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**Public Opinion on Farm Subsidies**

**April 23, 2009**

**Questionnaire**

Dates of Survey: March 25-April 6, 2009  
Sample Size: 765

Margin of Error: +/- 3.7 percentage points

**[FULL SAMPLE]**

**STATEMENT:** One final topic, the next few questions are about farm subsidies. These are various forms of financial aid the US government gives to small farms and large farming businesses that produce a variety of crops.

**[3/4 SAMPLE: A,B,C]**

Q38-SUB1. Do you favor or oppose the US government giving subsidies to small farmers, who work farms less than 500 acres?

Favor .....	77%
Republicans.....	73
Democrats .....	82
Independents .....	69
 Oppose .....	 21
Republicans.....	25
Democrats .....	15
Independents .....	27
 Refused/Don't know .....	 3

**[THOSE WHO SAY FAVOR OR DK IN ABOVE]**

Q39-SUB2. Do you favor or oppose the US government giving subsidies to small farmers:

Only in bad years .....	40%*
Republicans.....	41
Democrats .....	41
Independents .....	38
 On a regular annual basis .....	 37
Republicans.....	33
Democrats .....	42
Independents .....	34
 Refused/Don't know .....	 1

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\* Percent of total.

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**[3/4 SAMPLE: A,B,D]**

Q40-SUB3. Do you favor or oppose the US government giving subsidies to large farming businesses?

Favor .....	36%
Republicans.....	36
Democrats .....	35
Independents .....	39
Oppose .....	61
Republicans.....	62
Democrats .....	60
Independents .....	59
Refused/Don't know .....	3

**[THOSE WHO SAY FAVOR OR DK IN ABOVE]**

Q41-SUB4. Do you favor or oppose the US government giving subsidies to large farming businesses:

Only in bad years .....	23%*
Republicans.....	24
Democrats .....	22
Independents .....	24
On a regular annual basis.....	15
Republicans.....	13
Democrats .....	16
Independents .....	16
Refused/Don't know .....	2

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\* Percent of total.

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

D1. Age

18-29 .....	22%
30-44 .....	27
45-59 .....	28
60+ .....	24

D2. Education

Less than high school .....	14%
High school .....	32
Some college .....	28
BA+ .....	27

D3. Race

White, Non-Hispanic .....	69%
Black, Non-Hispanic .....	11
Other, Non-Hispanic .....	5
Hispanic .....	14
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic .....	1

D4. Gender

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52

D5. What religion do you follow?

Christian .....	73%
Muslim .....	*
Jewish .....	2
Buddhist .....	*
Some other religion .....	7
No religious preference/atheist .....	16
Refused/Don't know .....	2

**[ASK ONLY THOSE WHO SAY CHRISTIAN (01) ON D3]**

D5a. Would you describe yourself as a 'born- again' or evangelical?

Yes .....	26%*
No .....	37
No opinion .....	10

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Refused/Don't know .....\*

D6. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

Republican .....	28%
Independent.....	20
Democrat.....	37
Other .....	1
No preference.....	14
Refused/Don't know .....	1

**[ASK ONLY IF INDEPENDENT (02), OTHER (04) OR NO PREFERENCE (05) ON D7]**

D6a. Do you think of yourself as closer to the:

Republican Party.....	9%*
Democratic Party .....	10
Neither.....	16
Refused/Don't know .....	*

**METHODOLOGY**

The poll of 765 respondents was fielded March 25-April 6, 2009 with a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points. It was fielded by Knowledge Networks, a polling, social science, and market research firm in Menlo Park, California, with a stratified random sample of its large-scale nationwide research panel. This panel itself has been randomly recruited from the national population of households having telephones; households without internet access are subsequently provided with free web access and an internet appliance. Thus the panel is not limited to those who already have home internet access. The distribution of the sample in the Web-enabled panel closely tracks the distribution of United States Census counts for the US population on age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, geographical region, employment status, income, education, etc. Upon survey completion, the data were weighted by gender, age, education, ethnicity, and partisan identity. For more information about the online survey methodology, please go to: [www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp](http://www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp).

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