

Farming, the biggest job on earth

Farm Perspectives Study, 2014 - Main findings



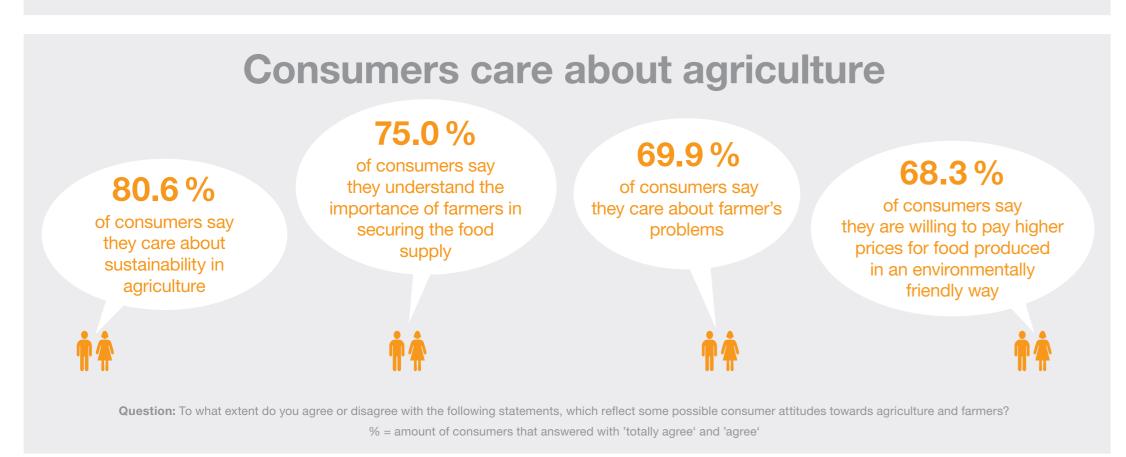
Farmers care for the land they farm

Farmers and consumers see farmers in first place as 'Providers of food',

but farmers see themselves strongly as 'Stewards of the land'



Question: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement 'farmers are provider of food' and 'farmers are steward of the land'? Top of mind answers; farmers and consumers that answered with 'totally agree' and 'agree'



% = amount of farmers and consumers that answered with 'totally agree' and 'agree'

What farmers think about consumers' behavior

37.1 % of farmers think that consumers care about

sustainability in agriculture

36.3% of farmers think that consumers are willing to pay higher prices for food produced in an environmentally friendly way

34.0% of farmers think that consumers understand the importance of farmers in securing the food supply

16.4% of farmers think that consumers care about farmer's problems

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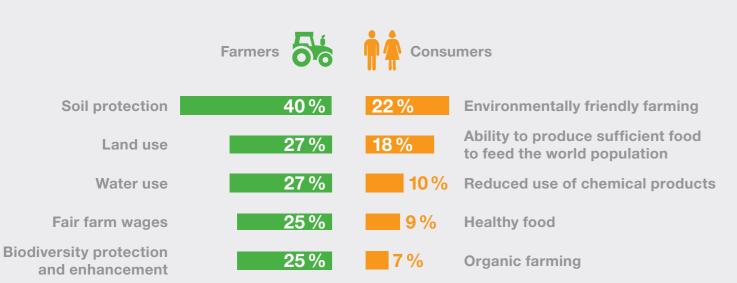
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Question: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements, which reflect some possible consumer attitudes towards agriculture and farmers? % = amount of farmers that answered with 'totally agree' and 'agree'

What sustainability means by country

Farmers give a broad meaning to 'sustainability in agriculture'

