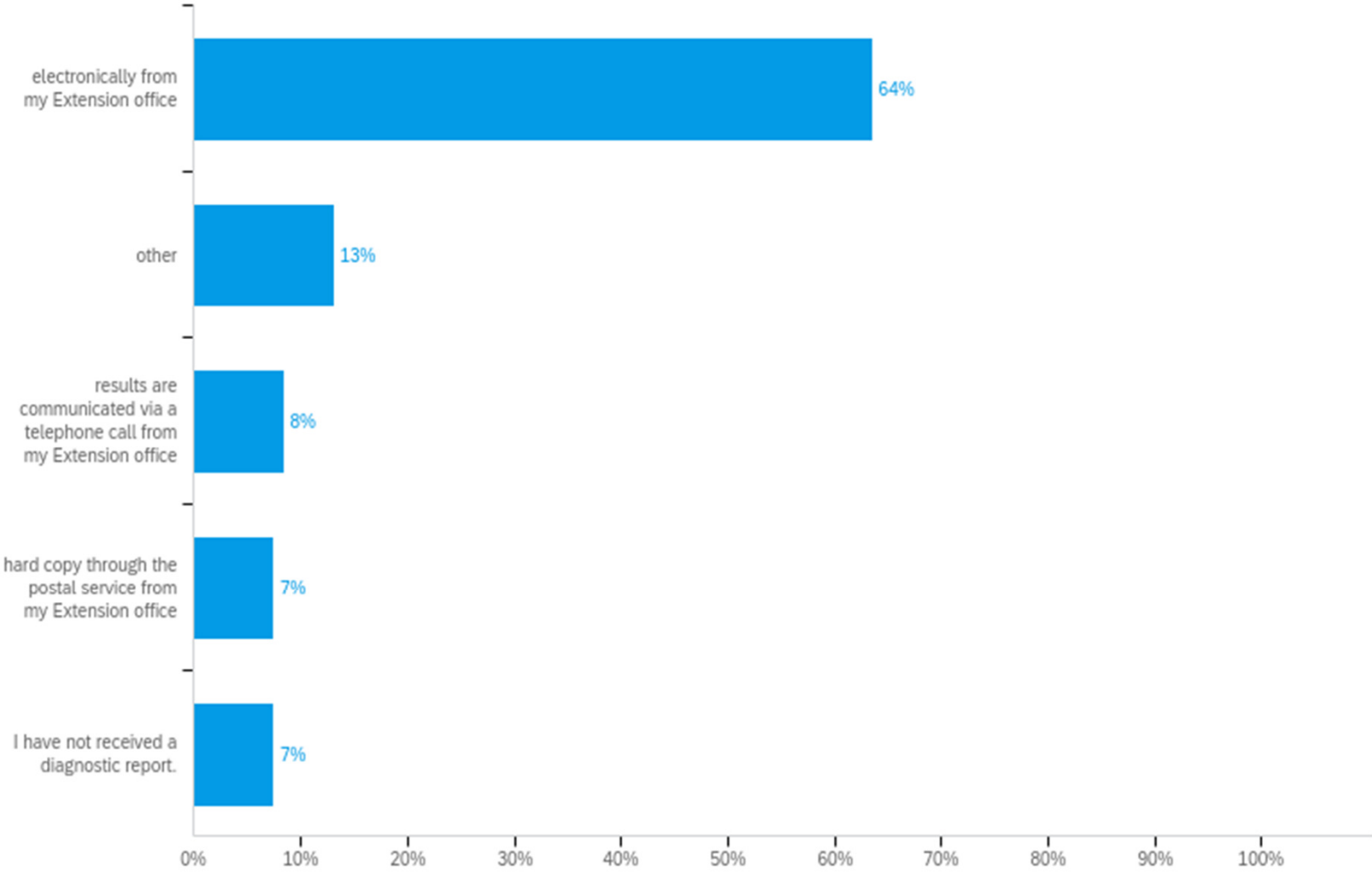


Virginia Tech Plant Disease Clinic Home Grower Clientele Survey 2020

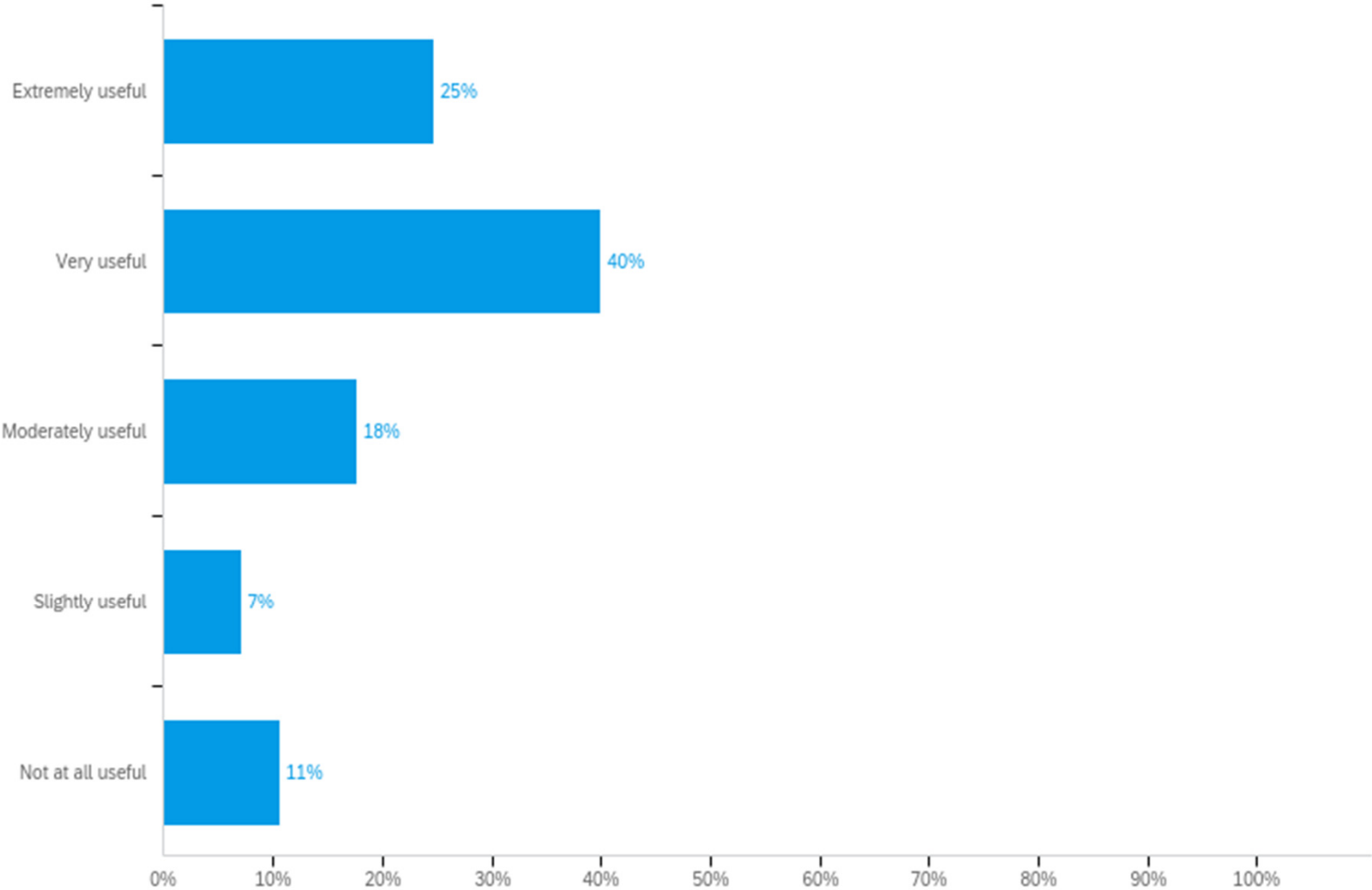
As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 was a very different year in the Plant Disease Clinic. The number of samples submitted for diagnosis was 45% (total #761) of the samples received in 2019 (total #1695). In addition, physical samples could be submitted only by commercial growers. Home growers relied on electronic submission of diagnostic samples, as digital images. Questions relating to electronic sample submission were added to the 2020 survey.

