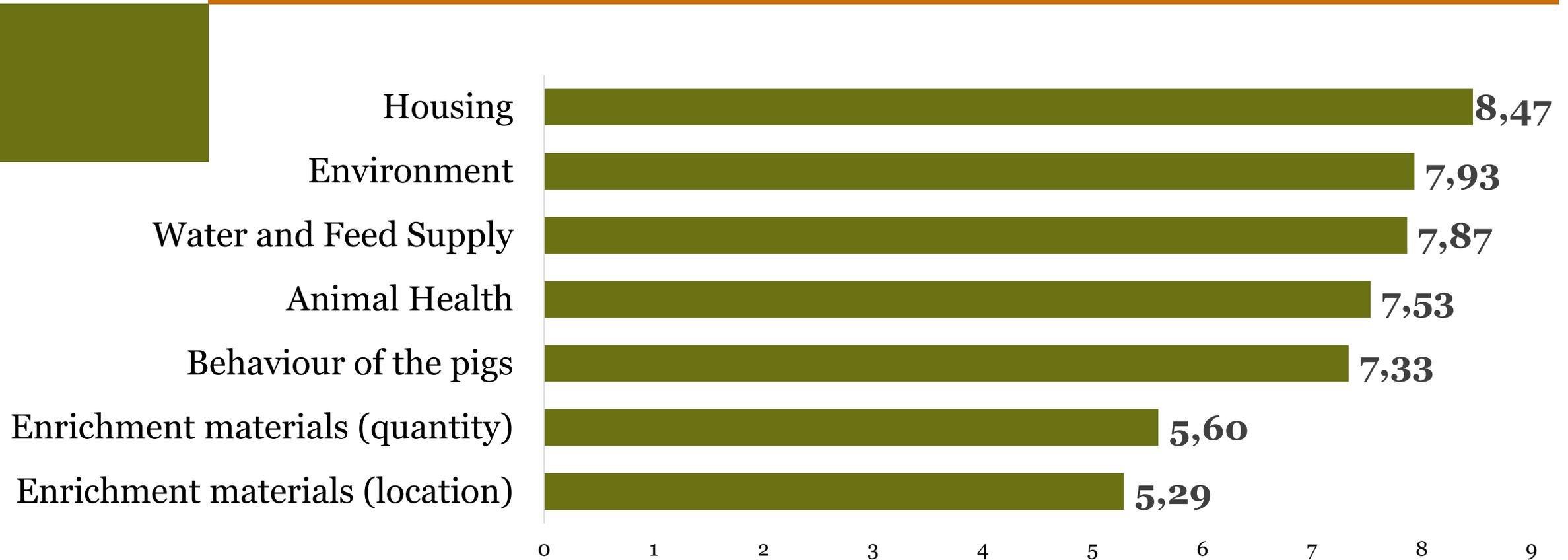
Answers: 87.5%



Other: Animal Health; Aids for farmers; Interest from consumers

15.- From a farmer point of view what are the key factors to prevent tail biting. 1 to 10 (1 less importance, 10 much importance)

