

Haemonchus contortus in the UK

Results of the Survey

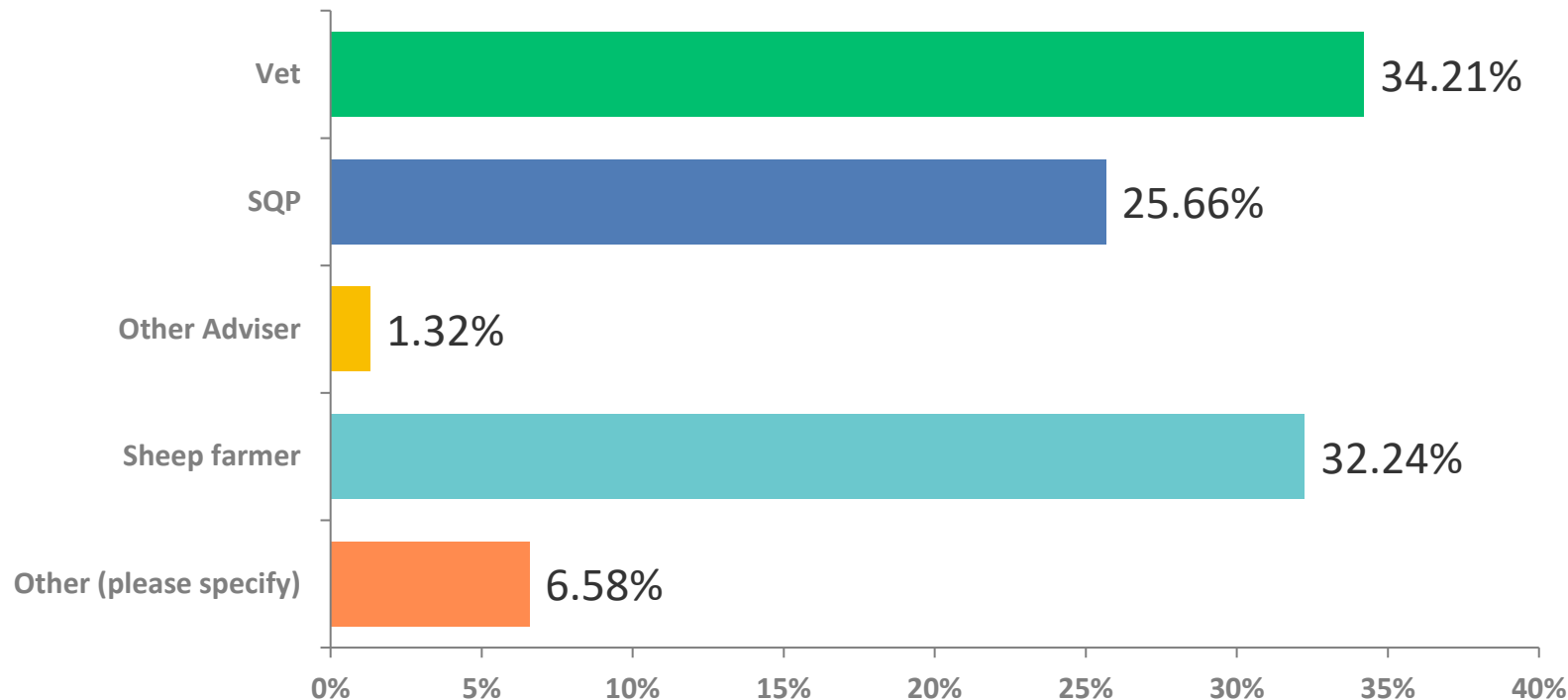
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What is your main role?

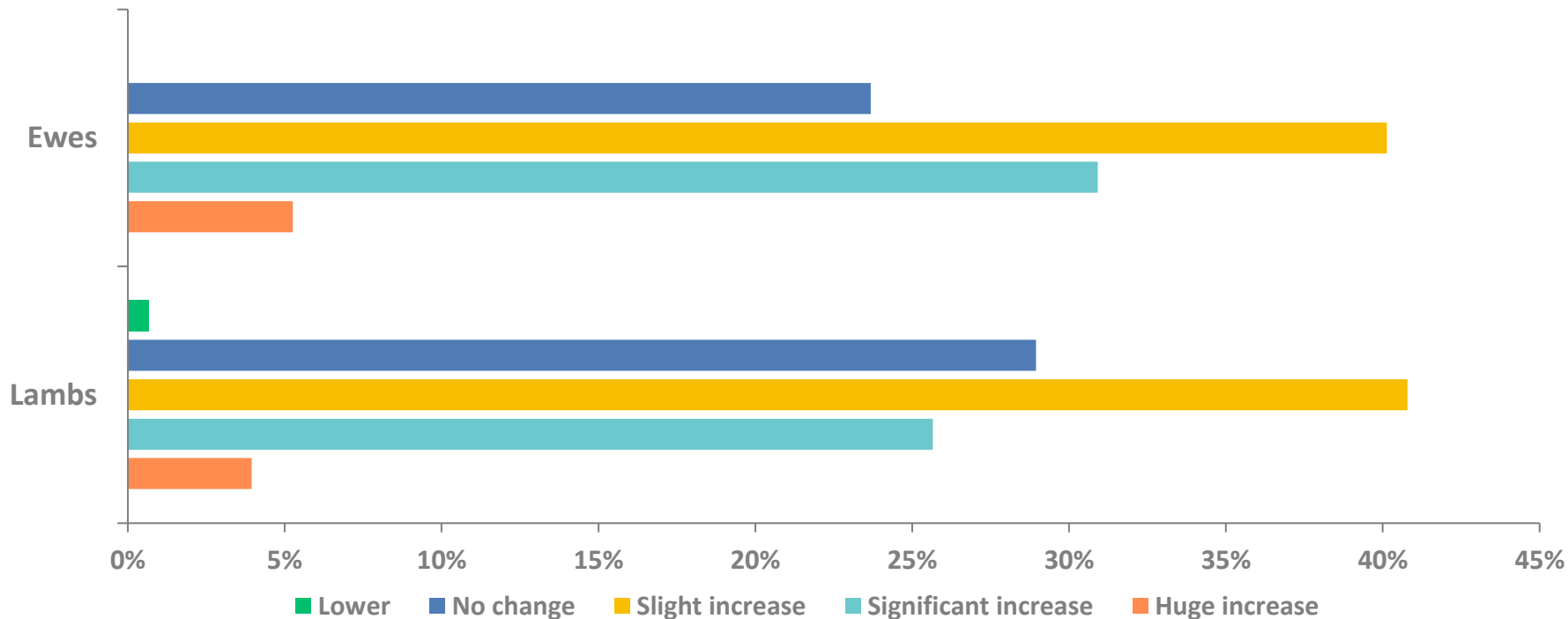
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Geographical representation



