



Survey on Protections for Farm Workers in Alberta

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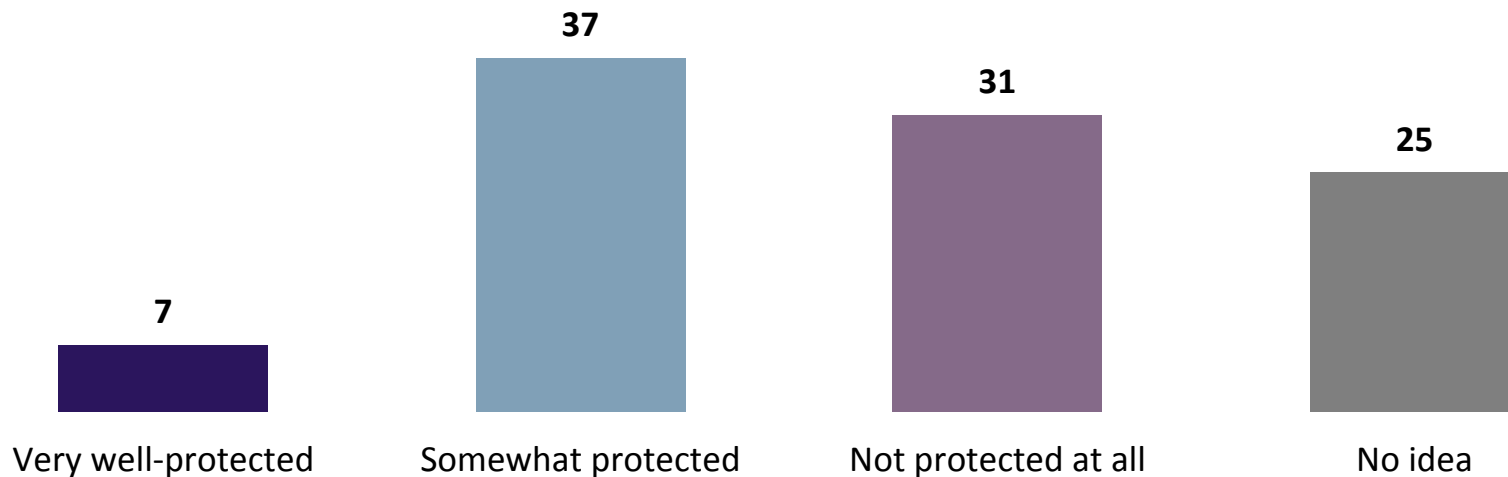
Methodology

- Environics Research conducted an Interactive Voice Recognition (IVR) telephone survey of Alberta residents on behalf of the Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL) on April 27, 2015.
- The margin of sampling error for a sample of 1,265 plus or minus 2.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
- These results are weighted to reflect the demographic and regional makeup of Alberta.



Three in ten Albertans think that farm workers are not protected at all in the workplace

How well-protected are Alberta's agricultural workers by law?