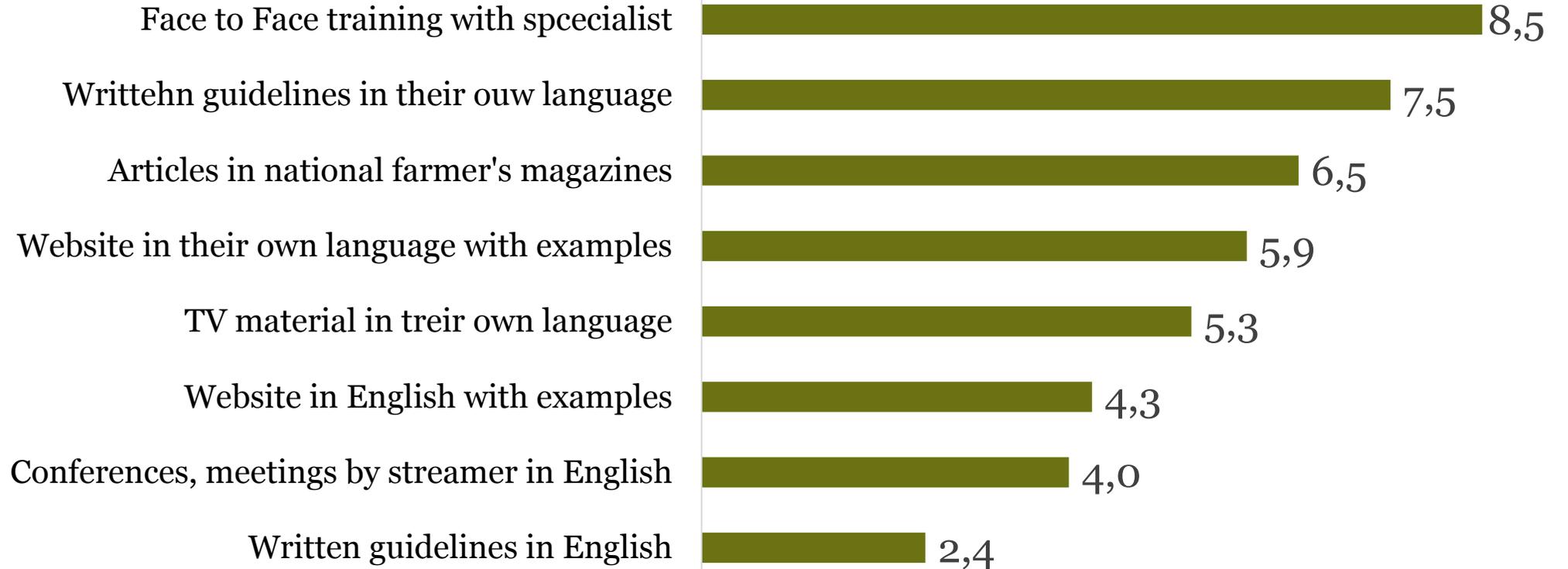
Answers: 100%



Others: Stocking density; spotting and removing of biters

19.- For communication proposal. What are the most effective ways to arrive to farmers. 1 to 10 (1 less importance, 10 much importance)

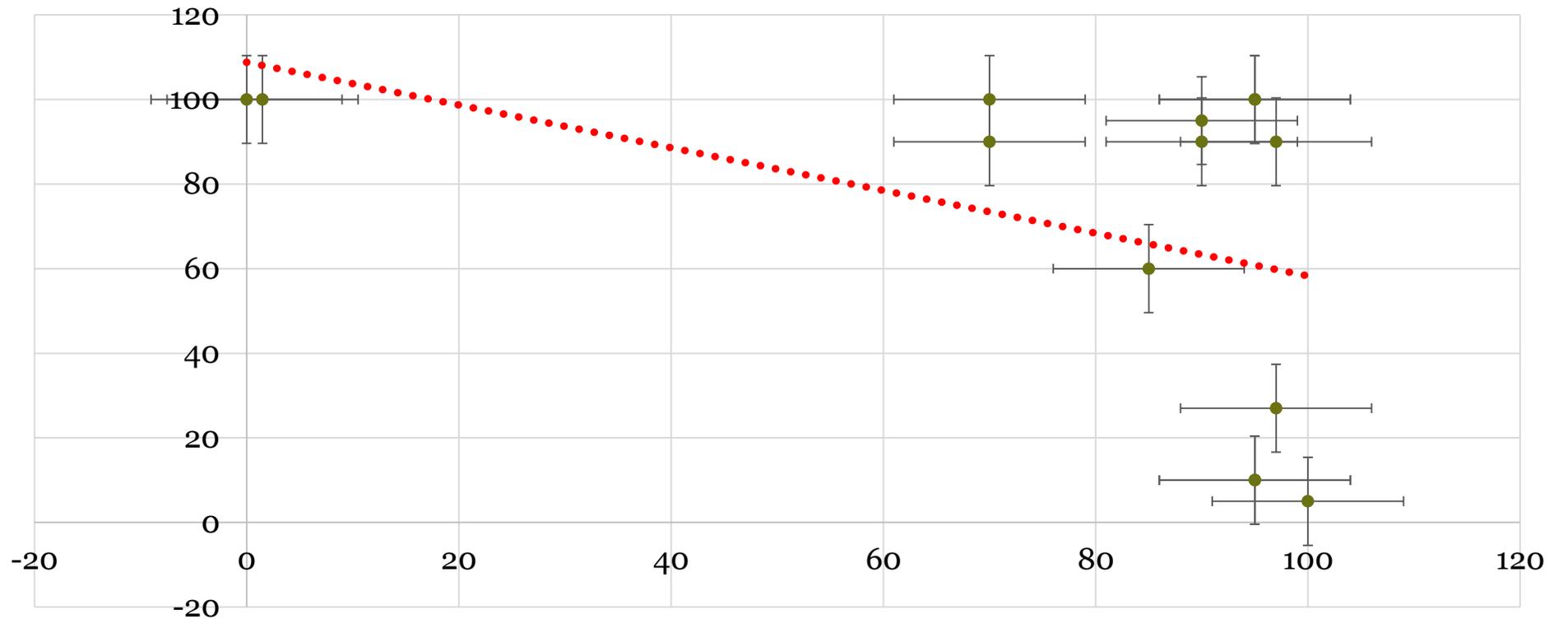
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Other: Sharing knowledge between farmers; examples from the same country; Adviser for good and best practices

