

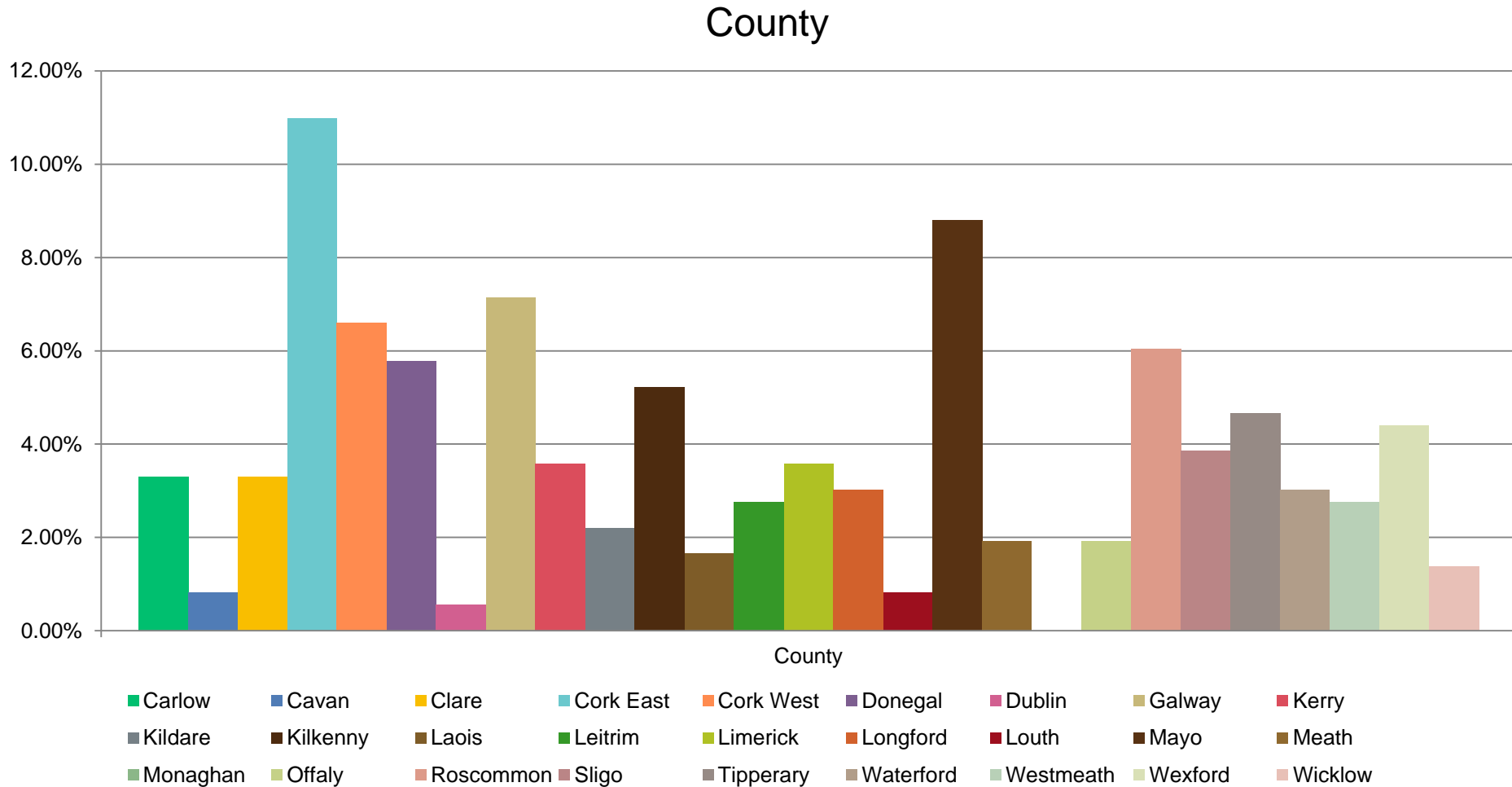


January 2019 Fodder Survey Results

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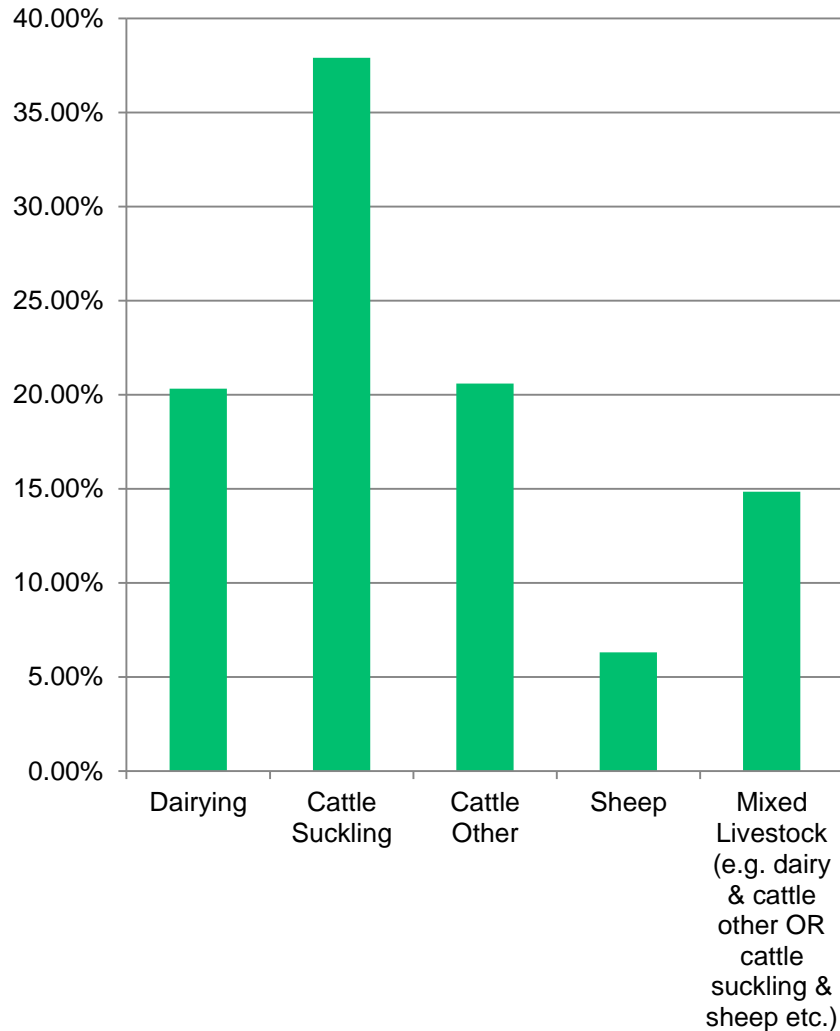
Fodder Survey Results

