

Quality of life and upland farming futures

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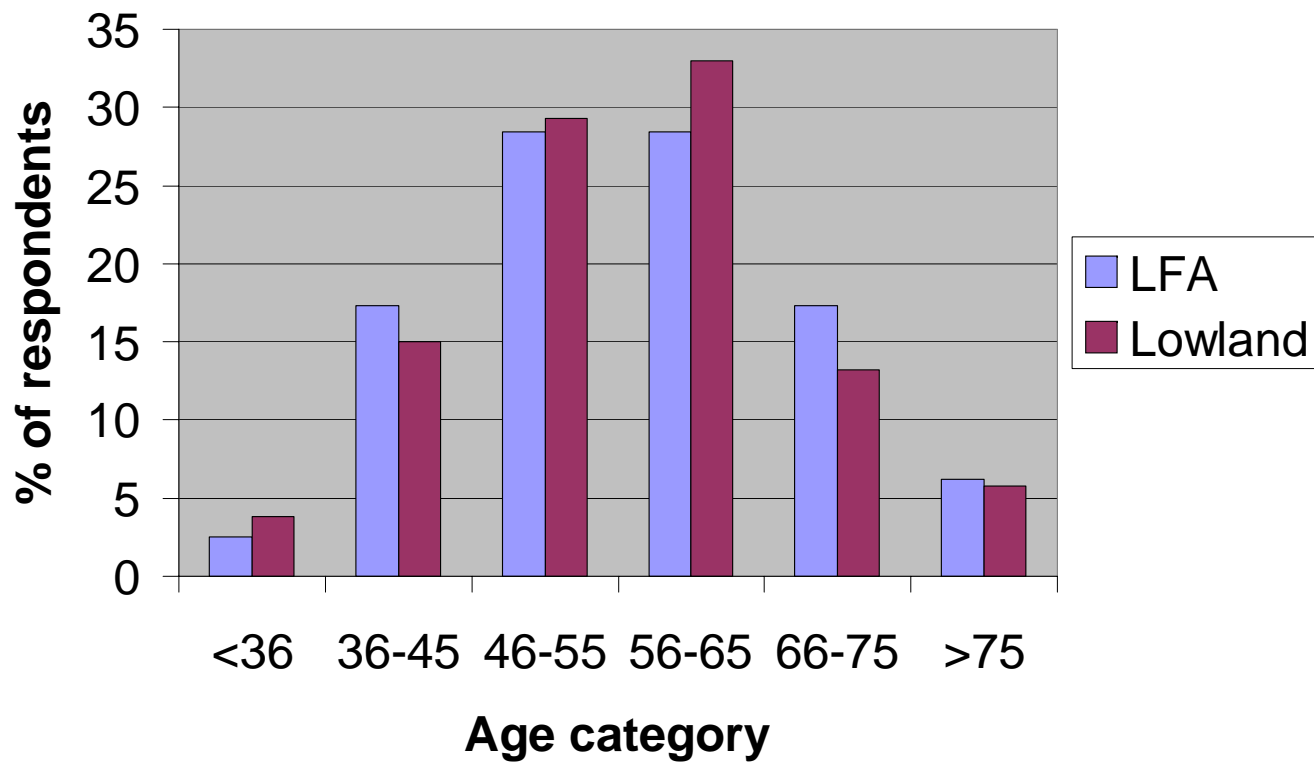