Based on your experience, how would you describe the change in incidence of clinical disease due to haemonchus contortus on sheep farms in your area?

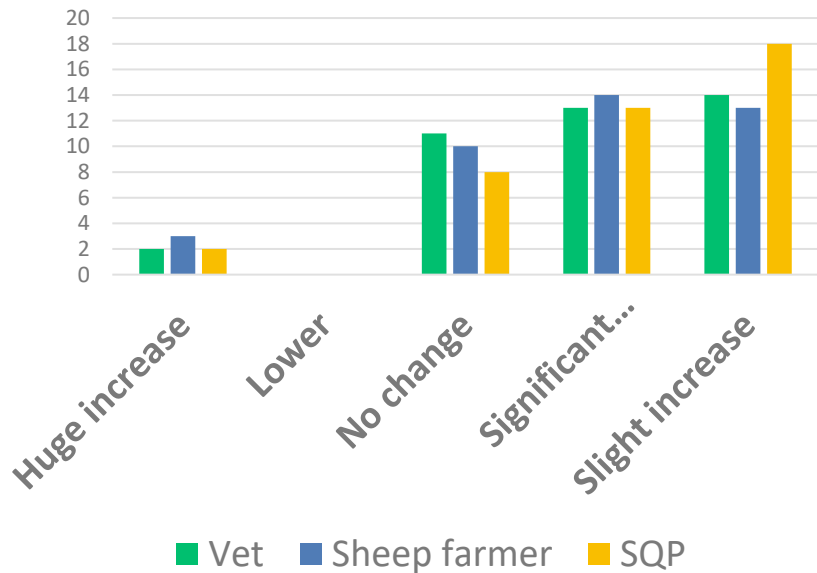


How would you describe the change in incidence of clinical disease - by occupation