■ 364 responses

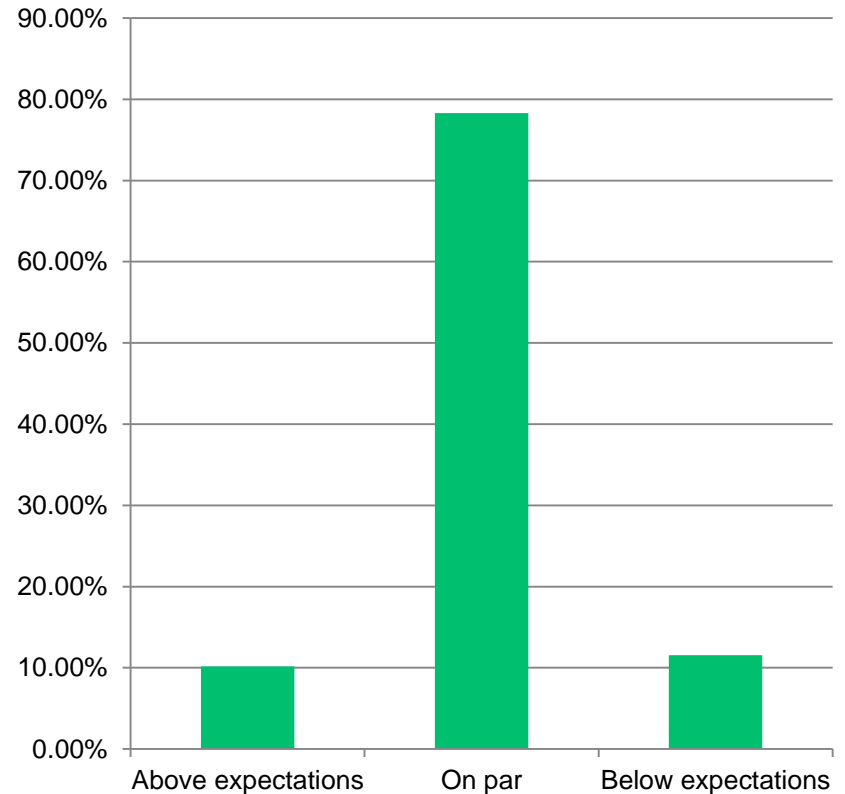


Fodder Survey Results

What is the main enterprise on the farm?