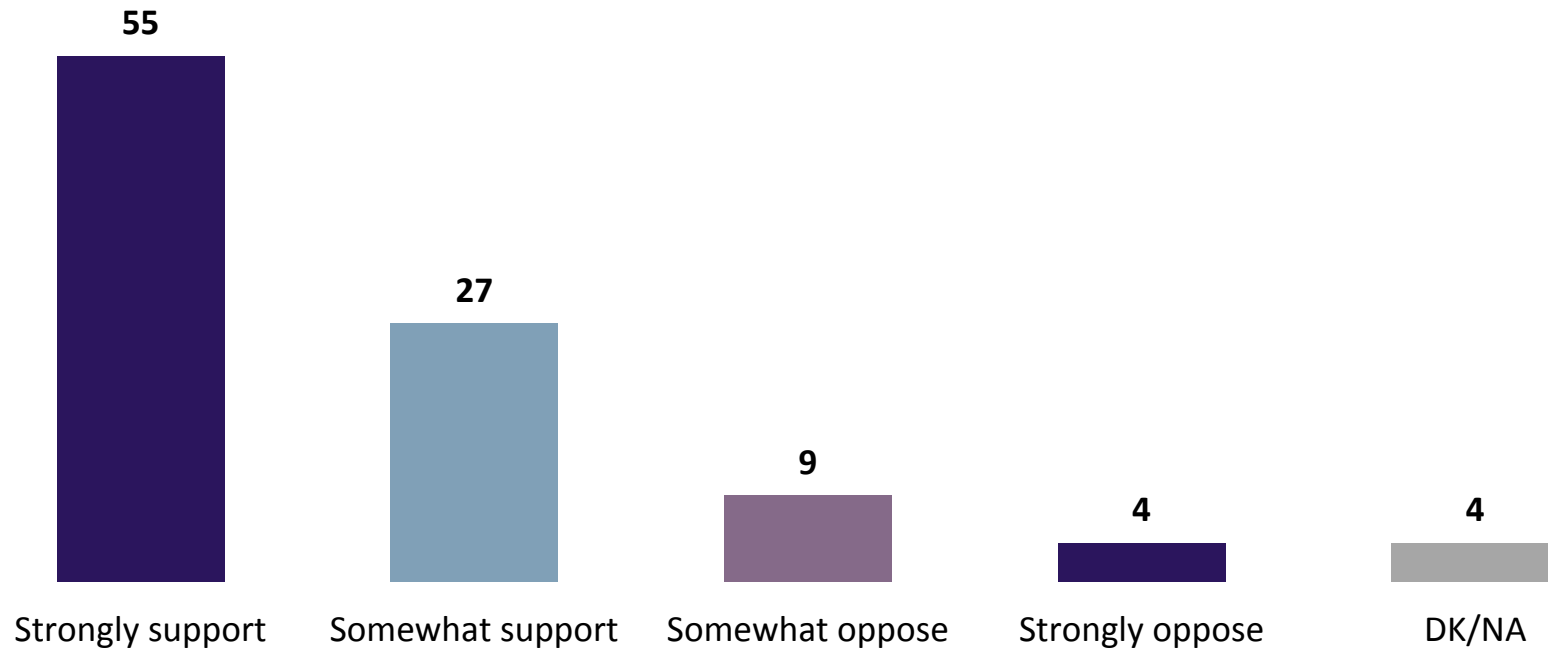


Q4 Agricultural workers are the people who work on farms and are employed by farmers and agri-businesses in Alberta. To what extent do you think agricultural workers in Alberta are protected by workplace protection laws?



