

Survey Marginals

Hello, this is _____, and I'm calling from RMA Research, a national public opinion research firm. We are conducting a brief national survey for the American Corn Growers Foundation on Wind Energy. Let me stress that we are not selling anything and are only interested in your opinions on these issues

Gender [DO NOT ASK]

500	TOTAL ANSWERING
69.8%	Male
30.2%	Female

- How many total acres did you or will you plant in corn this year? (Total corn acres in 2004)**

500	TOTAL ANSWERING
2.0%	0
2.2%	1-99
19.2%	100-150
13.0%	151-200
19.6%	201-300
12.8%	301-400
8.2%	401-500
3.8%	501-600
3.4%	601-700
4.4%	701-800
0.8%	801-900
3.0%	901-1000
4.8%	1001 or more
2.8%	Refused
398.4	MEAN

Text: The farm law that was passed in 2002 included an Energy Title for the first time. That program provided 23 million dollars in mandatory in loans and grants to farmers, ranchers, and small rural business for the purpose of purchasing renewable energy systems, including wind turbines in 2003 and 2004. However, the Bush administration's 2005 budget proposes cutting funds for the Energy Title by \$12 million and changes the remaining \$11 million to discretionary spending. Which means the administration could decide not to make the money available to farmers at all.

- Do you support continuing at least the original \$23 million amount or a greater level of mandatory funding for farmers, ranchers and rural America for the purposes of loans and grants to purchase renewable energy systems?**

500	TOTAL ANSWERING
72.2%	Yes

15.0% No
12.8% [Don't Read] Don't Know
[Don't Read] Refused

□ Do you support the development of wind energy?

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
89.6% Yes
6.4% No
4.0% [Don't Read] Don't Know
[Don't Read] Refused

□ Would you be willing to invest in wind power projects?

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
33.6% Yes
44.2% No
22.0% [Don't Read] Don't Know
0.2% [Don't Read] Refused

□ Which of the following do you believe is the best way for farmers to reap the financial rewards from wind power?

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
35.0% By leasing a small portion of their farm to a power generator for the placement of wind turbines.
29.8% By investing in a farmer-owned wind power co-operative.
12.0% By purchasing a small wind turbine for your own individual on-farm use.
9.6% By owning and placing large scale wind turbines on your own land.
12.8% [Don't Read] Don't Know
0.8% [Don't Read] Refused

□ Do you believe that wind energy can provide additional farm income to your farming operation?

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
65.0% Yes
24.2% No
10.8% [Don't Read] Don't Know
[Don't Read] Refused

□ Should farmers, industry and public institutions promote wind power as an alternative energy source?

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
89.0% Yes
6.0% No

5.0% [Don't Read] Don't Know
[Don't Read] Refused

- Would you be more inclined to invest in wind energy because it produces non-harmful emissions and helps to clean the environment?**

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
80.8% Yes
13.2% No
5.8% [Don't Read] Don't Know
0.2% [Don't Read] Refused

- Should farmers be offered financial incentives such as production tax credits through government programs as one way to encourage wind energy development?**

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
77.4% Yes
14.8% No
7.4% [Don't Read] Don't Know
0.4% [Don't Read] Refused

- With energy prices at very high levels and given the need for the country to become more energy independent for national security reasons, do you believe the Congress and the Administration in Washington, DC should make a major commitment toward the promotion of wind energy?**

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
76.8% Yes
12.8% No
10.4% [Don't Read] Don't Know
[Don't Read] Refused

- In addition to the federal production tax credits for wind energy, the Minnesota legislature put a state-level incentive in place to encourage the development of wind energy power. As a result Minnesota has greatly expanded its number of wind farms. Should other state legislatures follow Minnesota's lead and pass similar wind power incentives?**

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
81.2% Yes
7.4% No
11.0% [Don't Read] Don't Know
0.4% [Don't Read] Refused

- Do you agree or disagree that rural electric co-operatives should help support and promote wind energy?**

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
84.8% Agree
7.2% Disagree
7.6% [Don't Read] Don't Know
0.4% [Don't Read] Refused

- **Members of Congress from the Midwest and other regions are pushing for federal action to encourage the upgrading of existing and the construction of new electric transmission lines as a “farm-to-market” road to better market the power generated from wind turbines and wind farms in rural areas. The American Corn Growers Association has endorsed this action and told Congress that new transmission lines are desperately needed in rural America. Do you agree or disagree that Congress and the federal government should move ahead quickly to encourage new transmission capacity as a way to move electric power from wind farms to consumer markets?**

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
79.0% Agree
8.8% Disagree
12.0% [Don't Read] Don't Know
0.2% [Don't Read] Refused

- **States with laws requiring utility companies to accept electricity from wind turbines onto the power grid are seeing more successful wind power development. Do you agree or disagree that electric utility companies should be required to accept electricity generated by wind farms as part of their power generation mix?**

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
86.2% Agree
7.4% Disagree
6.2% [Don't Read] Don't Know
0.2% [Don't Read] Refused

- **In November of 2003 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ordered a rural electric coop to abide by the law and follow the Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act by connecting a farmer-owned wind turbine to the electric grid. Do you agree or disagree that Rural Electric Coops should not just follow the law but also work in a positive way with farmers to purchase their wind generated power by facilitating wind turbine connection to their power grid?**

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
85.4% Agree

6.2% Disagree
8.2% [Don't Read] Don't Know
0.2% [Don't Read] Refused

- Many urban and rural consumers buy their electricity from public power districts. Most of that power comes from coal, natural gas, or nuclear-powered generation plants purchased out of state. Do you agree or disagree that farmers, landowners and investors should be able to sell electricity from wind turbines to public power districts and that public power districts should be required to purchase that electric power from farmer-owned wind farms?**

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
82.4% Agree
8.4% Disagree
8.6% [Don't Read] Don't Know
0.6% [Don't Read] Refused

[ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS FROM NEBRASKA]

- Do you agree or disagree that the Nebraska Public Power District, as a publicly-owned electric power reseller, distributor and provider, should be required to purchase electricity from farmer-owned Nebraska wind farms?**

60 Base: Nebraska only
81.7% Agree
8.3% Disagree
10.0% [Don't Read] Don't Know
[Don't Read] Refused

- The U.S. Senate recently passed legislation which extended the wind energy production tax credit (incentive) until 2007. Do you agree or disagree that the U.S. House of Representatives should quickly follow the Senate's lead and pass the same wind energy production tax credit for at least three years so as to encourage new wind energy projects?**

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
88.6% Agree
3.8% Disagree
7.0% [Don't Read] Don't Know
0.6% [Don't Read] Refused

Q State

500 TOTAL ANSWERING
1.4% CO

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19.8%	IL
7.8%	IN
20.4%	IA
3.4%	KS
1.6%	KY
2.6%	MI
10.0%	MN
3.2%	MO
12.0%	NE
1.4%	ND
5.2%	OH
1.2%	PA
4.4%	SD
1.6%	TX
4.0%	WI