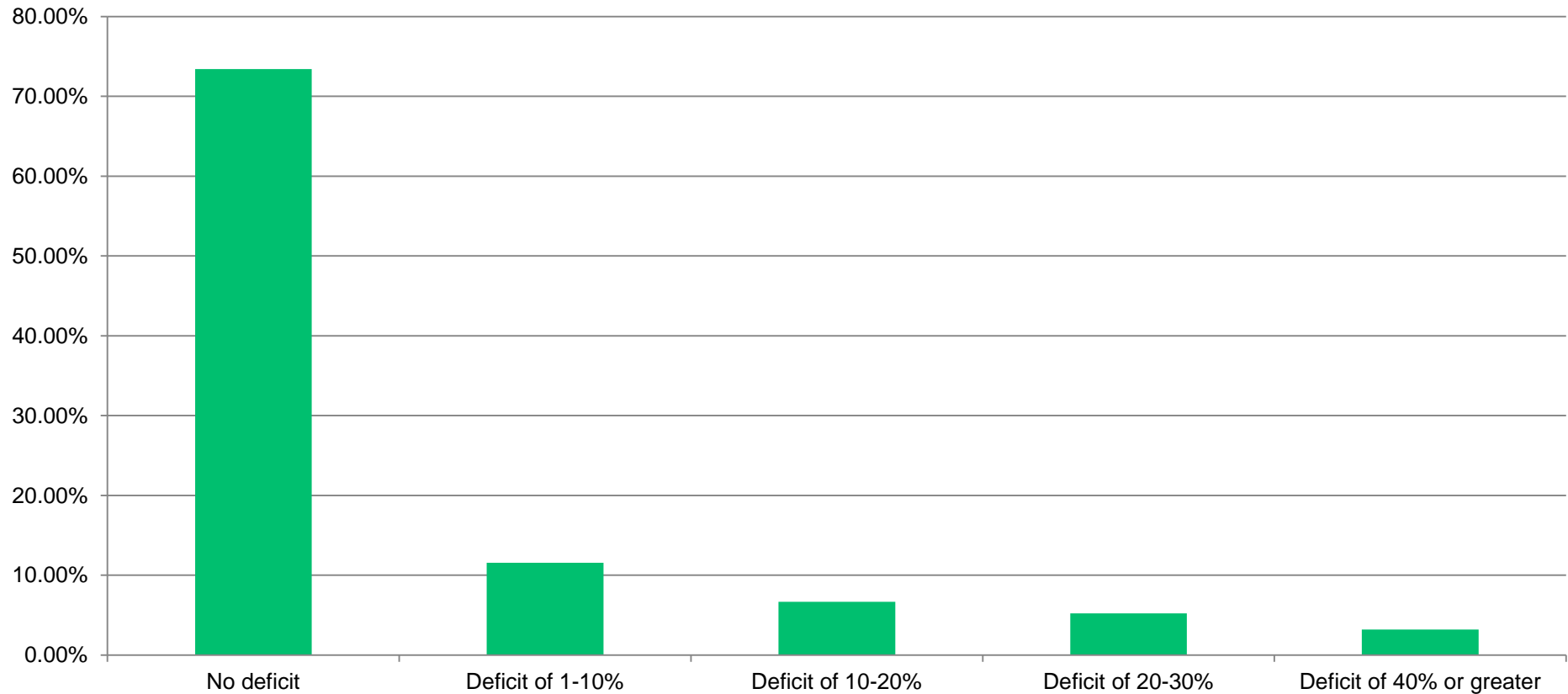


Is the current rate of feed usage on farm above, below or on par with expectations?