- In November 2020 an electronic Qualtrics survey was emailed to home grower clients who included an email address on their form and submitted a plant sample for diagnosis in 2020.
- Of 230 successfully delivered emails, 108 home grower clients responded to the survey (47% response rate).

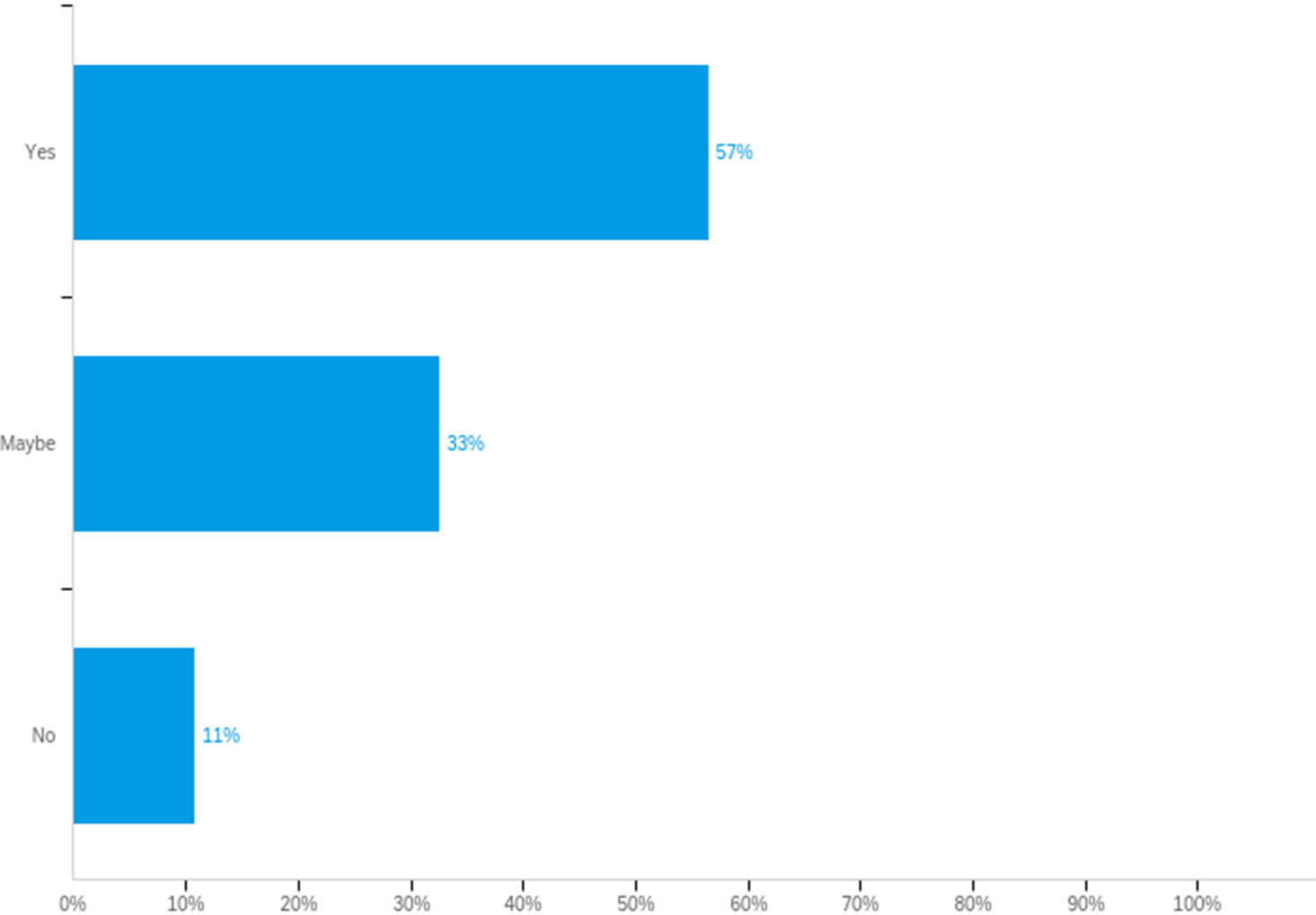
How do you generally receive your Virginia Tech Plant Disease Clinic diagnostic report(s)?