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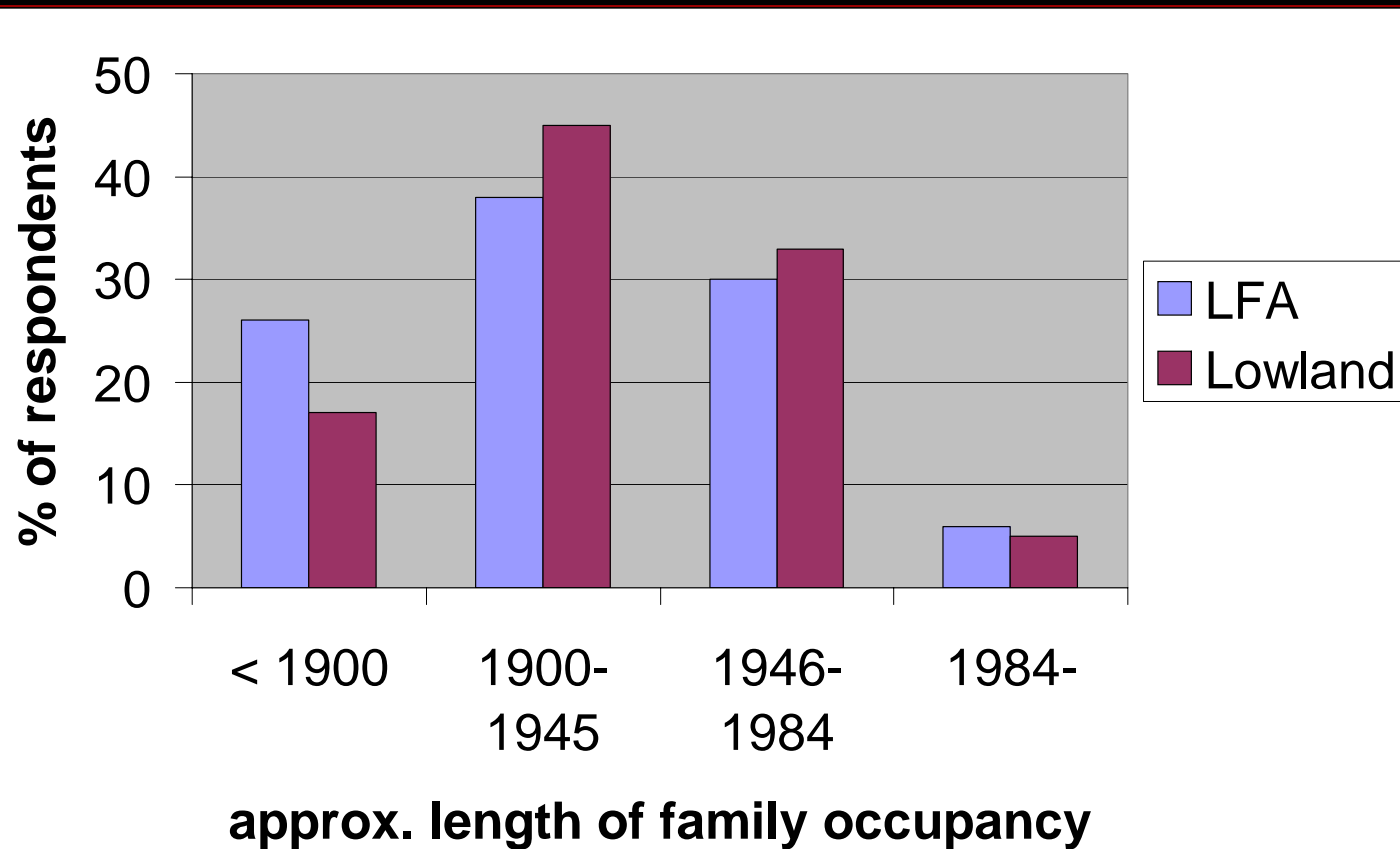
Background