The vast majority of Albertans support workplace protection for farm workers

Extending Alberta's workplace protection laws to cover agricultural workers

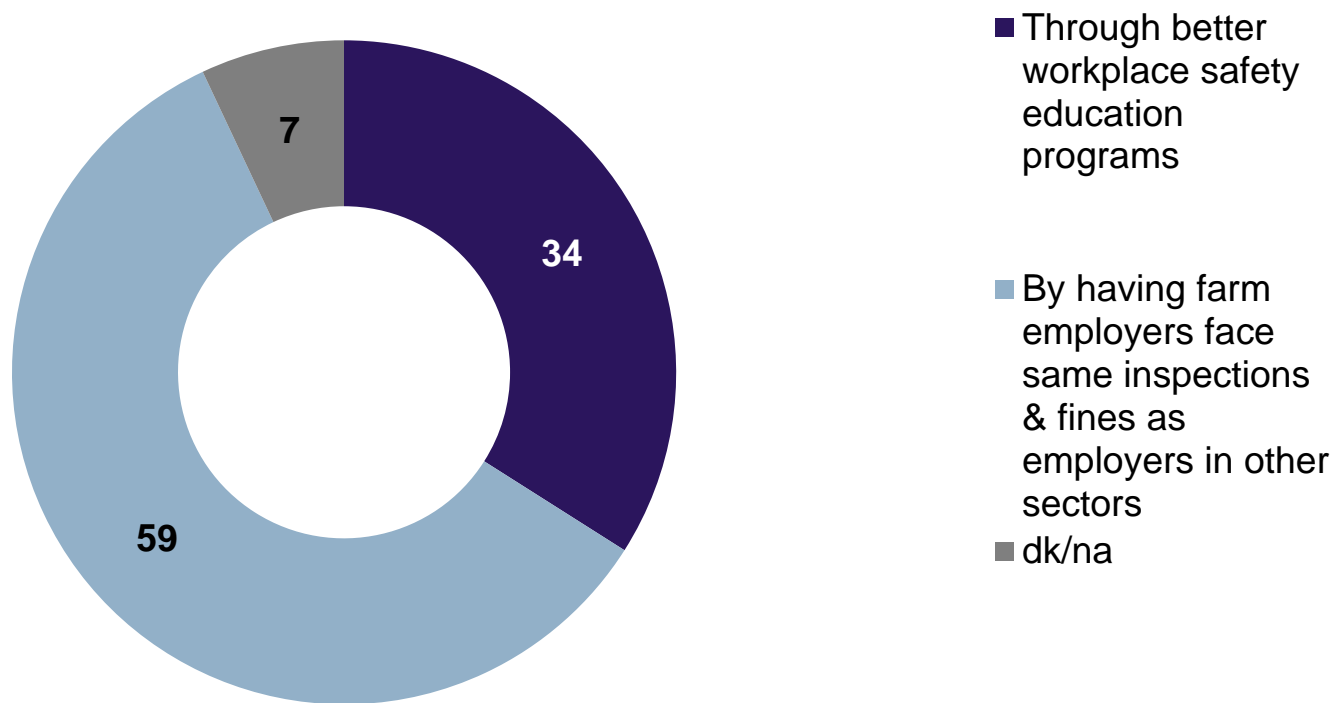


Q5 Alberta is the only province in Canada where agricultural workers are not covered at all under basic workplace protection laws like the Employment Standards Code and the Occupational Health and Safety Code. This means Alberta agricultural workers have no right to things like the minimum wage, WCB coverage or minimum safety standards in their workplace. Do you think Alberta's workplace protection laws should be extended to also cover agricultural workers?



Six in ten Albertans feel the best way to address farm safety is by having employers face inspections/fines

Best way to address workplace safety on farms

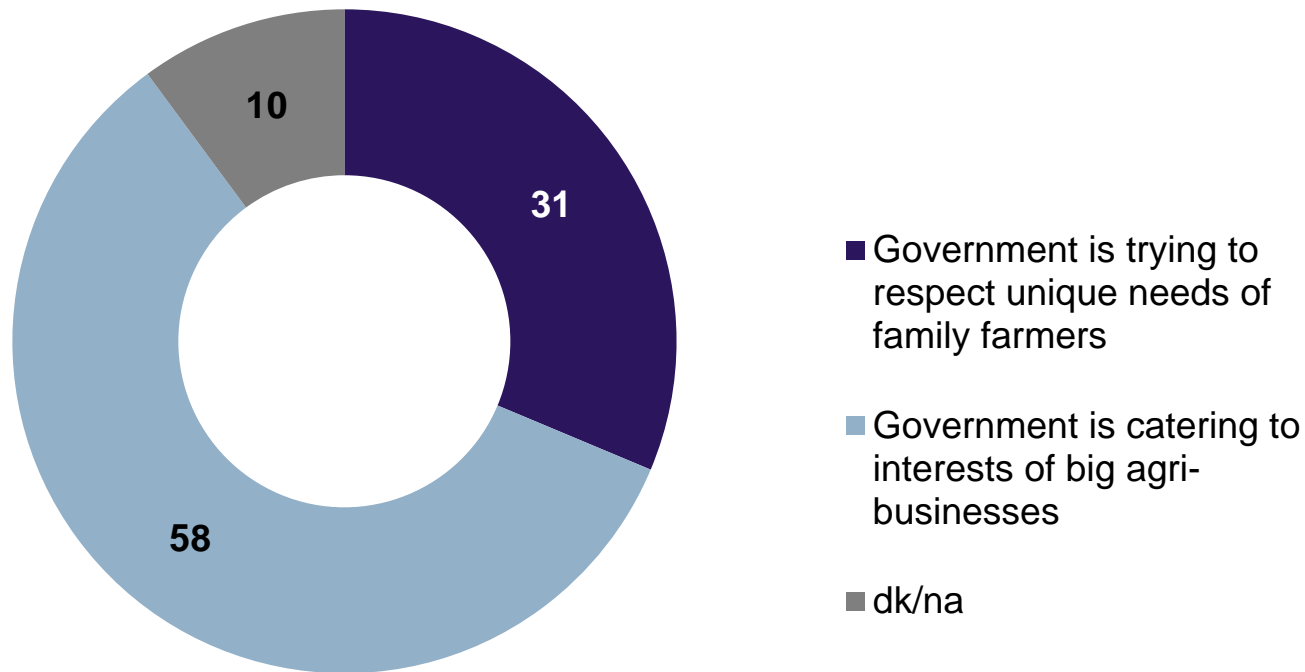


Q6 The current Alberta PC government says high rates of workplace injuries and fatalities on farms can be addressed through better education programs on workplace safety. Others say safety on farms won't improve until farms are covered by workplace safety laws and agricultural employers face the same inspections and fines as employers in other sectors. What do you think? If you think...?