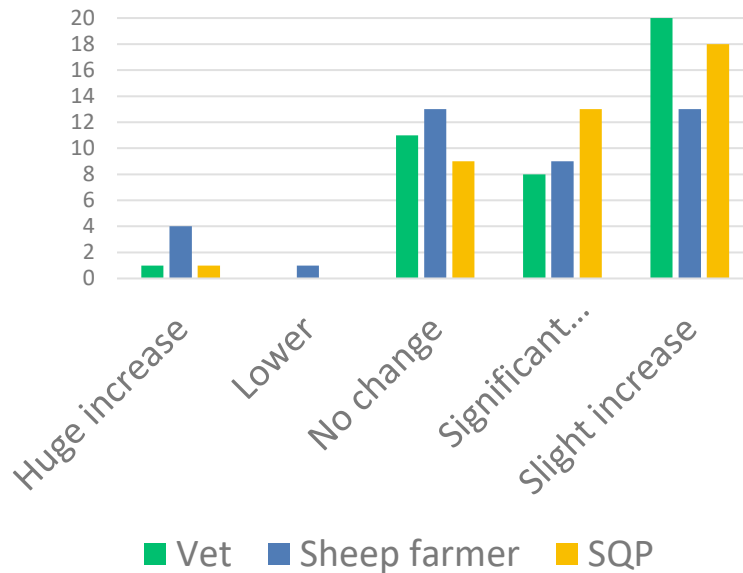
Ewes

Change in cases ewes - by occupation



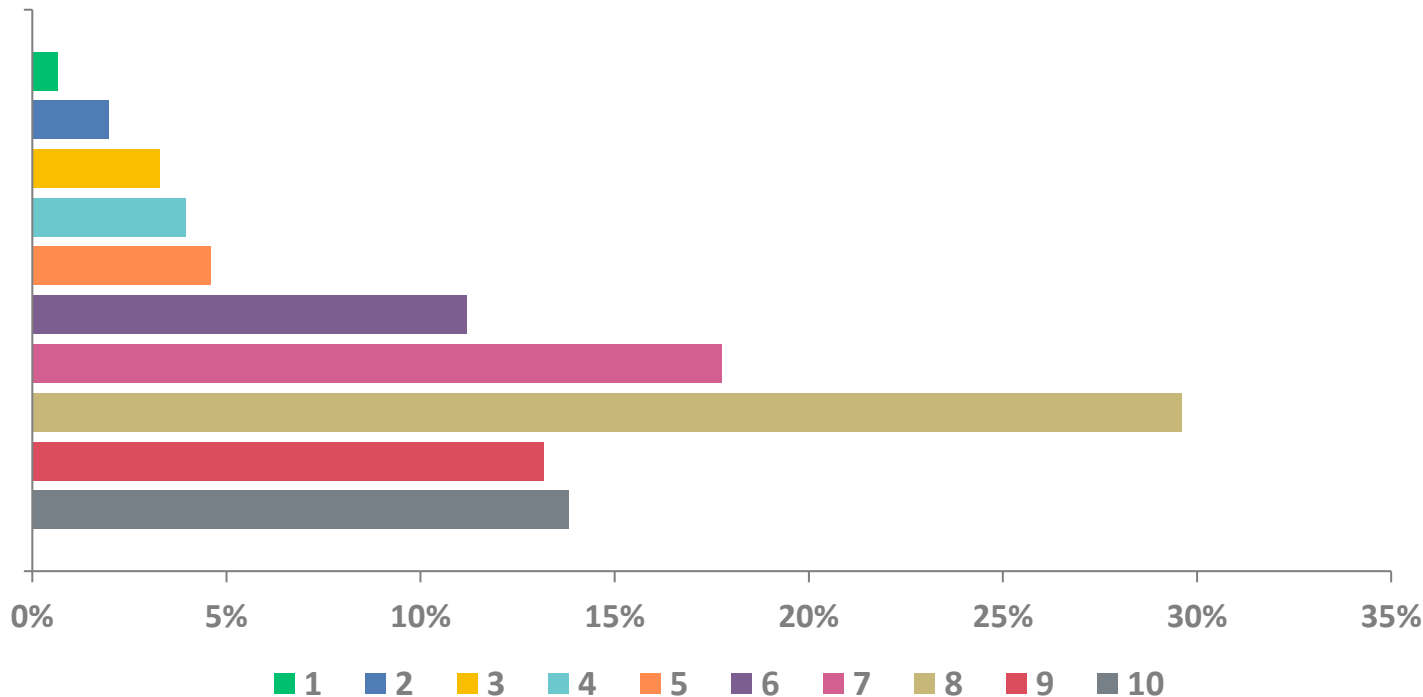
Lambs

Change in cases lambs - by occupation



In your opinion, how serious is the impact of haemonchus on sheep farms? (1 = Not at all serious; 10 = Extremely serious)

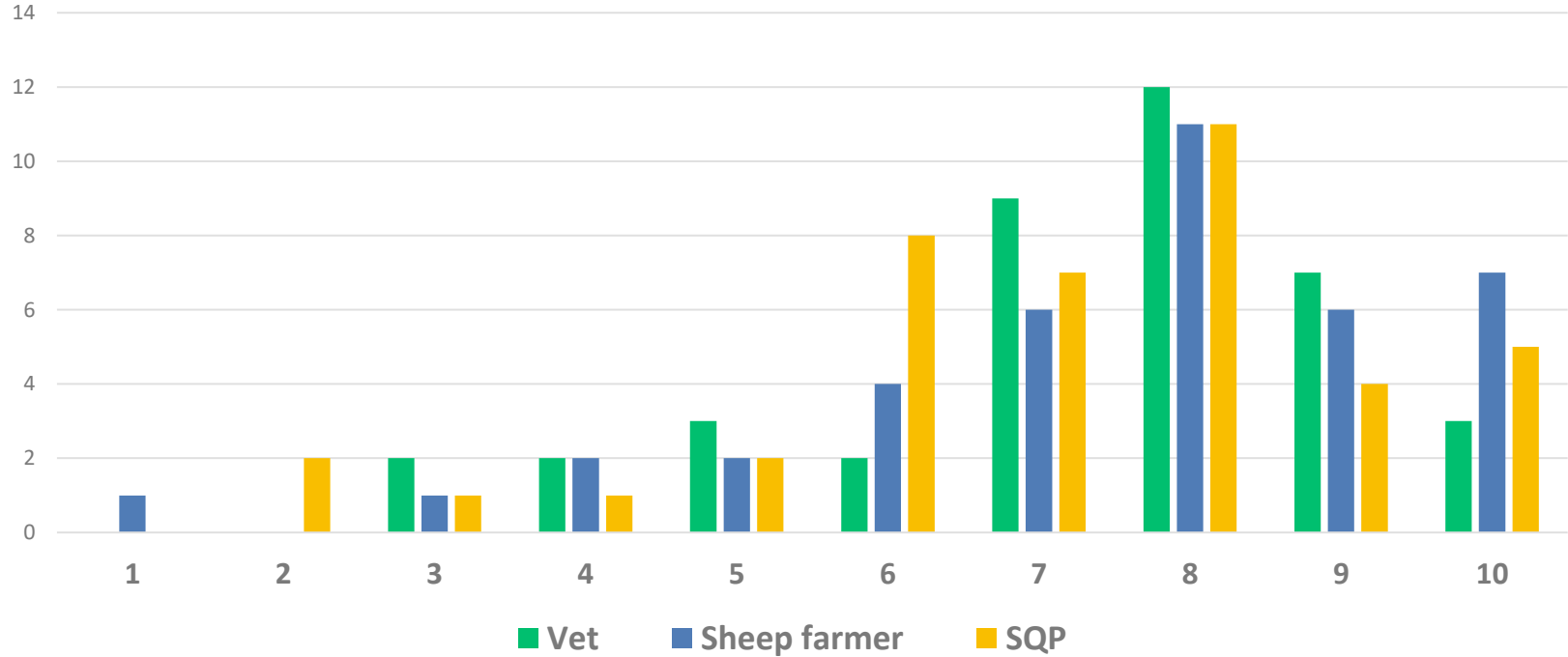
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How serious is the impact of haemonchus on sheep farms, by occupation