Correlation between Tail Docking and Use of suitable Enrichment Material

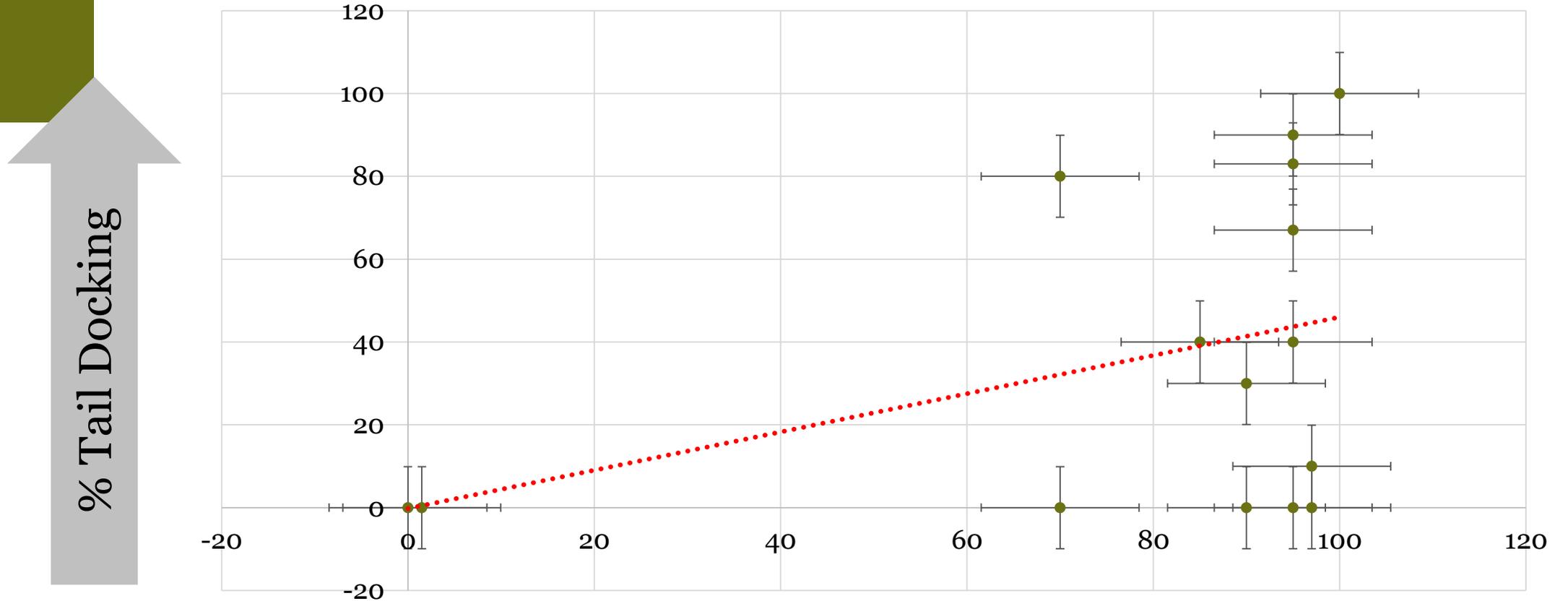
Correlation T D and Use of suitable E M



% of suitable E M

% of Tail Docking

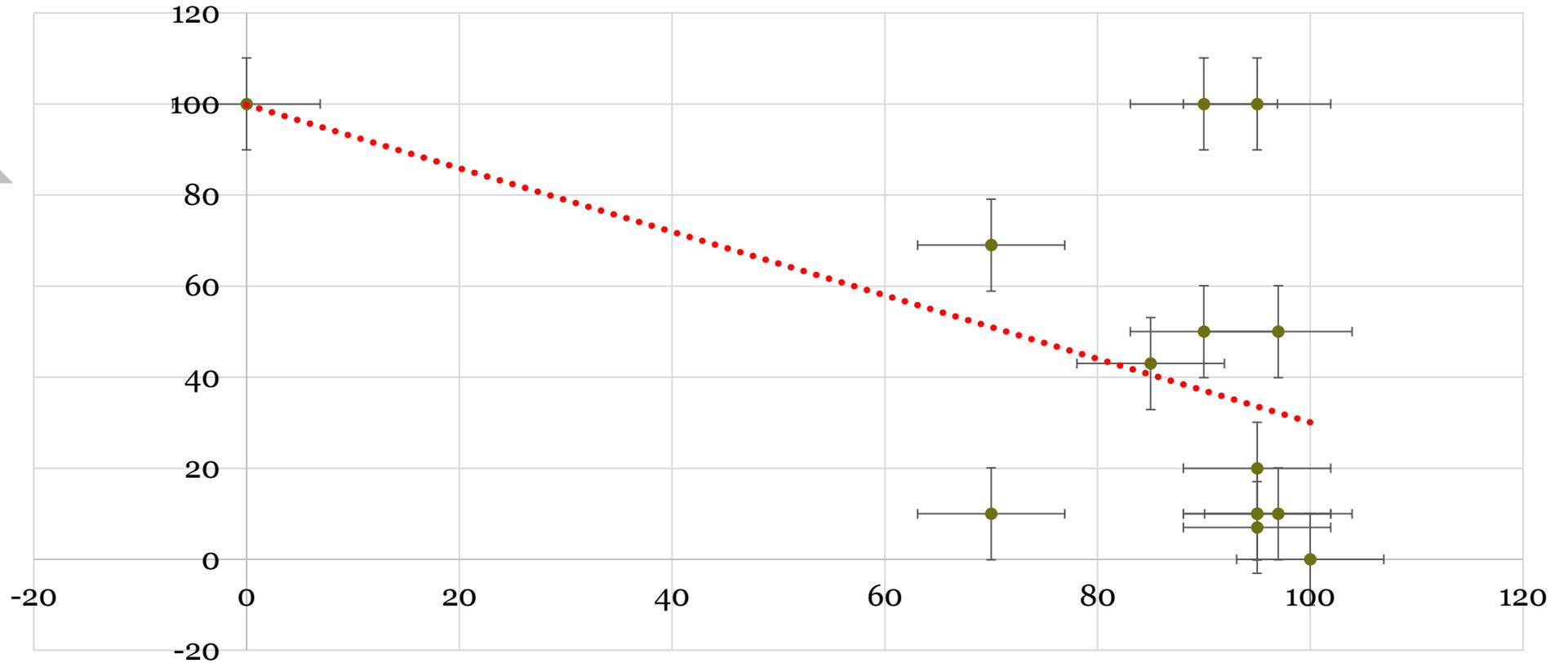
Correlation between Tail Docking and Use of metal chains and/or toys



% of use of metal chains &/or plastic toys

Correlation between Tail Docking and Use of bedding and/or materials in the floor and/or combination of different materials