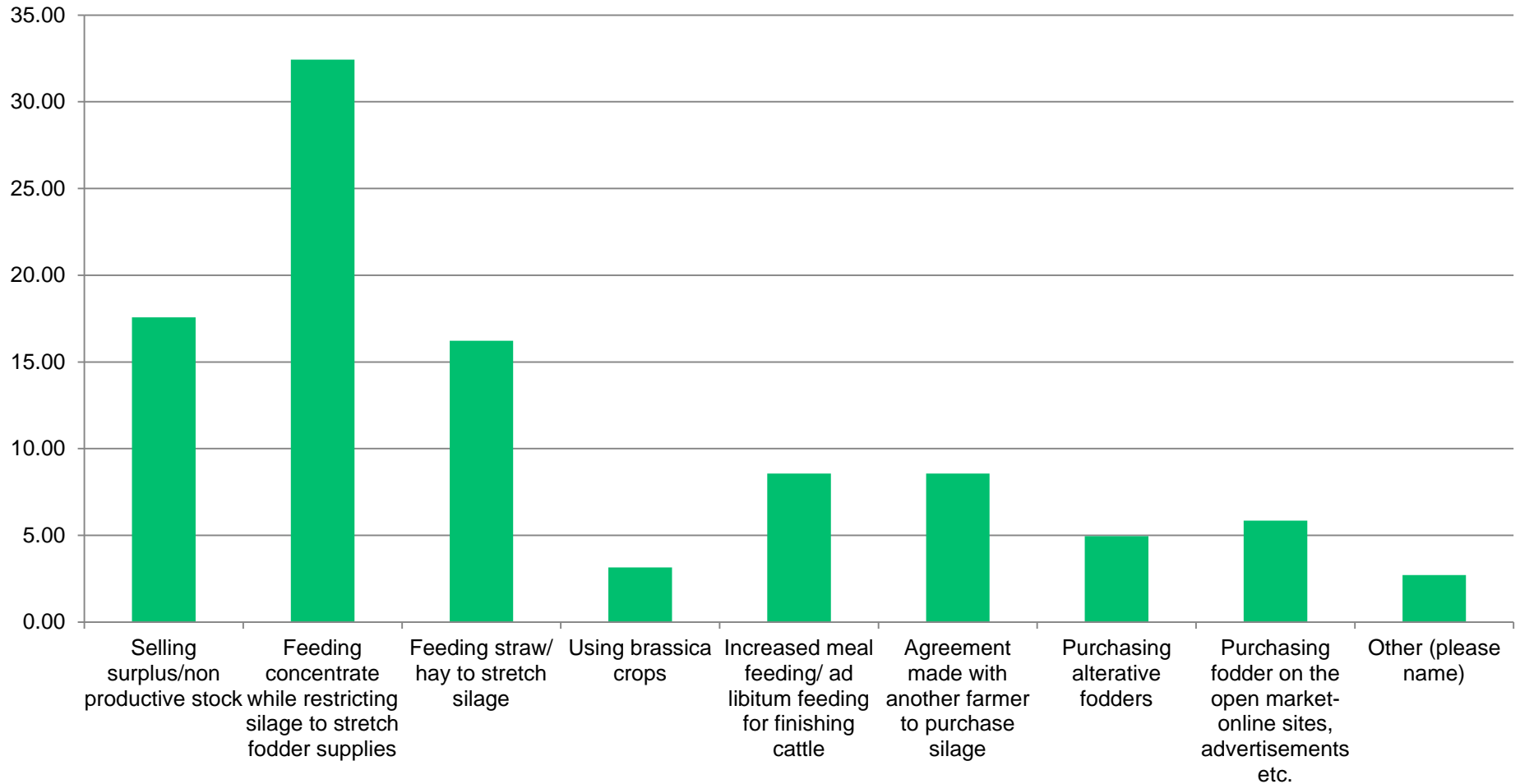
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How much of a fodder deficit is there using all available fodder on farm?



