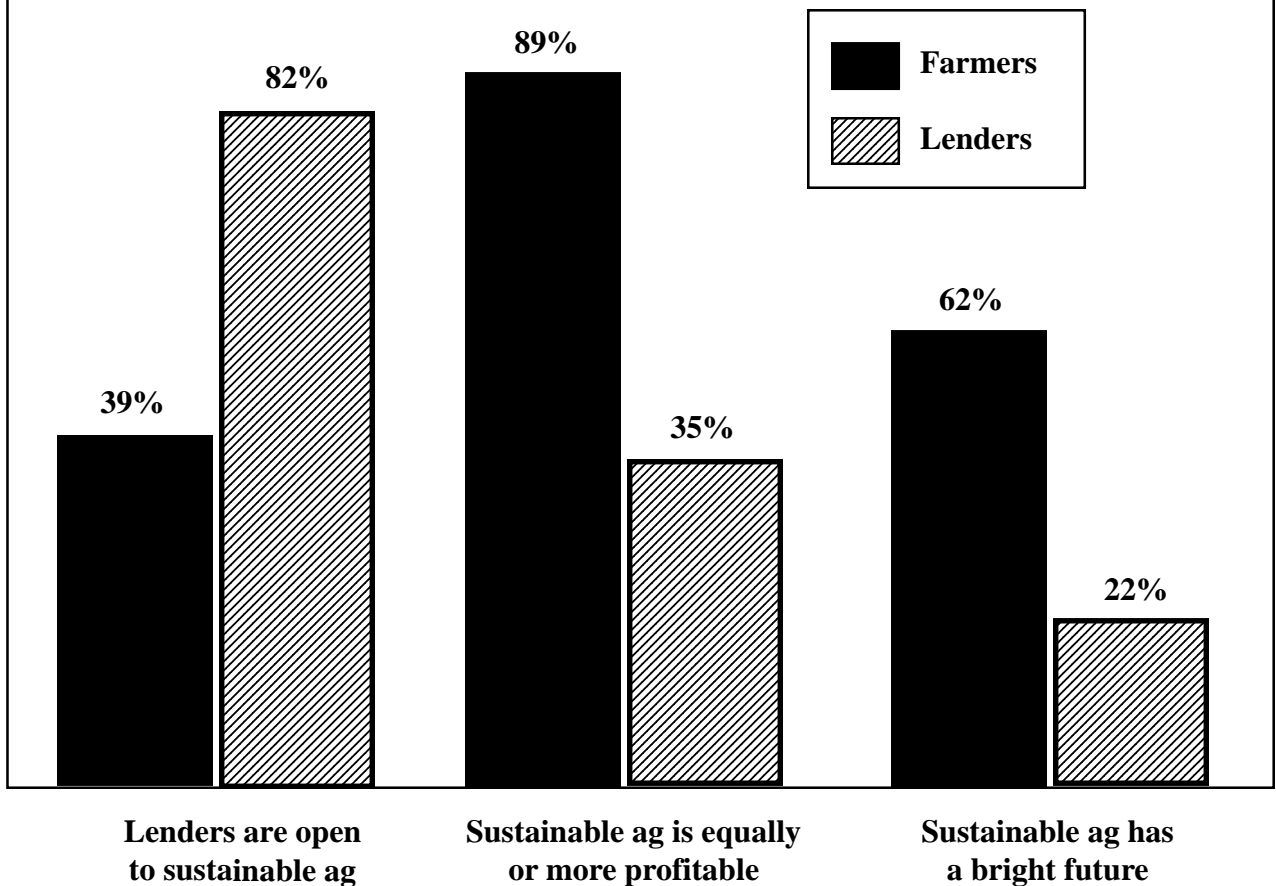


### 3 Issues From the Farmer/Lender Surveys

In 2002, lenders and sustainable farmers were asked various questions related to credit and sustainable agriculture, including: **1) how open lenders are to alternative agricultural enterprises, 2) how profitable these enterprises are in comparison to conventional enterprises, and 3) how bright the future is for sustainable farming.** The answers to these three questions showed a significant gap between farmers and lenders.



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