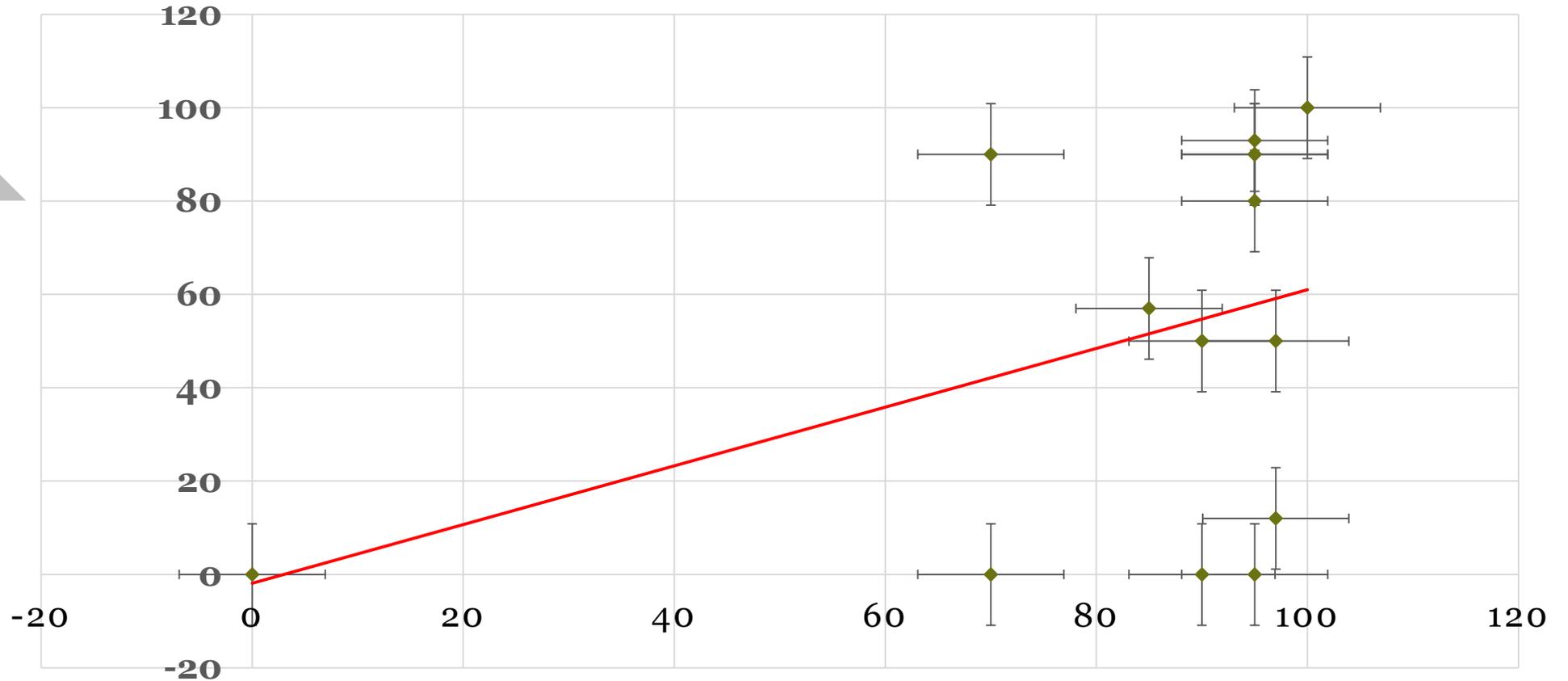
% use different EM



% of Tail Docking

Correlation between Tail Docking and Use of metal chains and/or suspended wood and/or disposal devices