- Based on sub-sample of larger SW farm survey
- 88 LFA and 1231 lowland farms in Cornwall, Devon & Somerset
- Approx. 12% of farmed area of the three counties
- Winter 2006/07

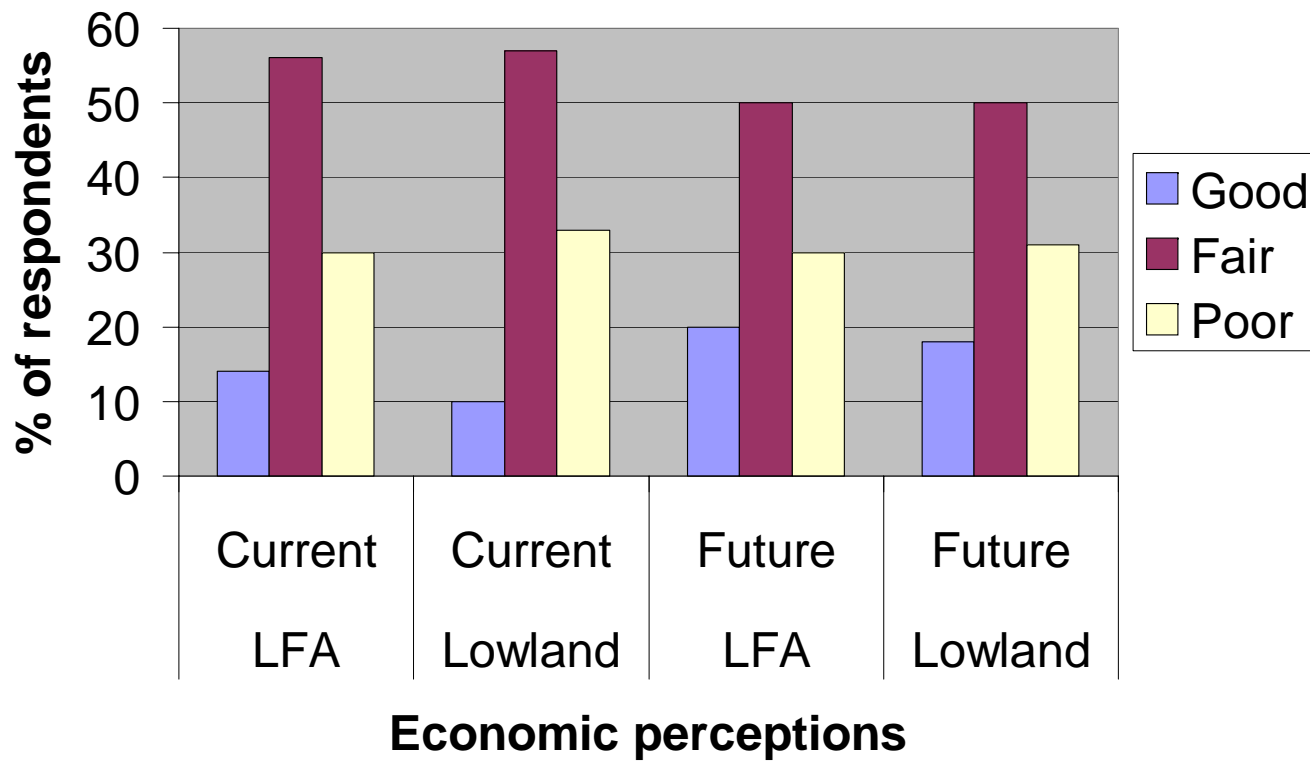
Age structure



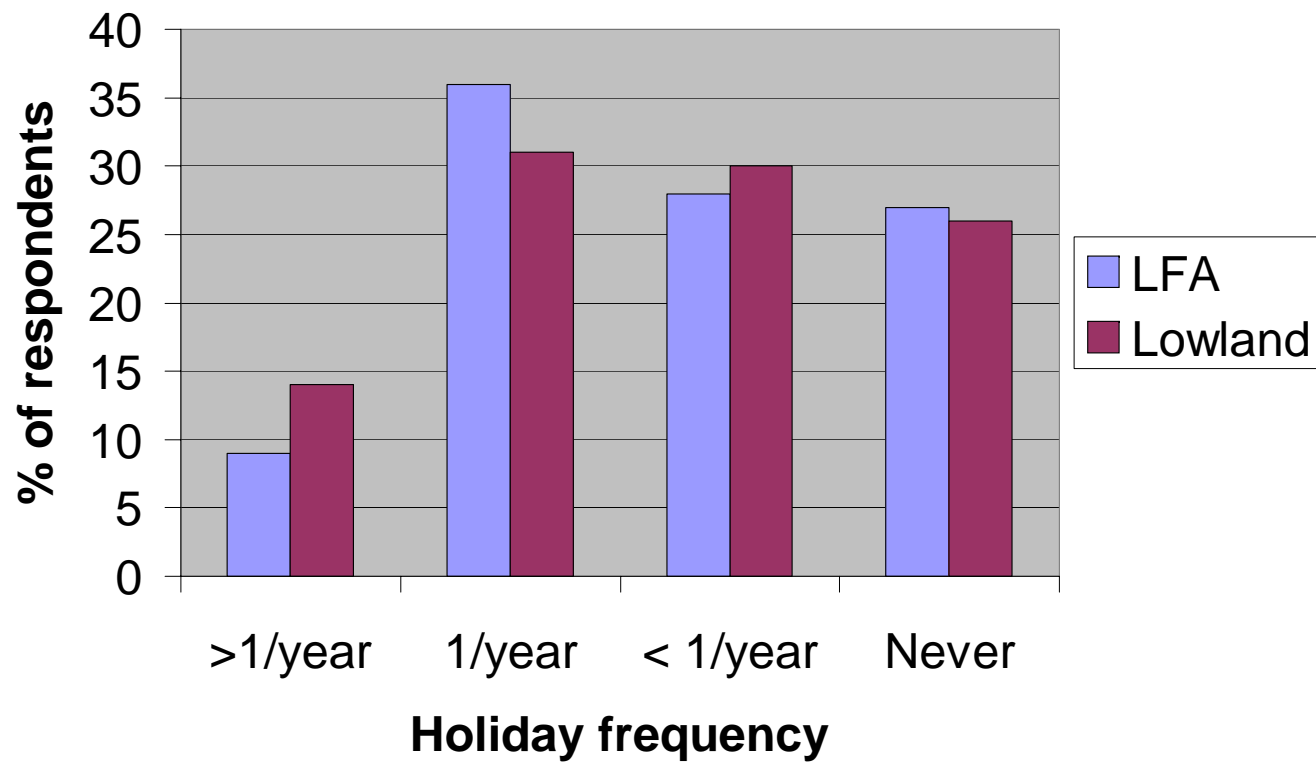
Length of family occupancy