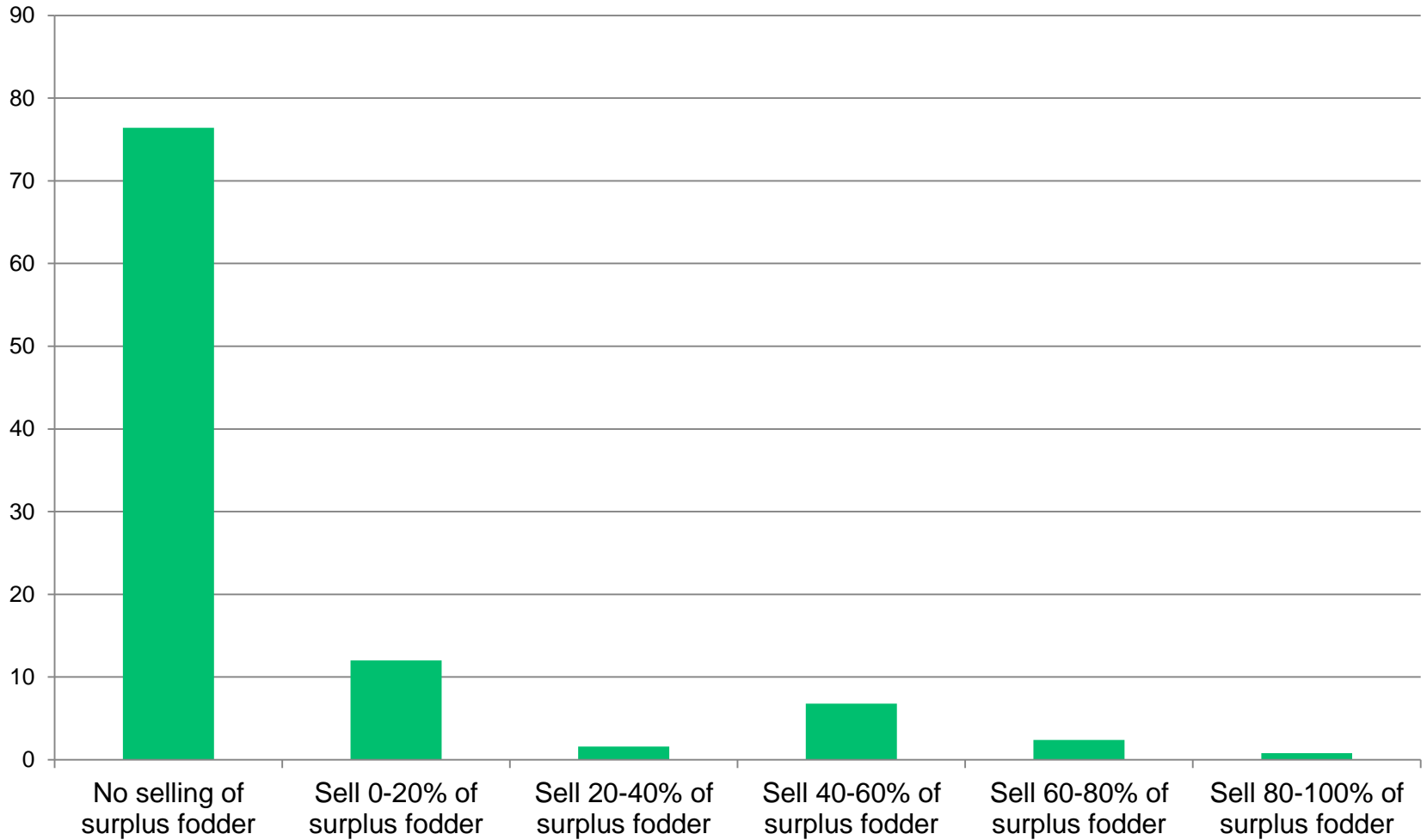
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What measures is the farmer taking to address the fodder shortages on farm? Please select all appropriate measures



