



# agenda

Welcome / Announcements

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Review Network Activities and  
Goals So Far

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Review Farmer Leadership Roles

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NEXT STEPS

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# REVIEW NETWORK ACTIVITIES

What's working so far? What's been useful?

What isn't working or could work better with some modifications?

How can we best use these hour-long monthly meetings?



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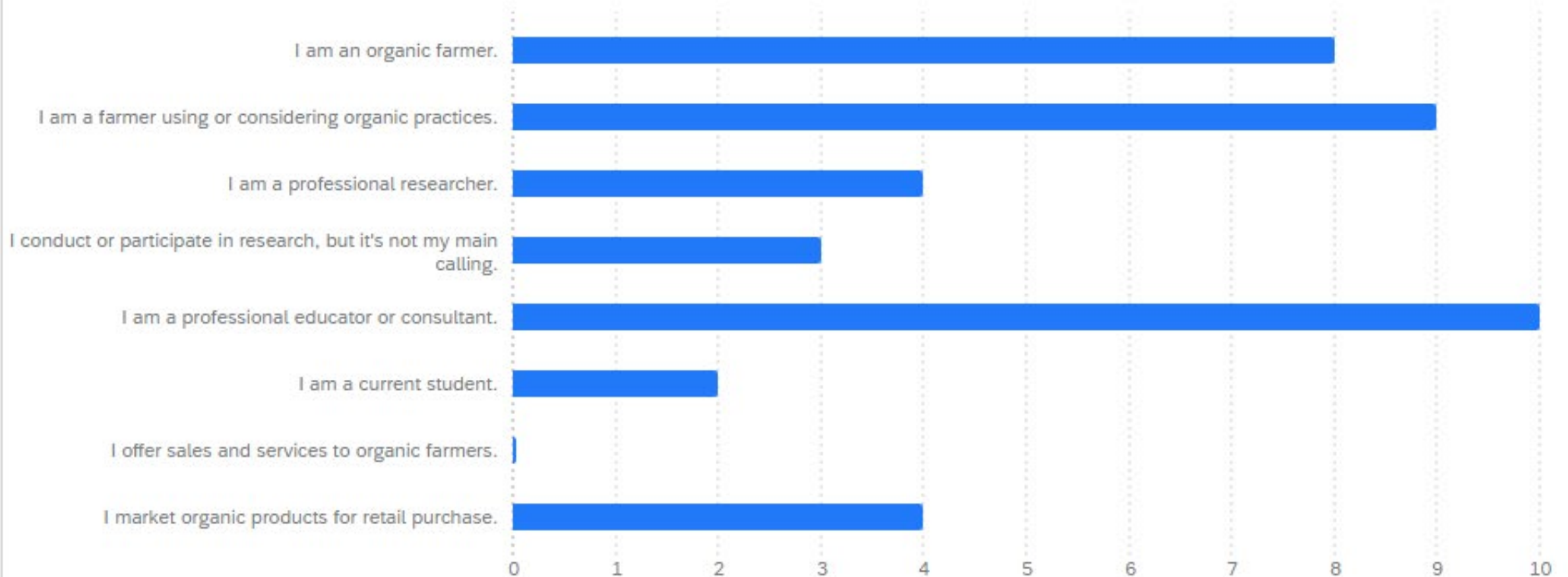
# Review Network Goals

# Survey Results

More than 1/2 respondents had attended one of our in-person meetings or online sessions

And reported a high level of interest in helping this network succeed.

