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- **57%** of farmers and ranchers believe they need land to expand their agricultural operations
- **84%** agree that residential development is reducing the amount of agricultural land available for production.
- **92%** of producers agree that current real estate prices have made it difficult to purchase or lease land for agricultural production.
- **81%** agree that land availability is currently limiting producers from expanding their operations; and
- **84%** agree that loss of agricultural land is a *present* threat to County agriculture production; and
- **94%** agree that the loss of agricultural land will be a *future* threat.
- **86%** The surrounding natural environment is extremely important to the quality of life in Humboldt County.
- **83%** agree that stronger zoning should be used to prevent the conversion of Ag lands to non-Ag uses.
- **70%** agree that Urban Growth Boundaries should be developed around residential centers
- Over **70%** give as major reasons for living here:
 - the quality of life
 - the quality of the natural environment
 - to be part of a small community
 - the beauty of the community
 - to live in a rural area

From: *Humboldt County Agriculture Survey: Summary Report*, 2003 survey prepared by Ben Morehead of Humboldt State University Department of Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences, in conjunction with the Farm Bureau of Humboldt County.

Other figures from *Humboldt County Critical Choices Report*