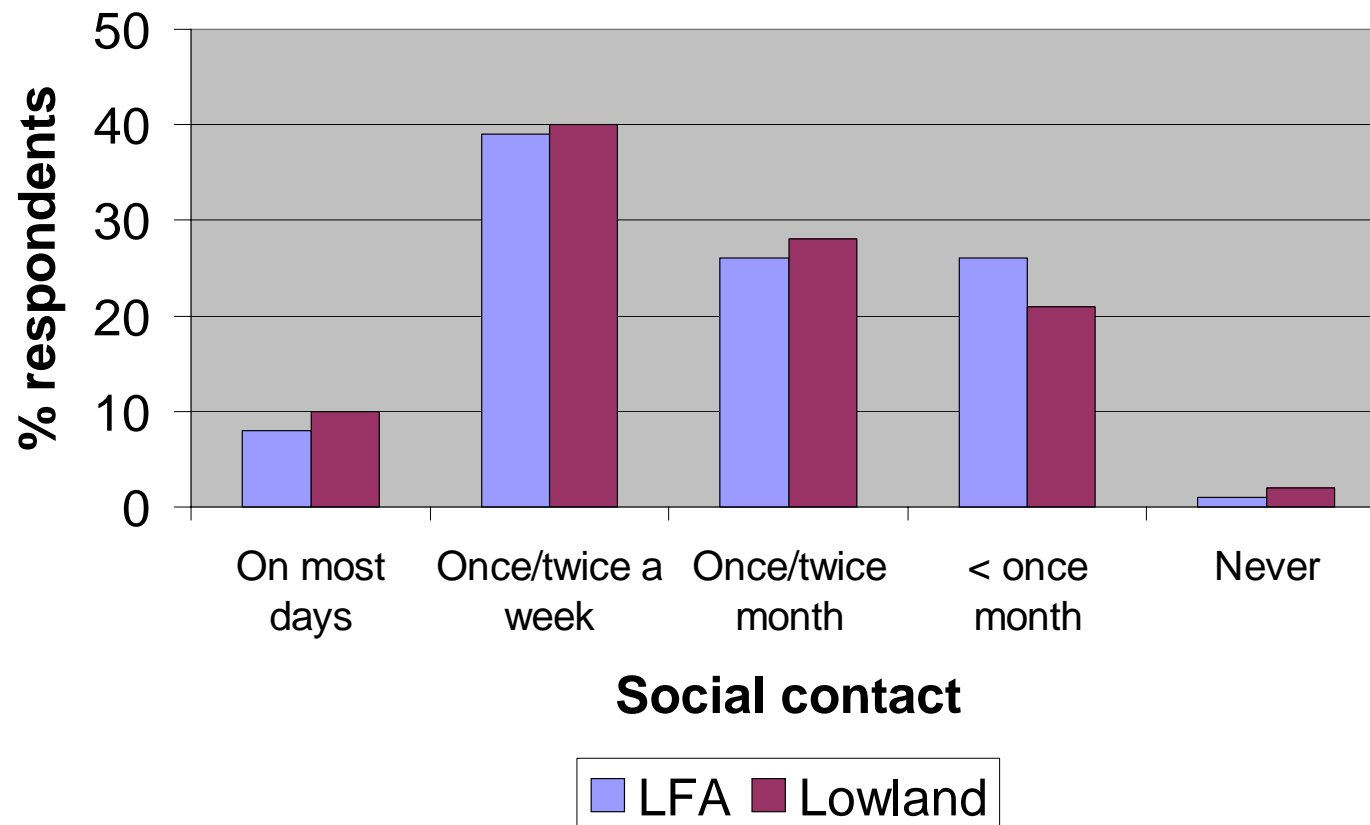
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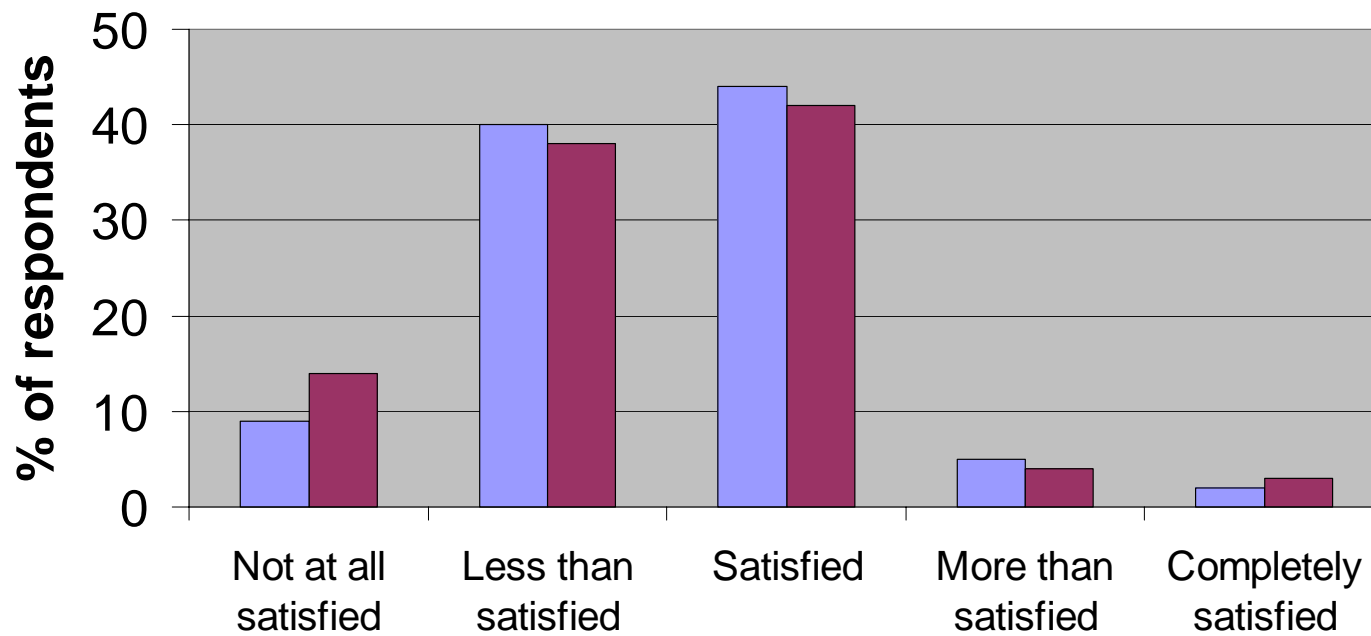
Getting off the farm