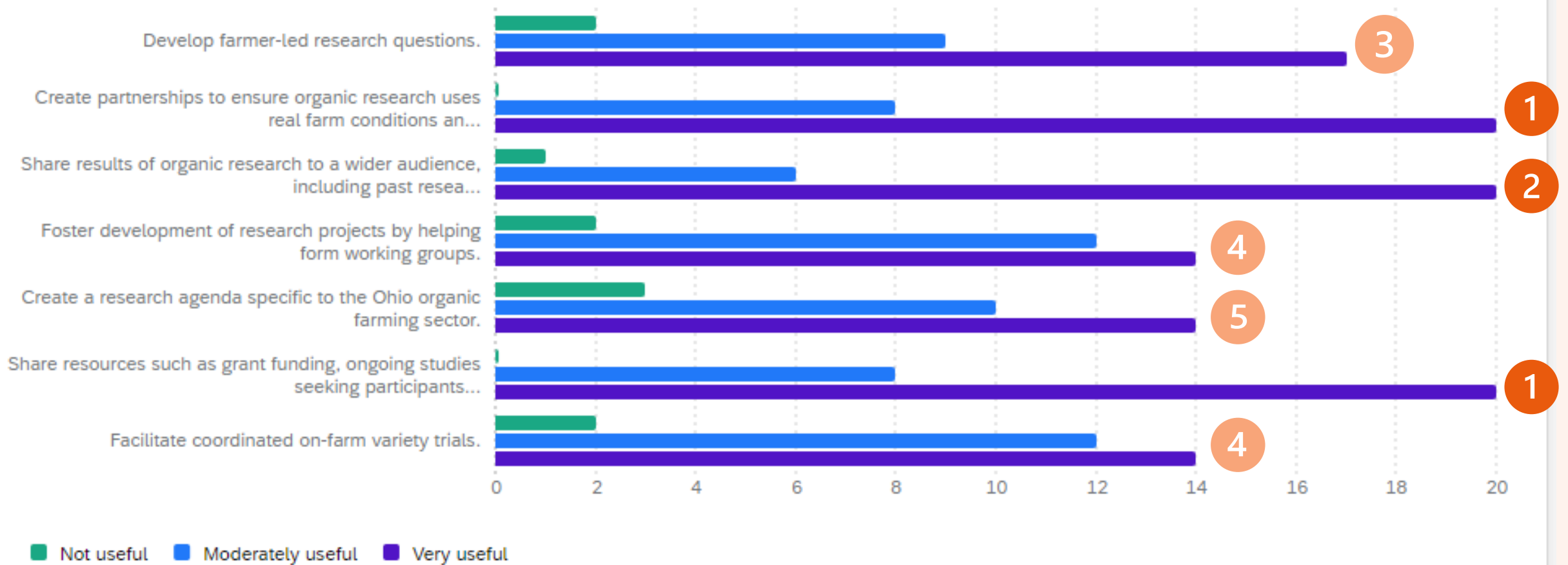
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# Survey Results

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Based on past group feedback, we've created some possible goals for our network. Prioritize these from very us... 28 ⓘ



# Network Goals

- Share resources such as grant funding, ongoing studies seeking participants, etc.
- Create partnerships to ensure solid organic research...
- Share results of organic research to a wider audience...
- Develop farmer-led research questions
- Form working groups
- Coordinated On-Farm Variety Trials
- Organic Research Agenda for Ohio

## What Would You Add to this List?

Matchmaking sessions that pair farmers with researchers with similar interests.

Make it easier to see if research we're interested in has already been done

Compensate those that are participating including research, meetings, opinions, and expertise.

Facilitate coordinated University-farm trials (variety trials and others)

# Farmer Leadership & Compensation

A **Farmer Leader** receives a \$100 stipend (in addition to the participation stipend that all participants are eligible to receive) and is expected to:

- Promote and personally invite other farmers to attend OOFRN events.
- Take part in relevant workshop event(s).
- Participate in group quarterly reflection and planning meetings to discuss promising topics, tactics, and supporting speakers, events, or materials.

A **Farmer Leader Extraordinaire** also does one of these:

- facilitates an in-person workshop small group. (+\$100)
- is a monthly speaker for our research meeting. (+\$100)

The **Farmer Leader Superstar** also

- provides leadership for a working group on a promising research topic towards a proposal. (???)
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# Next Steps

## THINGS WE'RE STRUGGLING WITH

- How do we get from brainstorming a good idea to developing it into a proposal? Best steps? Who should be involved?
- How can our network facilitators be most helpful?
- Suggested partners for the future?



# how we get there

## RESOURCES

- Grant funding
- Existing networks and efforts
- Previous research and knowledge
- Interested farmers with good ideas
- Interested educators and researchers with good ideas
- University research land

## PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED IDEAS

- How can small farms best provide training for current and future generations of farmers?
- Does integrating Organic Methods improve overall pest management?
- Reclaiming heirs' property, especially to address food deserts
- How could we identify and address information gaps using an inclusive and supportive group setting?