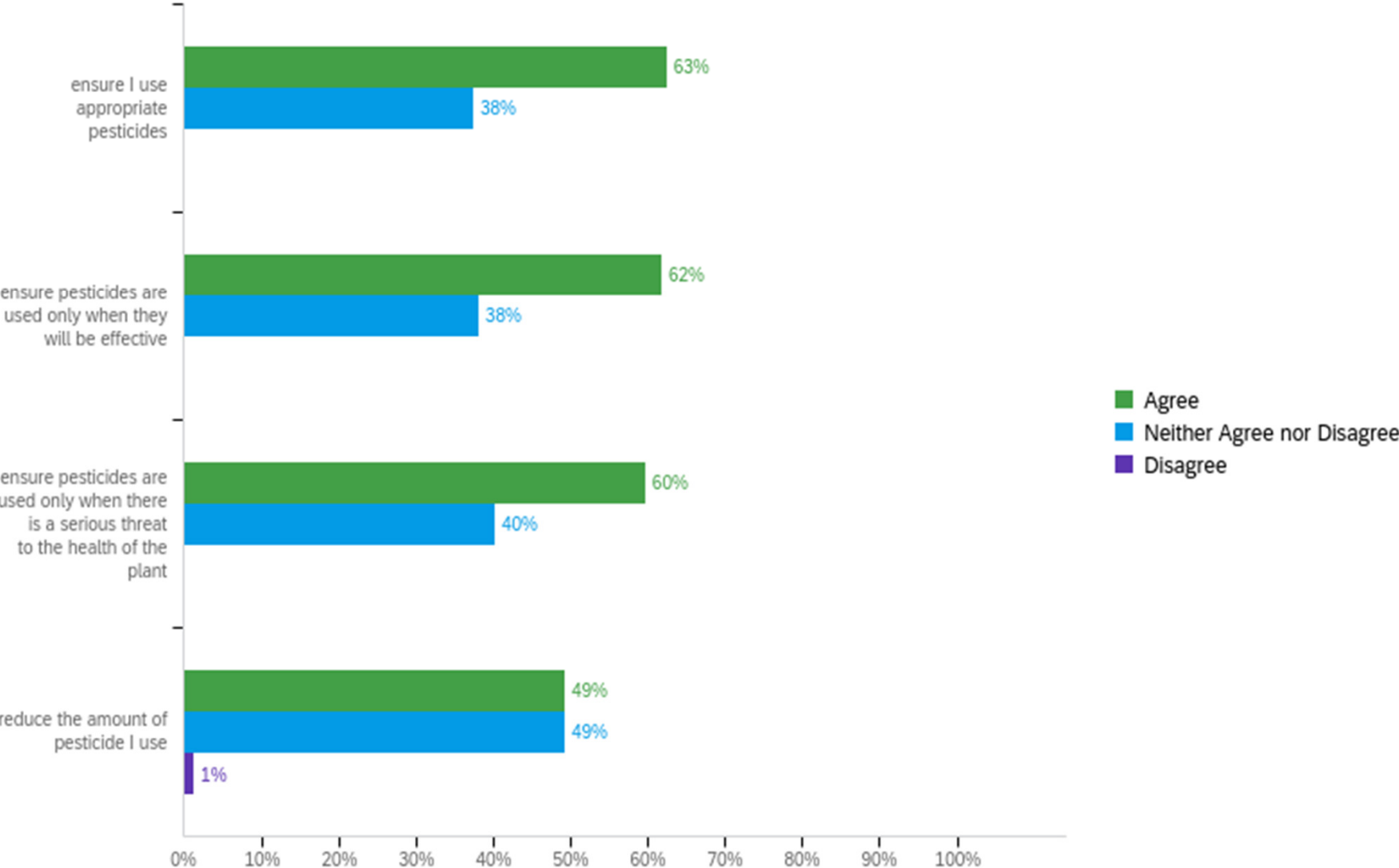
Because of COVID-19 and its impact on staffing and mail services, the Clinic modified its sample submission policy on 4/7/20 by limiting non-commercial growers to electronic submission of digital images and a completed diagnostic form, rather than submission of a physical plant sample. **Did you find the Plant Clinic electronic diagnostic service useful?**