Contact with others



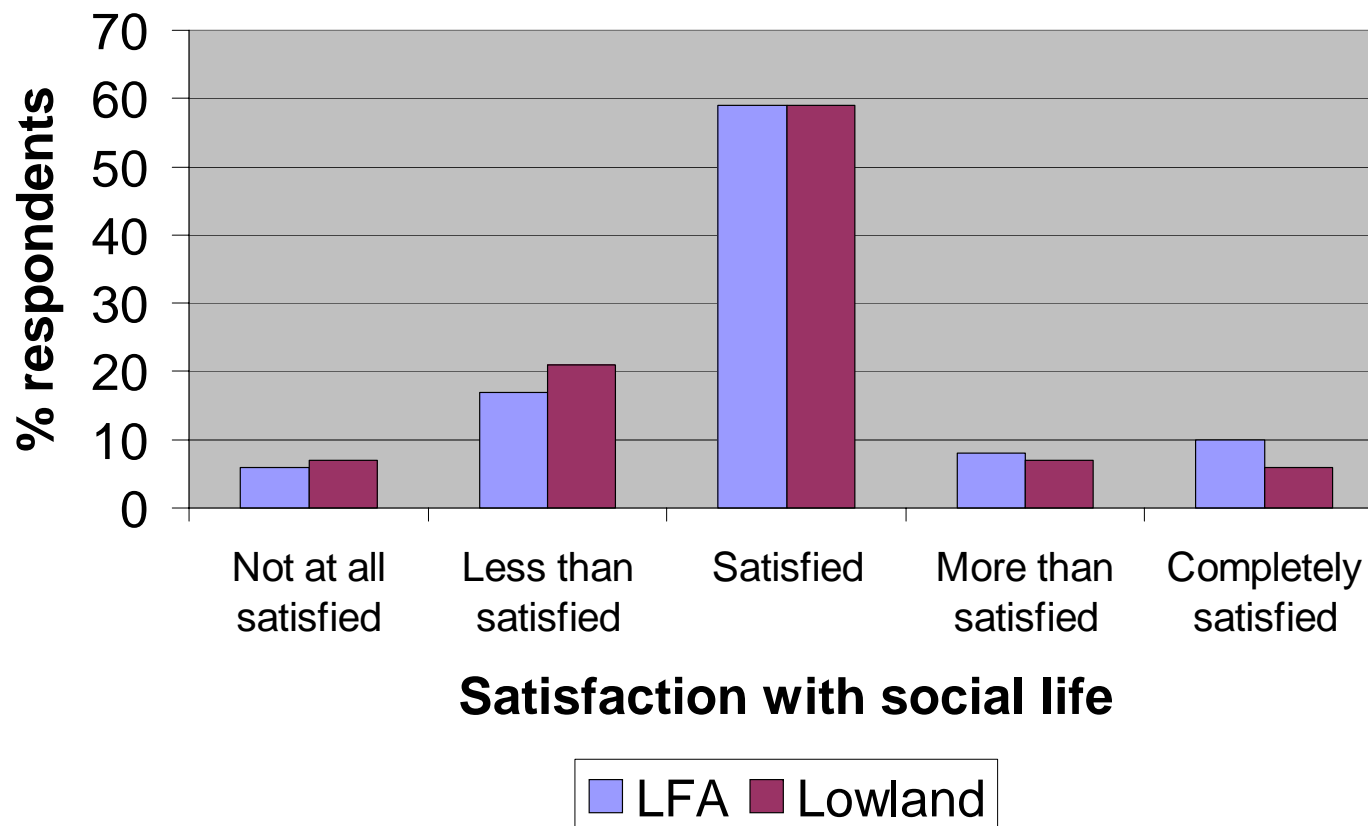
Leisure time