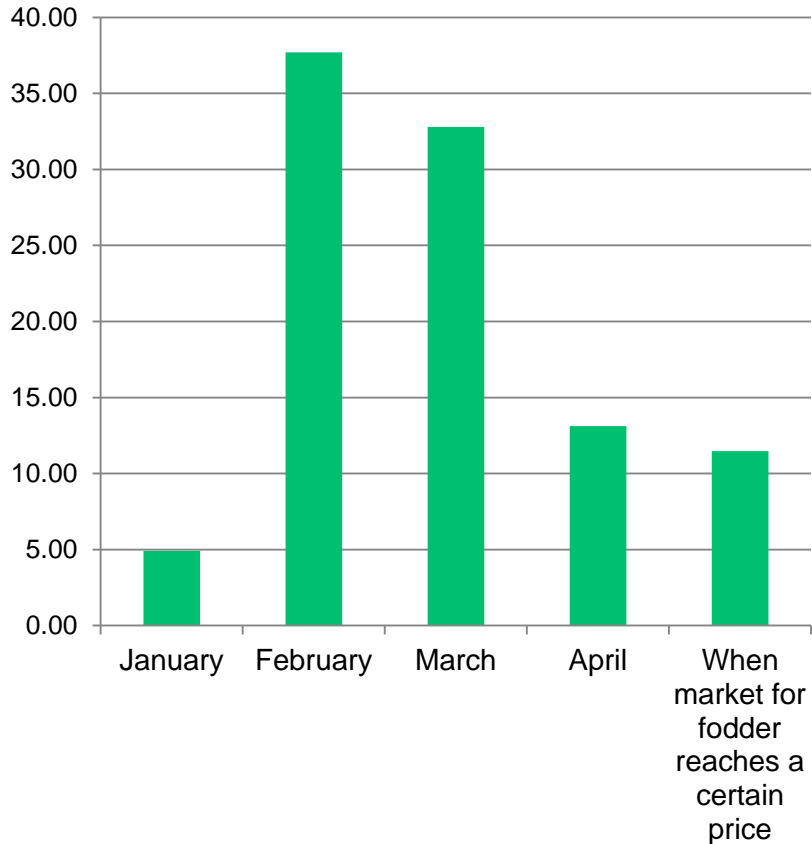
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If there is additional fodder on farm, what proportion of the surplus would the farmer be willing to sell?