Albertans think lack of protection for farm workers is due to gov't catering to big agri-business interests

Why hasn't Alberta Gov't give agricultural workers basic workplace rights & protections?

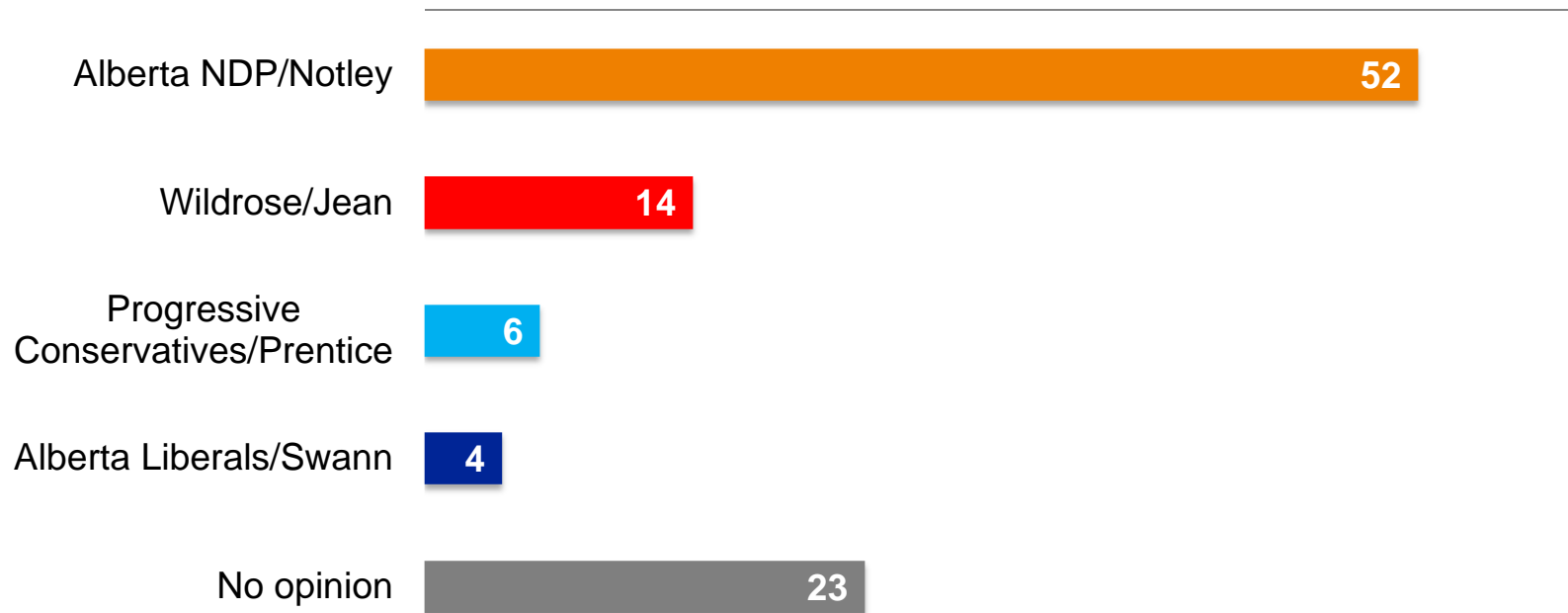


Q7 Former Premier Alison Redford promised to extend basic workplace protections to agricultural workers, but she never did it. Other Alberta PC premiers, including Jim Prentice, have opposed protecting agricultural workers saying they need to respect the unique nature of the family farm. Others say the PC government won't extend rights to agricultural workers because they are catering to the interests of big agri-businesses. Why do you think agricultural workers in Alberta don't have basic workplace rights and protections?



Albertans overwhelmingly think the NDP under Rachel Notley would be most likely to extend workplace protections to farm workers

Most likely to extend basic workplace rights to agricultural workers



Q8 Which of the parties running in the current provincial election do you think would be most likely to extend basic workplace rights to agricultural workers if they were to form government?



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