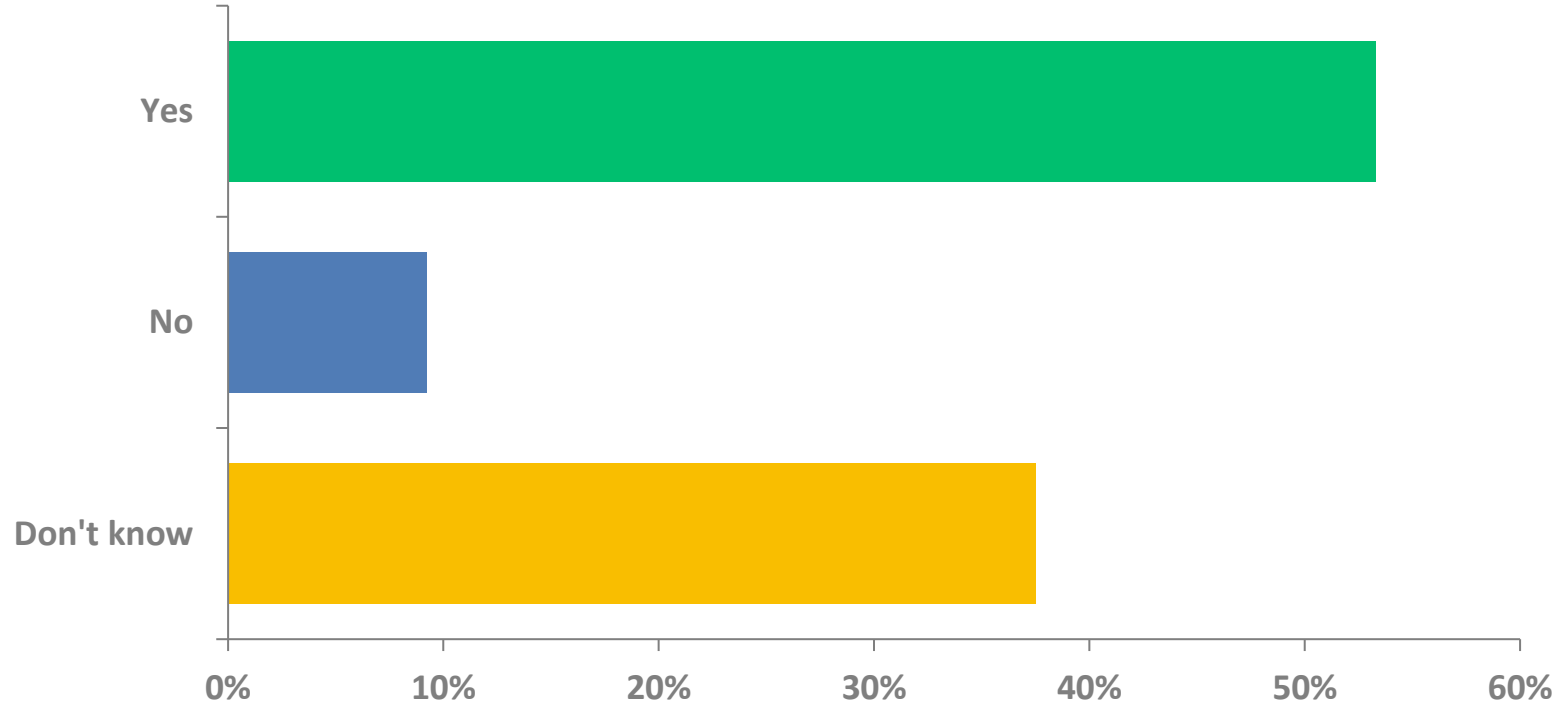


By occupation

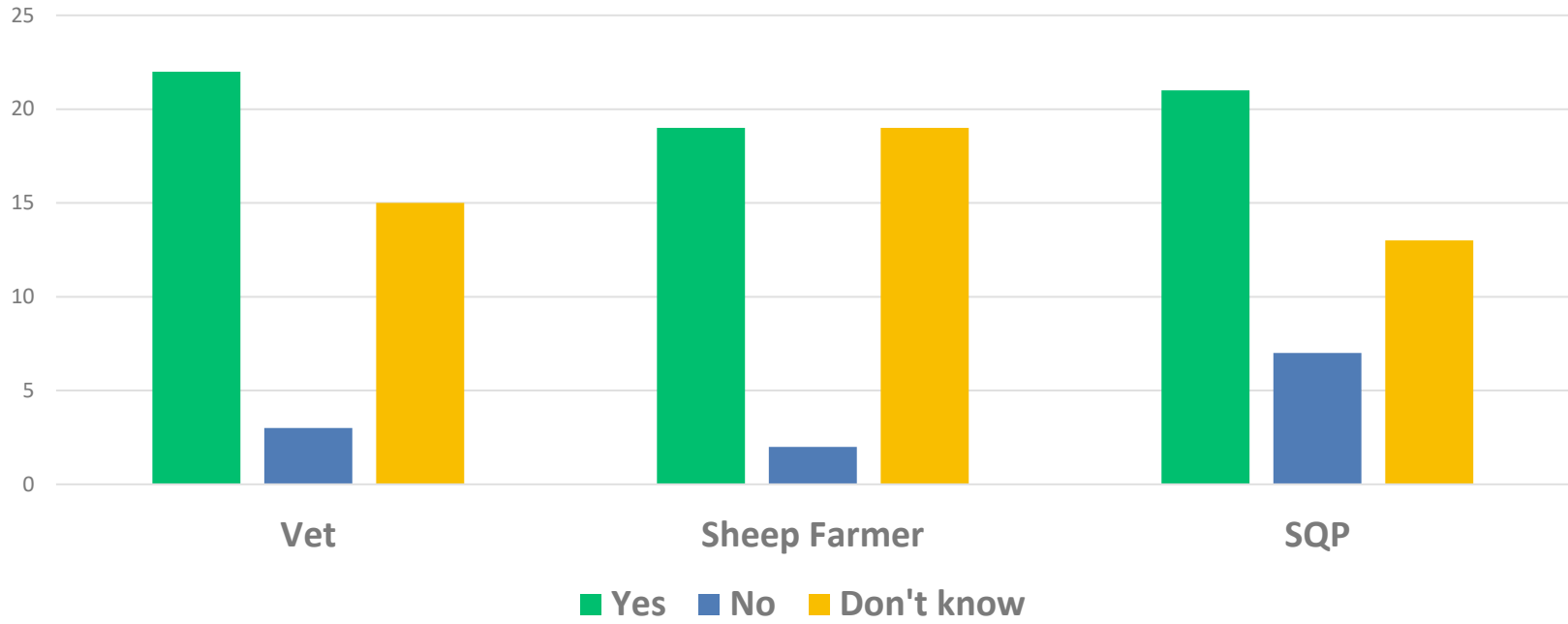


Do you think there has been a shift in the time of year when you see problems with haemonchus?