% Tail Docking

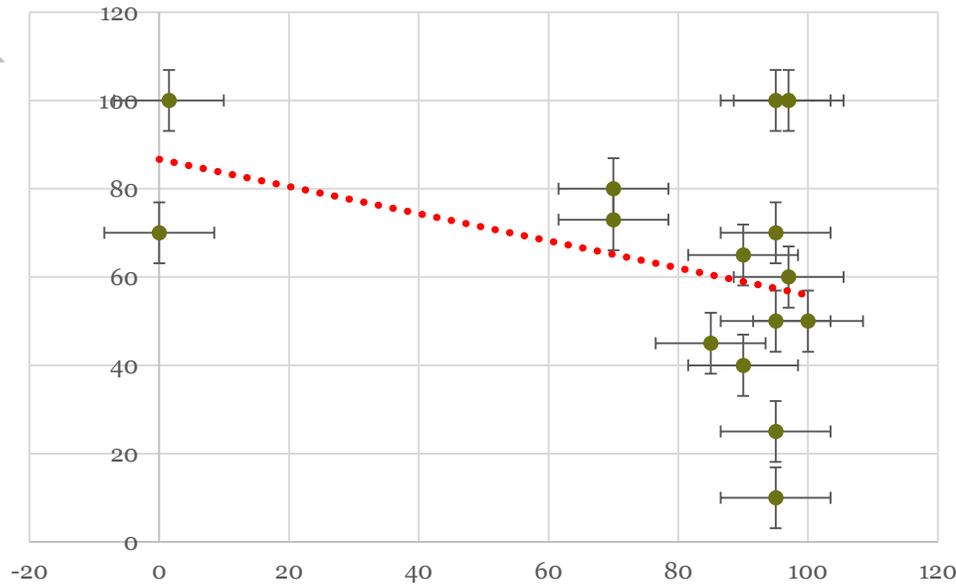


% of use of chain + wood + devises

Correlation between Tail Docking and floor surface: concrete + mix floor vs slatted floor

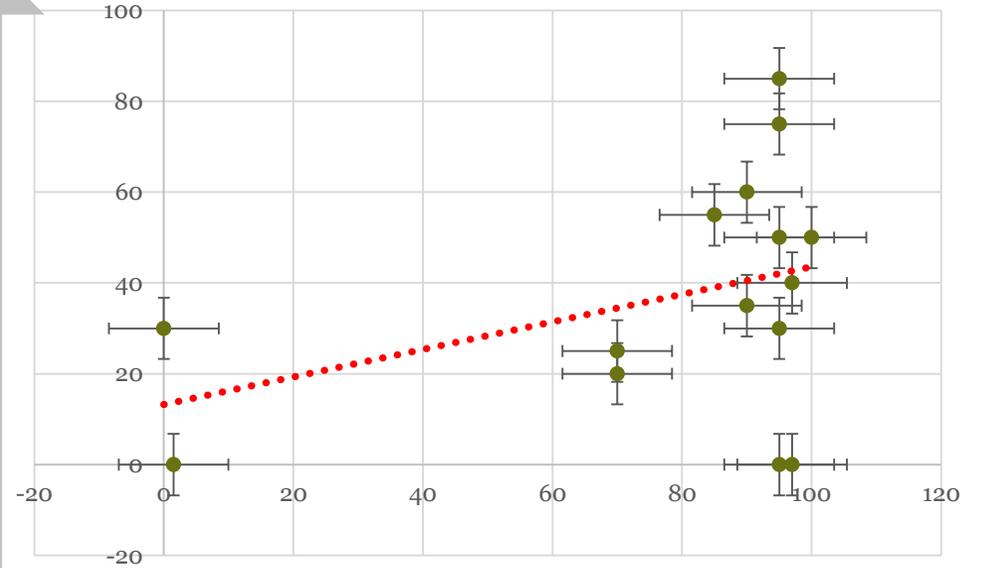


% of concrete and mix floor



% Tail Docking

% of slatted floor

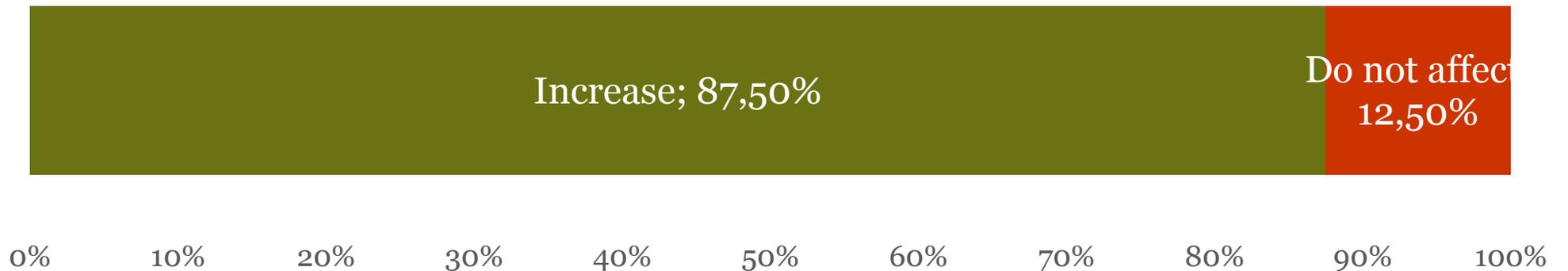


% Tail Docking

20.- The measures implemented to prevent tail biting and avoid tail docking: “increase”, “reduce” or “not affect” the production cost