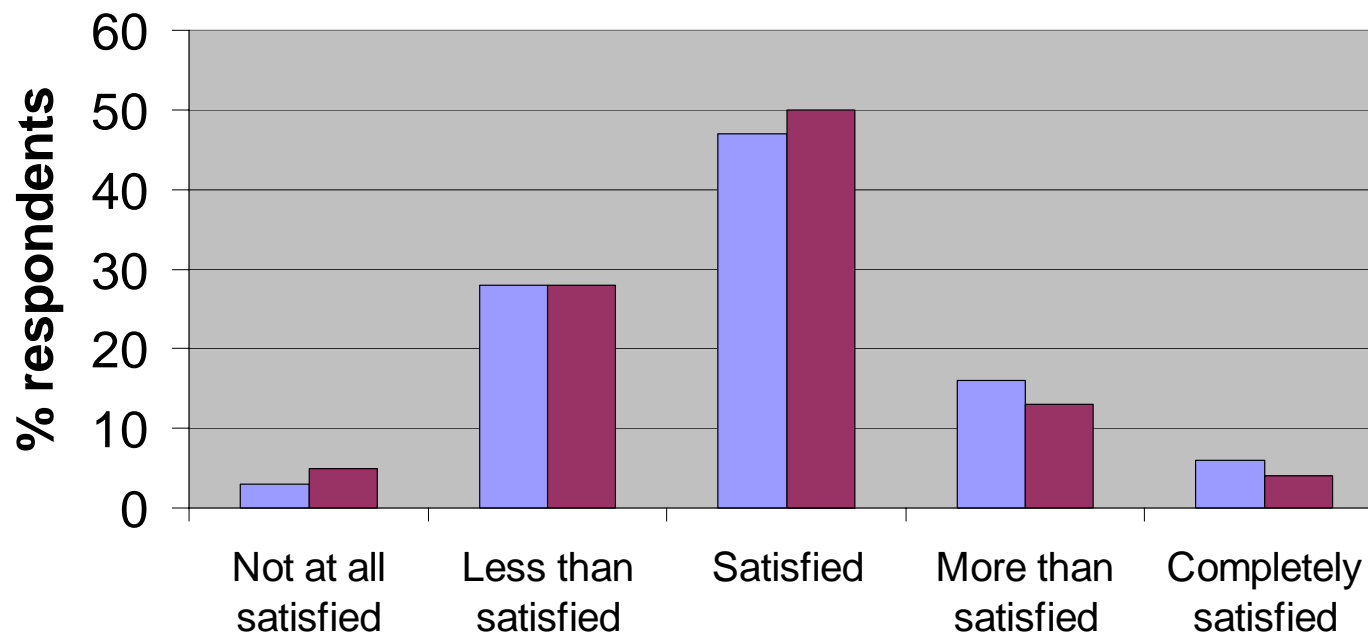
Satisfaction with amount of leisure time