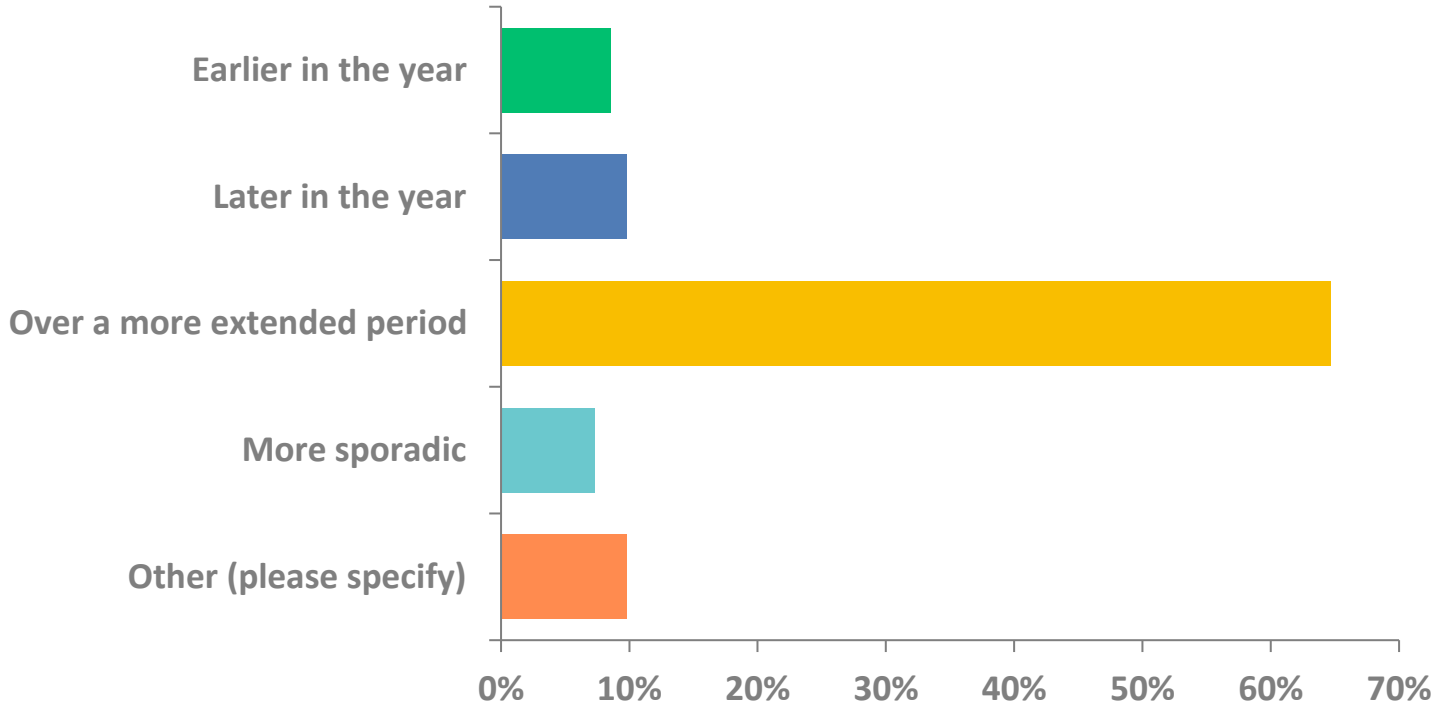
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Do you think there has been a shift in the time of year, by occupation



If you answered 'Yes' above, can you say what the change has been?



What is the 'change'?

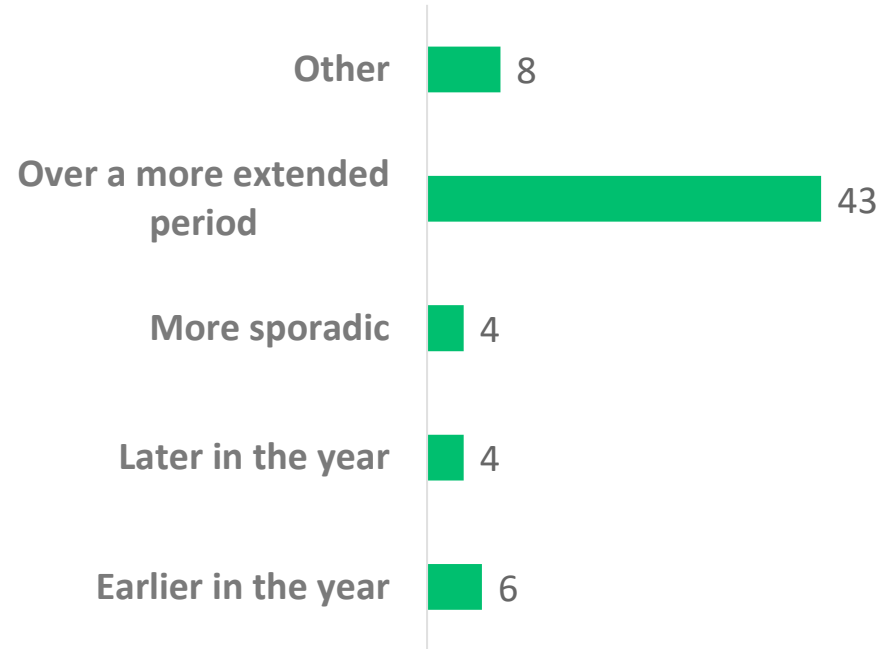


65 provided a rationale to their response

Other:

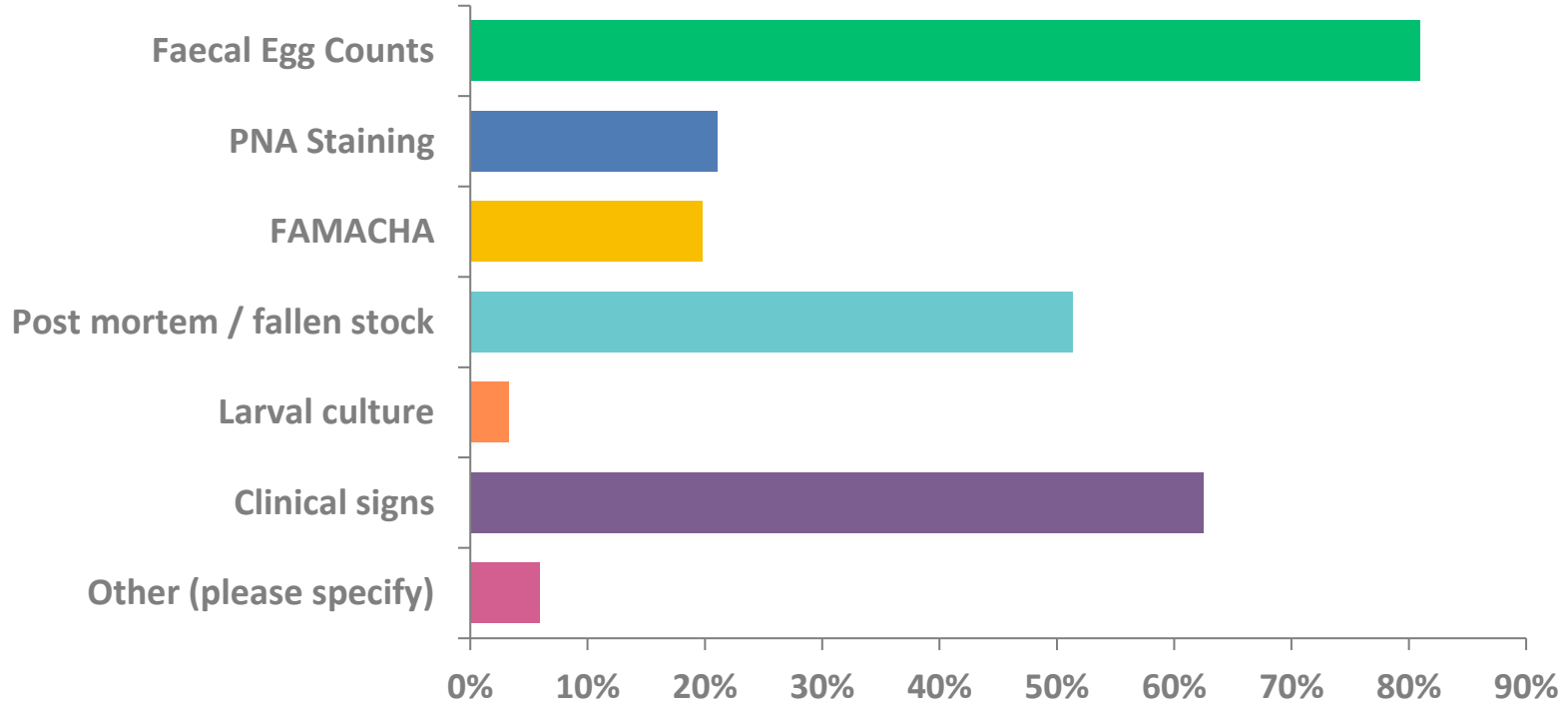
- Finding late summer to October a problem
- More sporadic and more variable from spring in ewes (overwintered L4?) to late autumn in adults and lambs
- Earlier in the year on farms that had a problem the previous year
- New regions
- Earlier and later in the year and for longer (x2)
- Weather related - personnel experience more active when hot
- Winter

What the change is



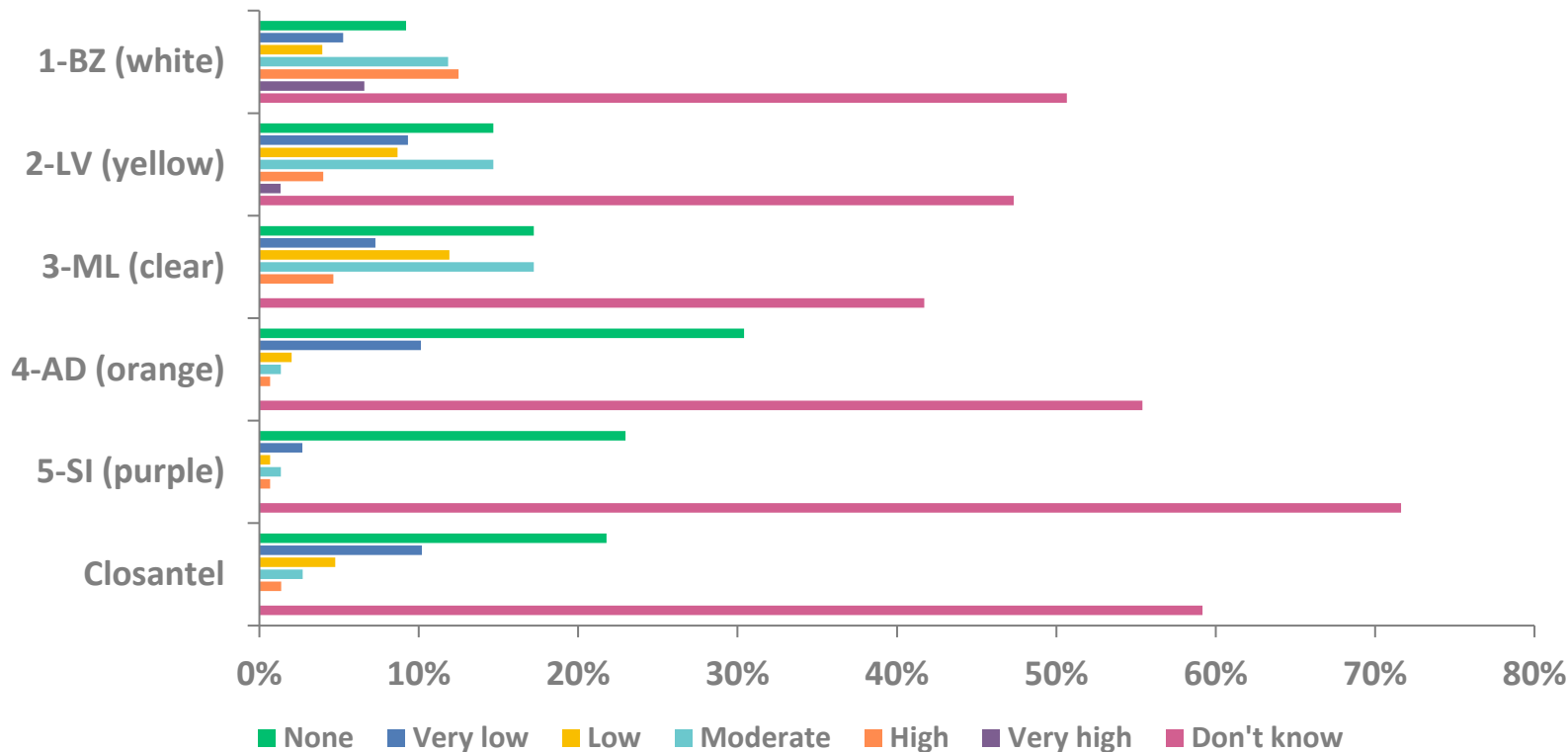
What diagnostic/monitoring tool do you use for haemonchus (tick all that apply)