Answers: 100%

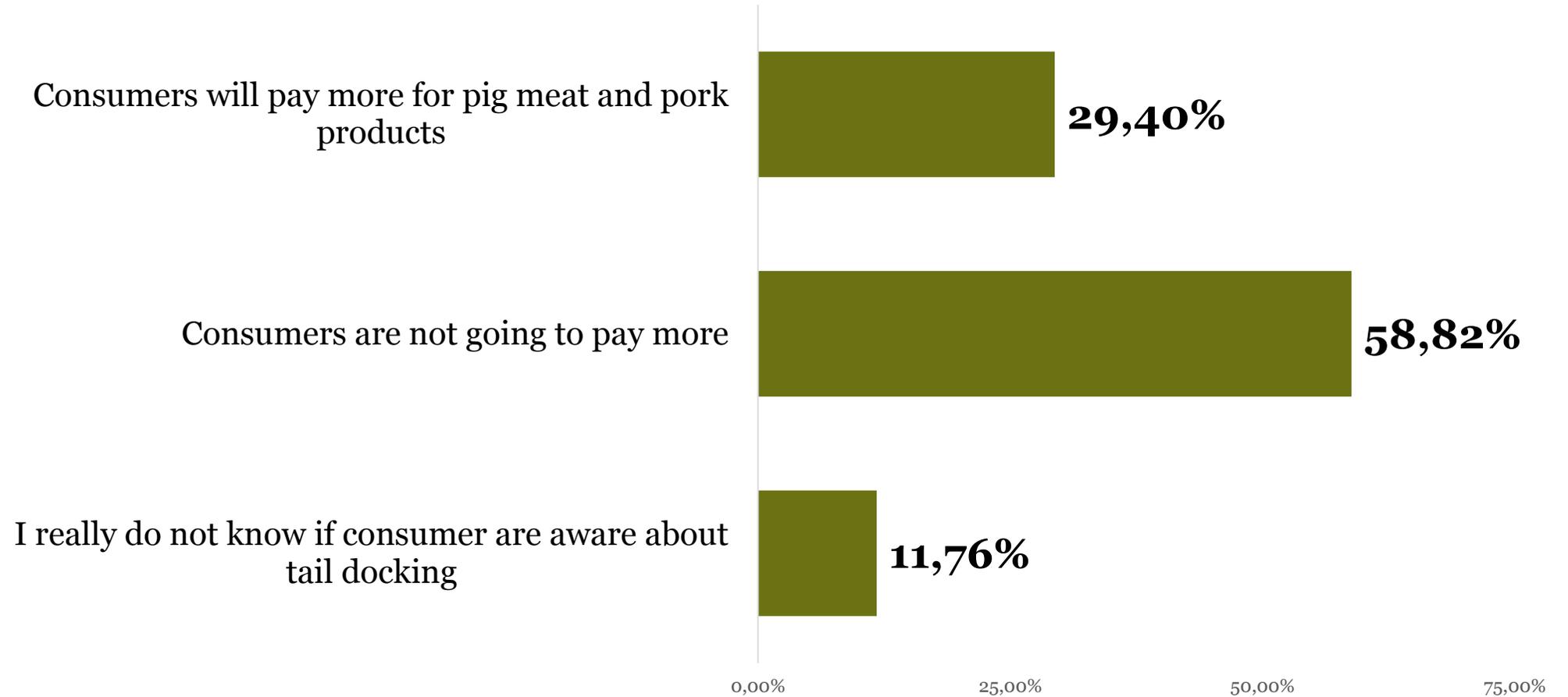
%



Decrease: 0%
Increase: 87,5%
Do not affect: 12,50%

21.- Placing in the market products coming from pig with entire tail:

Answers: 100%



Conclusions

- It is important to **support initiatives** to develop AW production in EU
- Involve farmers in the early stages of development of workable and more effective **solutions**
- farmers must be given sufficient **flexibility** to implement new management system (scientific evidence)
- Additional **research** are needed
- **Enforcement** of existing animal welfare legislation → avoid distortion of competence
- TRADE. Ensure coherence with **trade police** → Imported products must to respect the same welfare standards than UE farmers

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