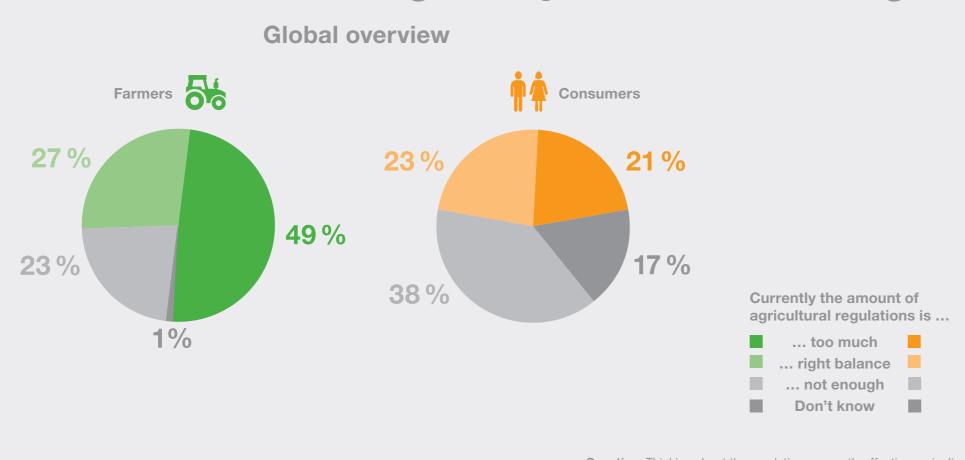
What sustainability means, global

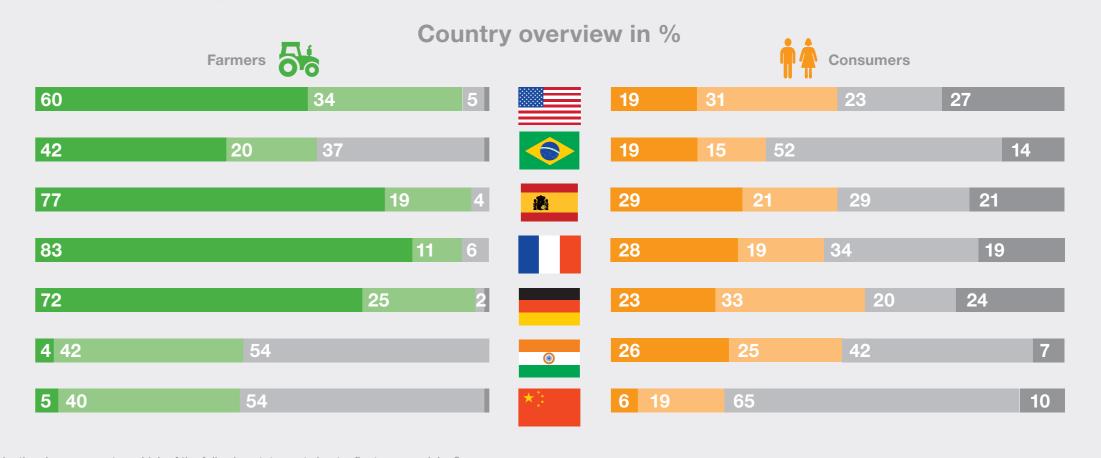


28 % Fair farm wages **29** % Biodiversity **69** % Biodiversity **22** % Soil protection **78** % Soil protection **74** % Soil protection 66 % Soil protection protection & protection & 18 % Land use 17 % Environmentally 32 % Less resource 69 % Land use 54 % Land use enhancement enhancement friendly farming consumption 15 % Soil protection 64 % Water use 48 % Healthy food 8 % Environmentally 62 % Fair farm wages 15 % Biodiversity 29 % Water use friendly farming **Farmers** 53 % Lower resource protection & 8% Fair farm wages consumption enhancement 41 % Environmentally 22 % Ability to pro-**26** % Environmentally **14** % Environmentally **13** % Environmentally **28** % Environmentally duce sufficient friendly farming duce sufficient friendly farming friendly farming friendly farming food to feed the 21% Ability to profood to feed the 12% Reduced use of 14% Reduced use of 12% Ability to proworld population duce sufficient chemical products chemical products duce sufficient duce sufficient food to feed the 20 % Environmentally food to feed the food to feed the 9 % Organic farming 11 % Organic farming friendly farming friendly farming world population world population world population Consumers 9 % Soil protection 16% Reduced use of 10 % Produce in a 10% Reduced use of 25% Healthy food chemical products cost efficient way chemical products

Question: What do you associate spontaneously with 'sustainability' in agriculture? What does it mean to you? % = amount of aspects mentioned from farmers and consumers; multiple answers were possible

Regulatory situation in the agricultural sector puts pressure on farmers





Question: Thinking about the regulations currently affecting agricultural production, in your country, which of the following statements best reflects your opinion? % = amount of farmers and consumers that agreed to the positions given about agricultural regulations

Farmers and consumers share expectations when buying food



Farmers' view on future trends in agriculture

	15% Water shortages	30% Improve- ments in techology	51 % Improve- ments in techology	22% More sustainable agriculture	48% Tougher regulations	68% Water shortages	27% Better price for farmers
2	14% Small farmers will disappear	9 % Climate change	48% Tougher regulations	22% Less reliance on agro- chemicals	37% Small farmers will disappear	56% Labor shortages	26 % Climate change
	12% Tougher regulations	8 % More genetically modified food	32 % More sustainable agriculture	9% Organic farming	11% Organic farming	52% Climate change	25 % Small farmers will disappear

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Methodology



- 300 farmer interviews were conducted in each country among a representative sample of farmers
- In order to be able to directly compare results from the two waves of research, quotas were set in 2014 that replicated, as closely as reasonably possible, the profile of the farmers interviewed during the 2011 study (region, farm size, crops grown).
- Interviews:
- Lasted up to 20 minutes and were conducted by telephone in all countries with the exception of India and China where face-to-face interviews were conducted.
- Were conducted with the person solely or jointly responsible for major decisions for the farm, such as investments and product purchases.
- Were conducted anonymously.

Methodology



- 1,000 consumer interviews were conducted in each country among a representative sample of the adult population*.
- In order to be able to directly compare results from the two waves of research, quotas were set in 2014 that replicated, as closely as reasonably possible, the profile of the consumers interviewed during the 2011 study.
- Interviews:
- To provide continuity from the 2011 survey, the consumer interviews were conducted using an online panel in all countries.*
- The consumer interviews lasted a maximum of 20 minutes.
- Were conducted anonymously.

Note:

* In Brazil, China and India access to the internet is limited to approximately 50 % or less of the population. As a consequence, in these countries, there is an unavoidable bias in the sample towards the better-educated, more affluent consumers living in urban areas with the necessary infrastructure.



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This poster shows the main findings from 2014.

India, Brazil, the USA and China.

In 2014 BASF has commissioned a second wave of a research study to investigate and monitor current perceptions and attitudes about agriculture among farmers and consumers in Germany, France, Spain,

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In 2011 BASF conducted the Farm Perspectives Study for the first time – showing strong agreement between farmers and consumers. The study was conducted in Germany, France, Spain, India, Brazil

perceptions on the one hand, and the realities faced by farmers on the other hand.

The BASF Farm Perspectives Study is designed to examine the gap between consumers' opinions and

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