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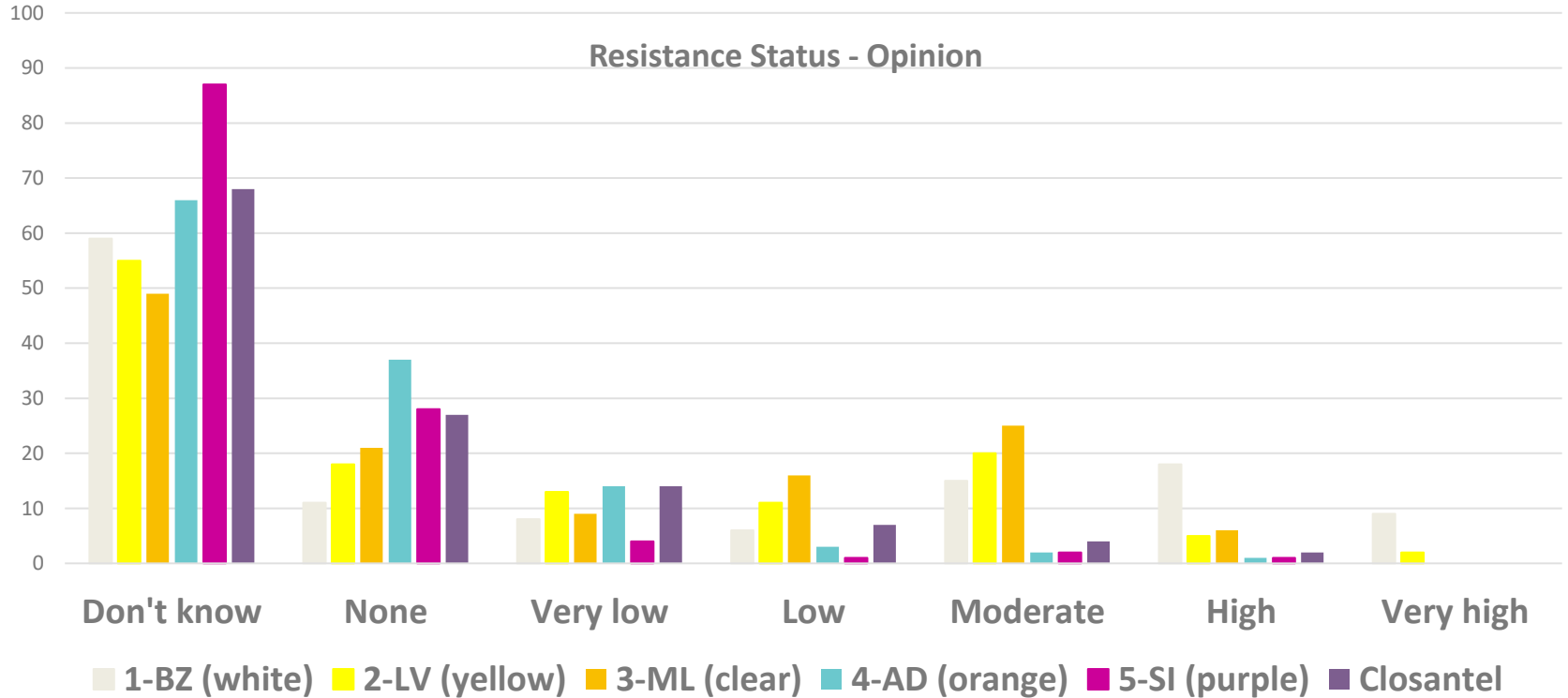


In your experience, what level of resistance have you found to the different anthelmintic groups in haemonchus?