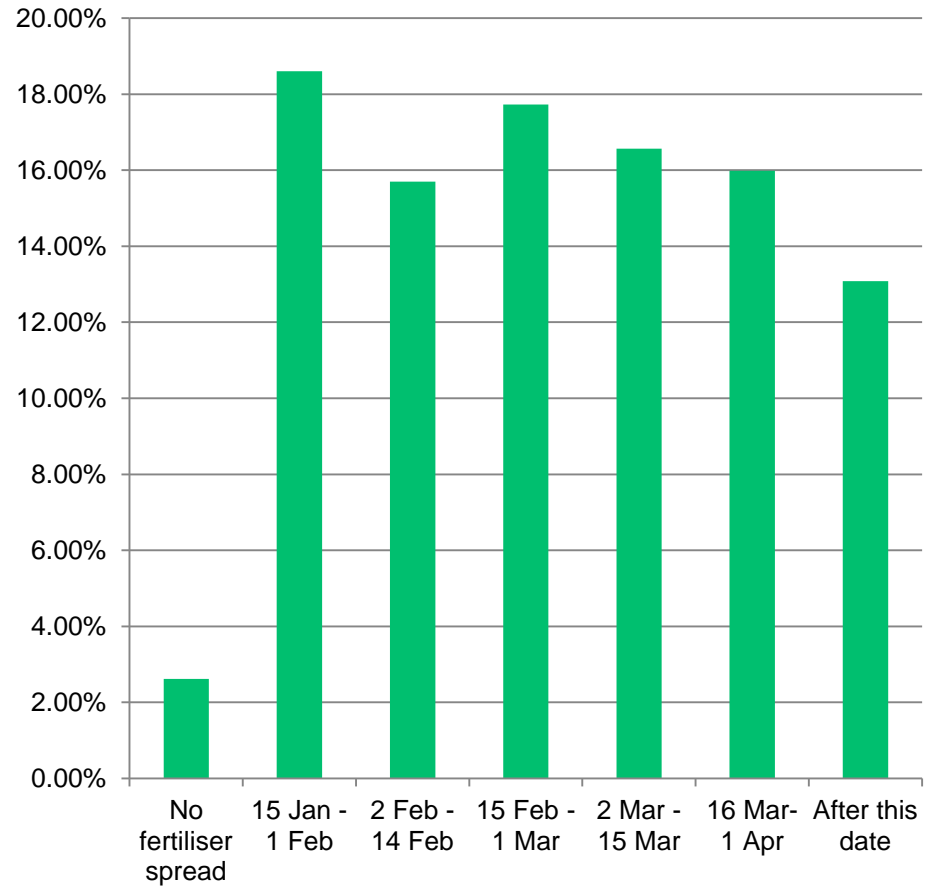


Fodder Survey Results

If there is surplus fodder present on farm, when does the farmer intend to sell surplus?



When does the farmer intend to start spreading bagged/bulk fertiliser in the spring



Fodder Survey Results

What date does the farmer expect stock to be let out to start grazing?

Dairy (date)	Sucklers (date)	0-1 year old (date)	1-2 year old (date)	2+ year old (date)	Ewes (date)
23/02/19	01/04/19	20/03/19	18/03/19	20/03/19	22/02/19

What date does the farmer expect stock to be let out fully to graze?

Dairy (date)	Sucklers (date)	0-1 year old (date)	1-2 year old (date)	2+ year old (date)	Ewes (date)
10/03/19	01/04/19	26/03/19	26/03/19	27/03/19	02/03/19

Fodder Survey Results

What date does the farmer expect stock to be let out to start grazing?

	Dairy (date)	Sucklers (date)	0-1 year old (date)	1-2 year old (date)	2+ year old (date)	Ewes (date)
Leinster	03/03/19	17/03/19	05/03/19	11/03/19	18/03/19	04/03/19
Connacht /Ulster	15/03/19	19/04/19	05/04/19	09/04/19	29/03/19	08/02/19
Munster	18/02/19	28/03/19	13/03/19	12/03/19	15/03/19	18/02/19

Fodder Survey Results

How much fodder is required on farm for the remainder of the winter housing period?

51.2 t DM

205 Bales

How much fodder is available on farm for the remainder of winter housing period?

69.5 t DM

278 Bales

How much fodder is required on farm for the remainder of the winter housing period?

Leinster

61.4t DM

Connacht

/Ulster

31.6t DM

Munster

64.4t DM

How much fodder is available on farm for the remainder of winter housing period?

Leinster

80.0t DM

Connacht

/Ulster

42.5t DM

Munster

80.6t DM

Take Home Messages

- 25 % + of farms are still in a deficit
 - 11.5% of farms <10% deficit
 - 15% of farms >10% deficit
 - 10% deficit is approximately 2 weeks feeding
- Early turn out dates for stock = more grass in diet
- PastureBase AFC is 920 kg DM/ha
 - At 2.5 cows/ha = 8 Kg DM allowance for 45 days this spring on dairy farms

Take Home Messages

- 75% of farms do not want to sell surplus silage
- Opportunities for purchasing silage may be limited
- Still time to prepare for March/April
 - Purchase alternative fodder/Straights/ in advance
- Budget out how many days feeding remaining
 - Leave room to extend past planned turn-out date