■ LFA ■ Lowland

Social life



Satisfaction with life generally



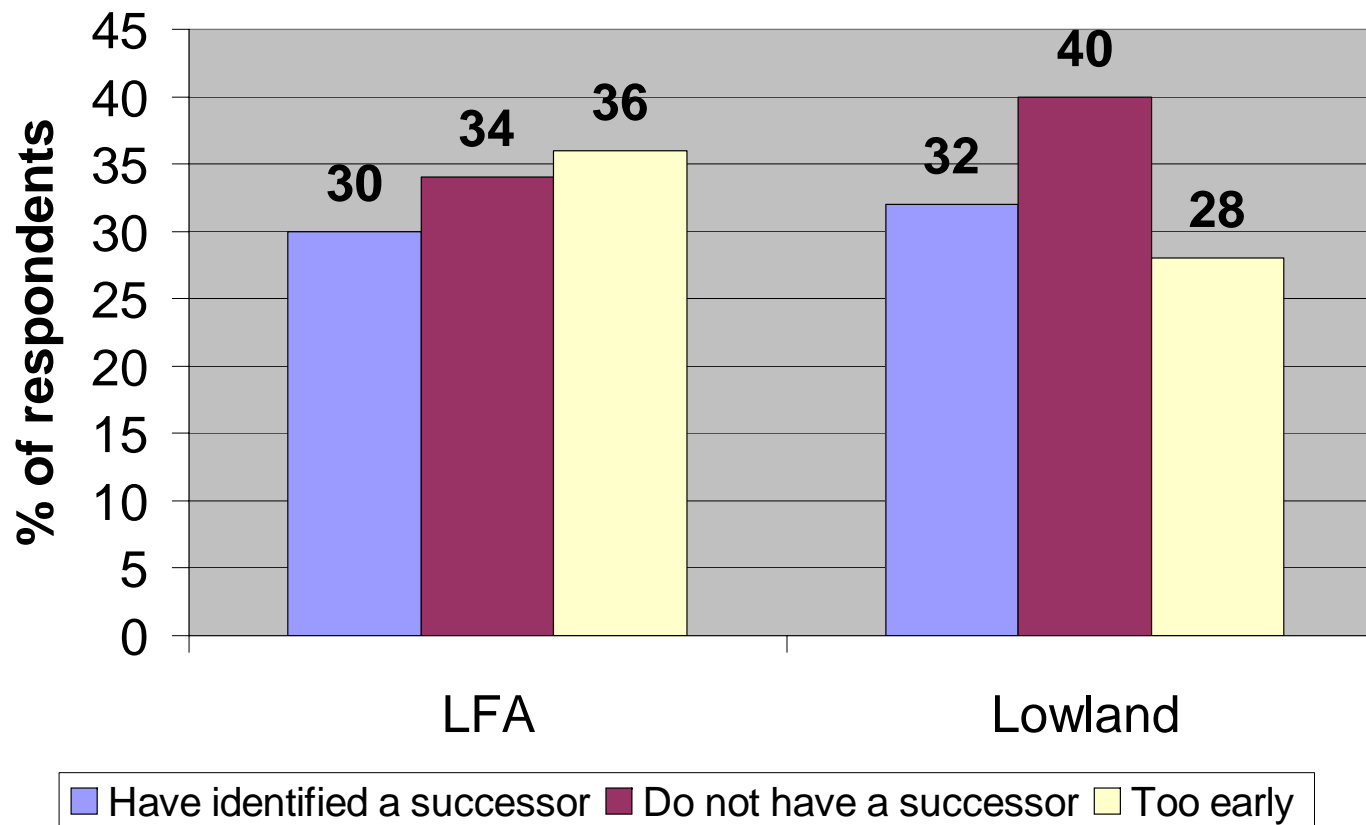
Satisfaction with life in general

LFA Lowland

Intentions for next five years

	LFA	Lowland
Continue but at increased scale	6%	15%
Continue but with increased diversification	17%	16%
No sig. changes	40%	30%
Reduce farming activity	12%	8%
Semi-retire	21%	24%
Fully-retire	5%	8%

Expectation of succession



So what?

- Across a range of variables, no significant differences between uplands & lowlands
- Further analysis revealed complex & significant interactions between farm type, size and farmer age
- Need to make comparisons with rest of population & other upland areas
- What about the next generation?
- Need to consider changes since winter 2006/07