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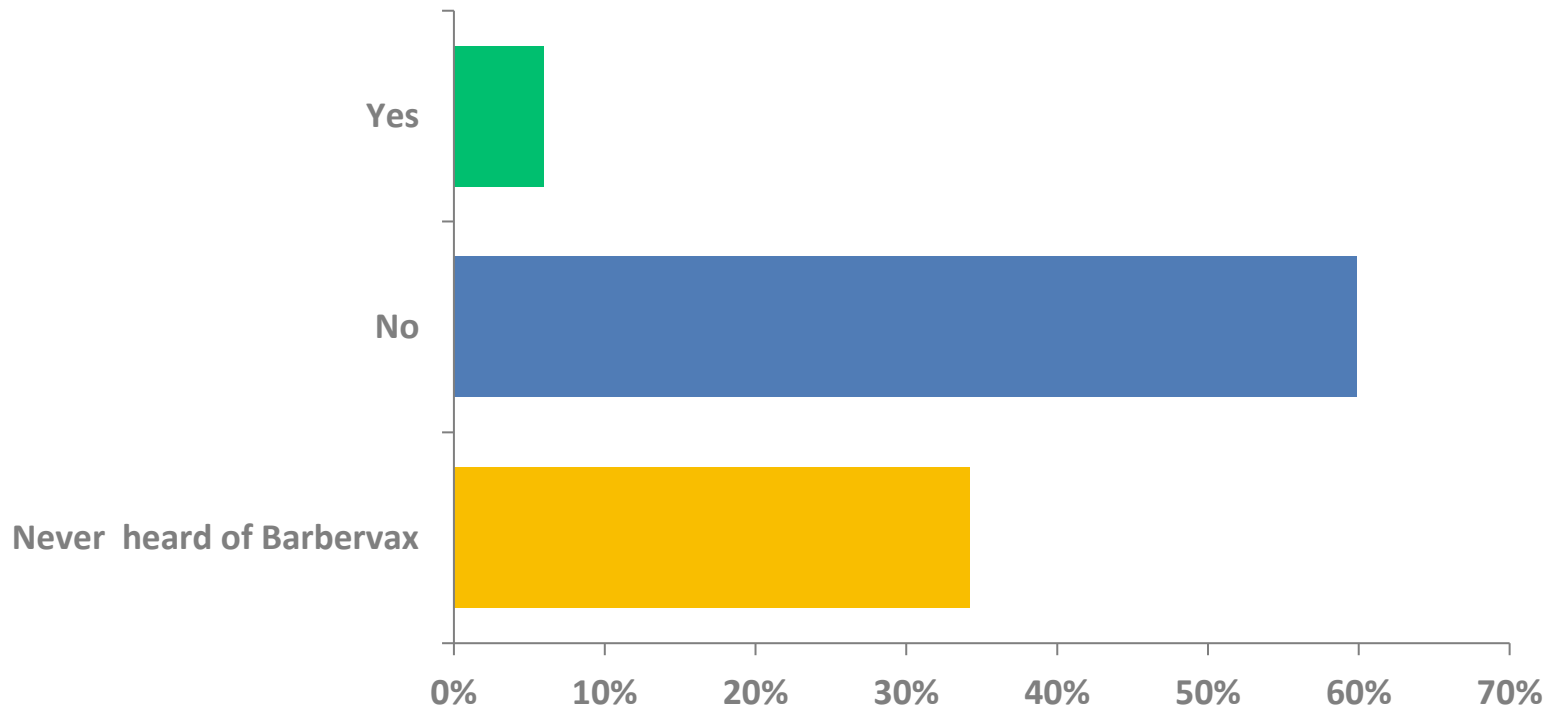


What level of resistance have you found – by opinion



Have you used or know of clients who have used Barbervax?

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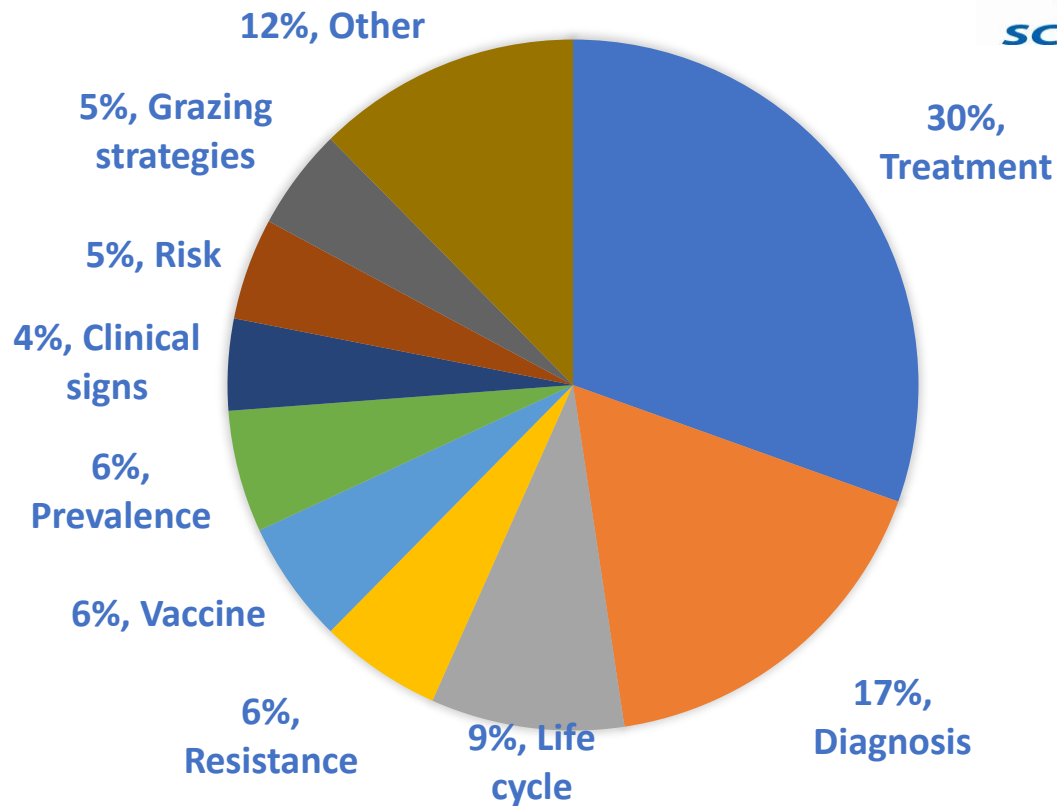


There were several questions that were categorised into these headings.

Questions from the respondents



QUESTIONS





Treatment - 30% of the questions

Best strategy/best wormer/most effective/first ones to use/when to use a wormer/rotating wormers/

Can we treat arrested larvae in sheep successfully with a winter closantel dose?

Whole flock treatment Vs selective (ie symptoms/thin/FAMACHA)

The issue of fluke on the farm also – wrong diagnosis/use of closantel/

Is it best to use moxidectin for longer cover

When to treat/move most effectively as not spread the worm to new pastures

Are there any other chemical groups that we could bring in and licence from abroad?

Is there a likely new treatment on the horizon

Further information

- This survey was funded by SCOPS www.scops.org.uk
- If you wish to utilise this information, please reference 'SCOPS Haemonchus survey, 2024'
- Please contact enquiries@nationalsheep.org.uk for further information on this topic. The National Sheep Association provides secretarial support for SCOPS and will direct your enquiry appropriately.