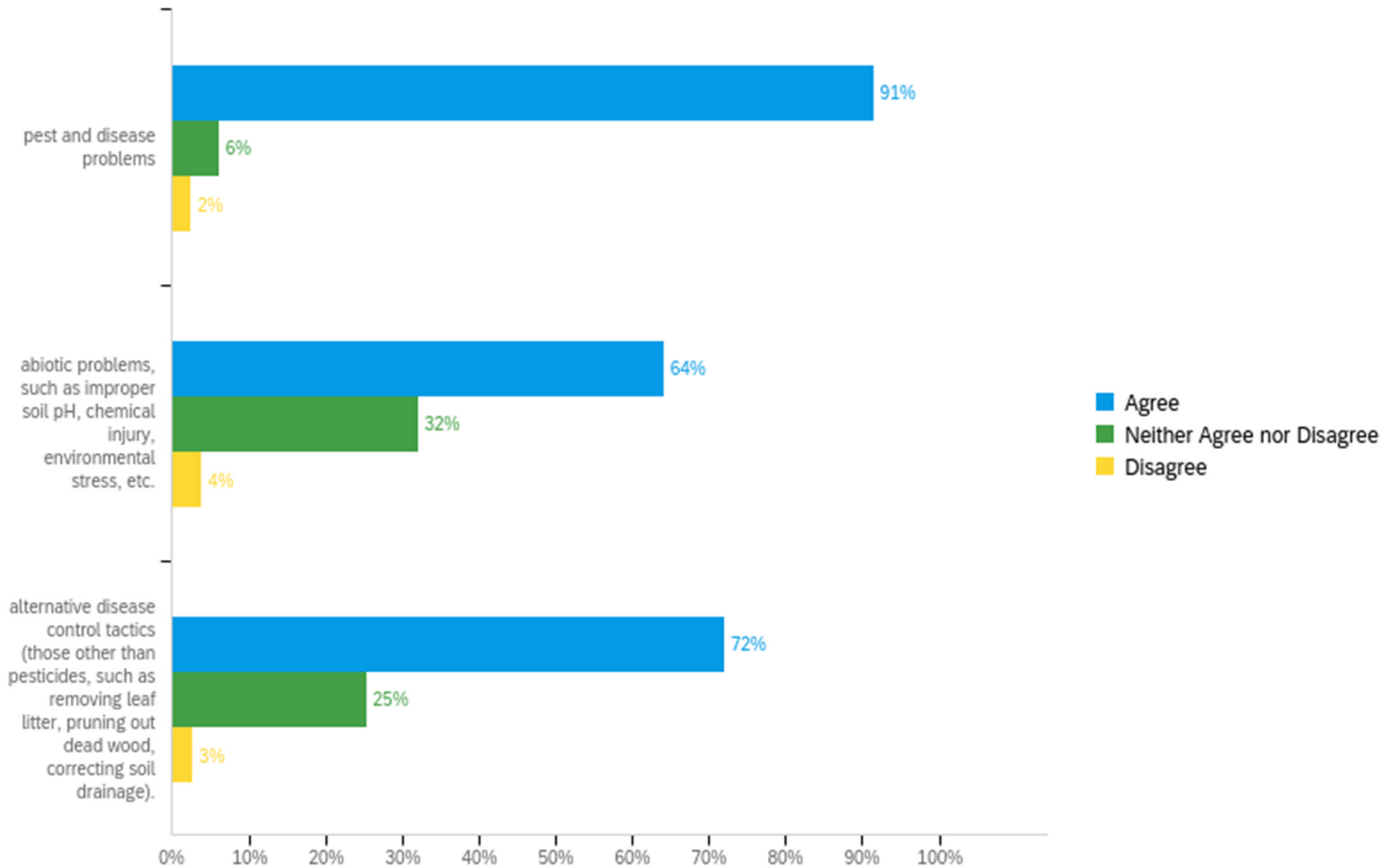
When the Plant Clinic resumes its normal sample submission policy, do you see any benefit to having the option to submit an electronic sample submission (with the option of following up with submission of a physical plant sample, if needed for accurate diagnosis)?



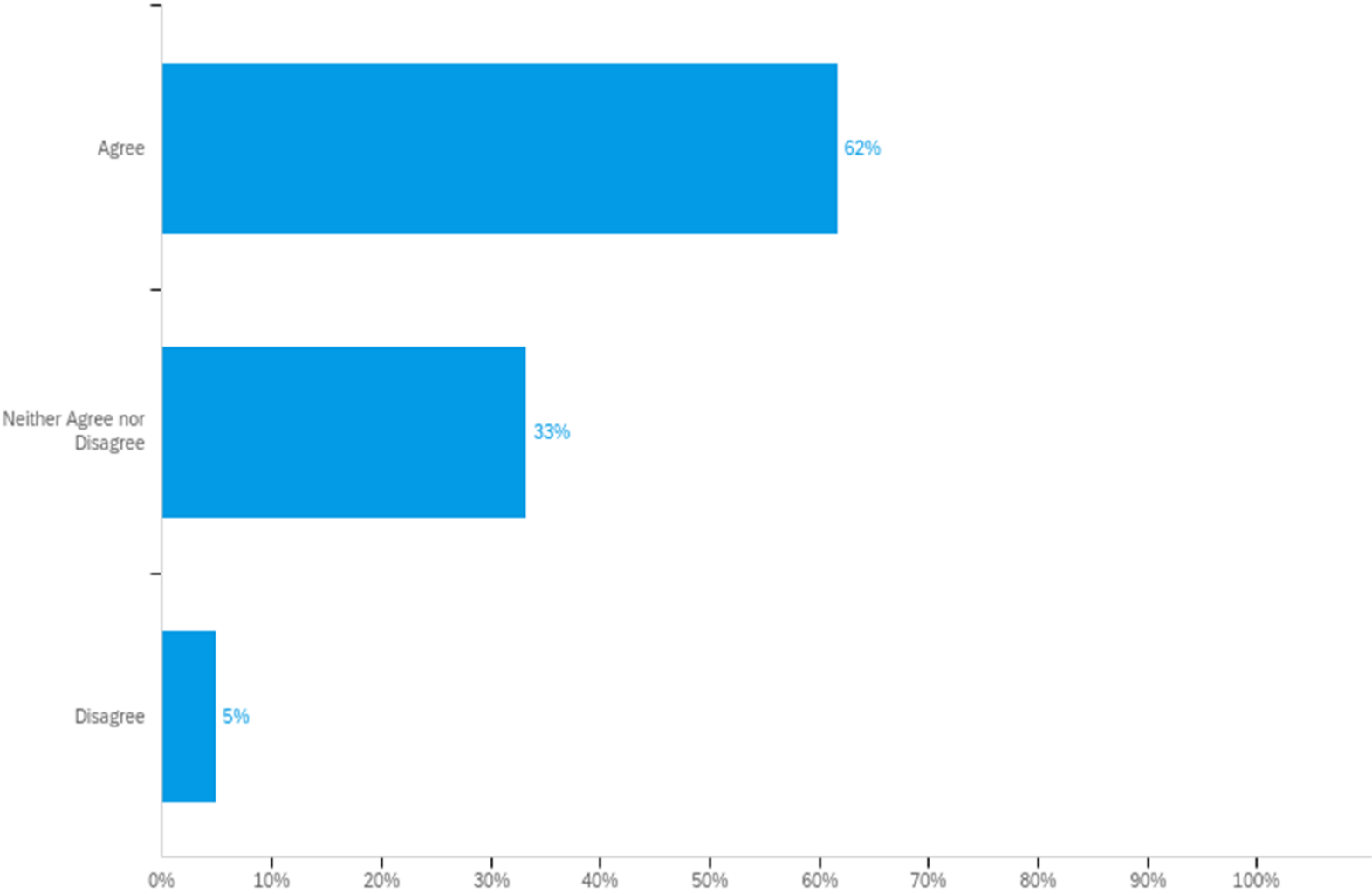
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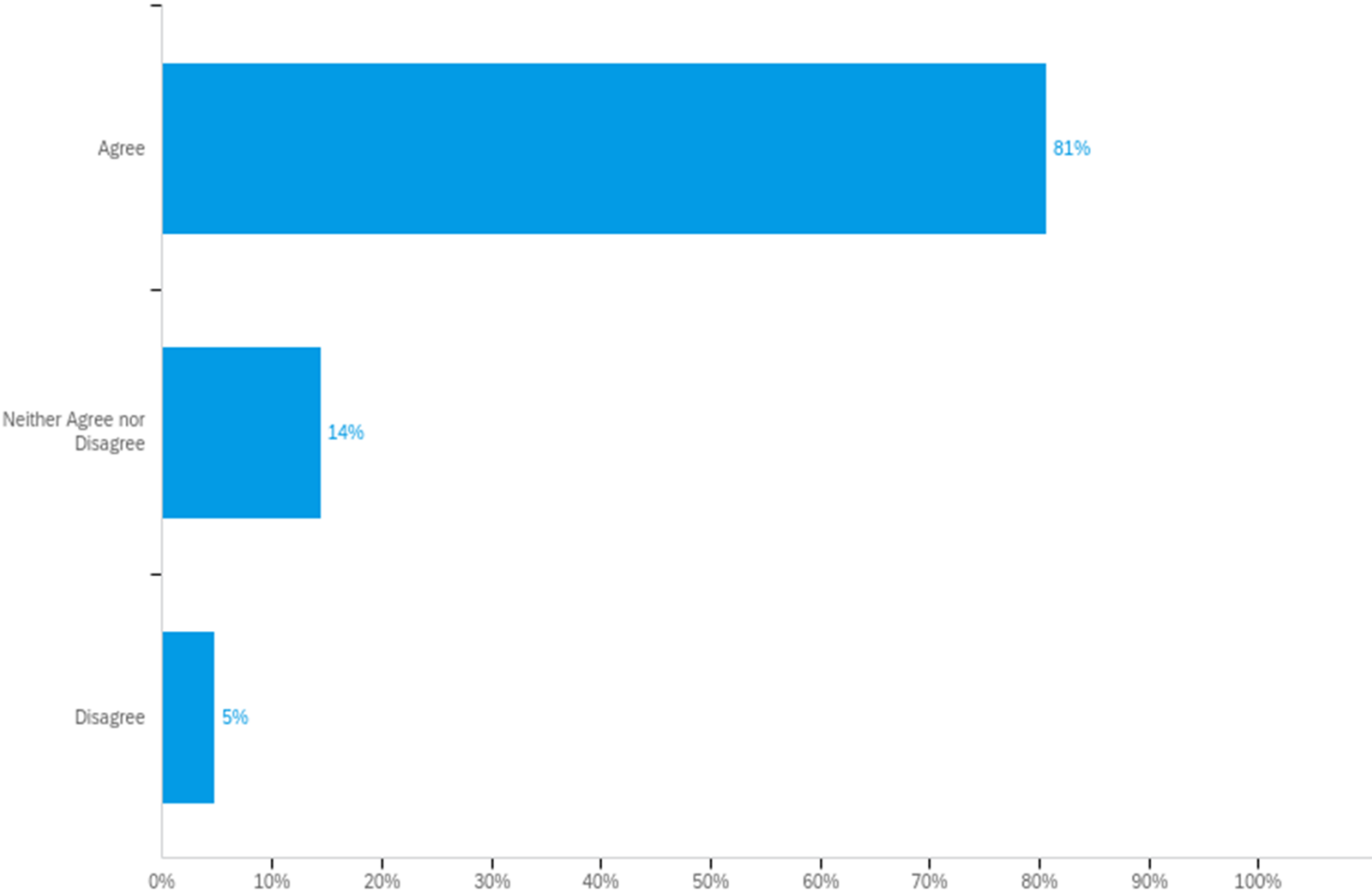
Plant Disease Clinic diagnostic services increase my knowledge of:



The Plant Disease Clinic services help me implement alternative control tactics (those other than pesticides) in my home garden and/or landscape.



The Plant Disease Clinic diagnostic services ensure accurate diagnosis.



I value the services provided by the Plant Disease Clinic.

