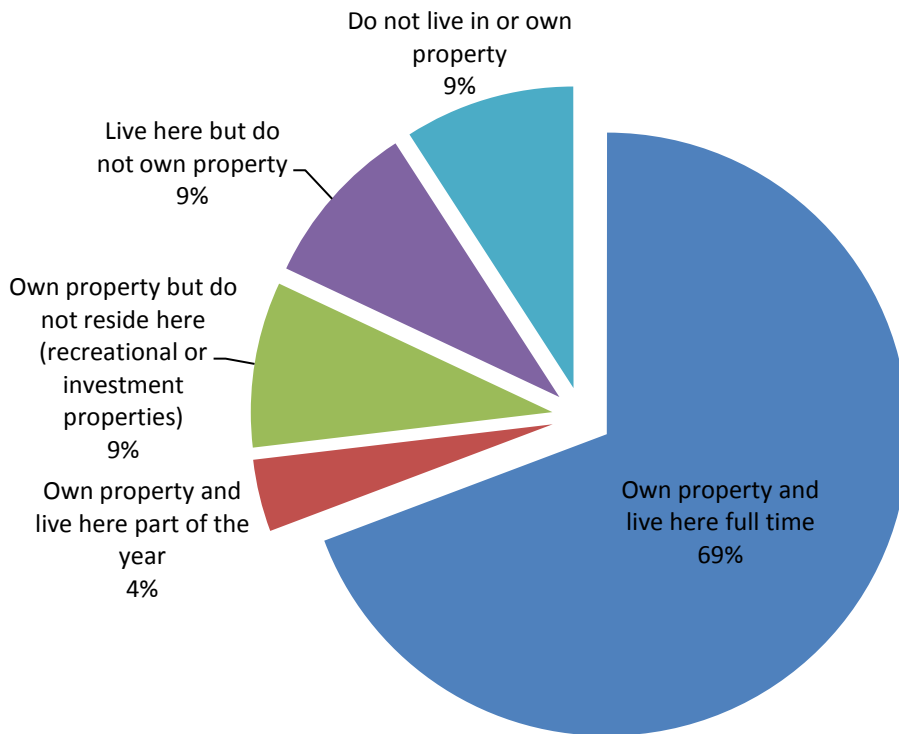


SUMMARY of the 2015 WATER PLAN SURVEY

The Todd County Local Water Management Plan Survey was conducted from the period starting the Water Plan Public Hearing held on November 19th through February 4th, 2015. Questions were designed by the SWCD Director, Water Planner and Task Force Committee after reviewing past surveys completed by surrounding counties for this same purpose. A number of groups were targeted for input which reflected the demographic of the county as well as a public outreach campaign to solicit participation. Paper copy surveys were made available at all public libraries, city offices, county office and the NRCS/USDA Service Center. A total of 350 completed surveys were received exceeding the goals of the project. An even cross section of age and property ownership type was represented in the data. Also, there was a proportionate response from people living in each of the six watersheds to the total watershed size.

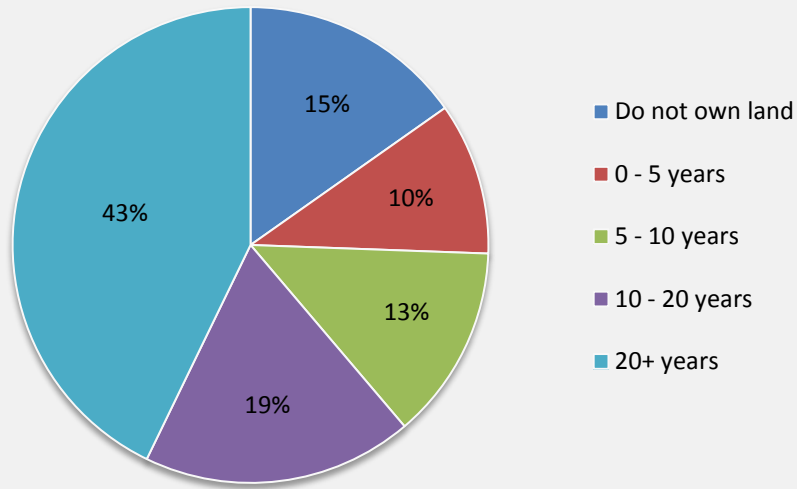
A high level of confidence was given to the survey by the Water Plan Task Force Committee due to the high number of responses, the even representation of the participating respondents and that the responses received in the survey correlated with those voiced at the public hearing mentioned above.

A summary of the survey is displayed below in both pictures and text. For questions about the survey please contact the Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District at 320-732-2644.

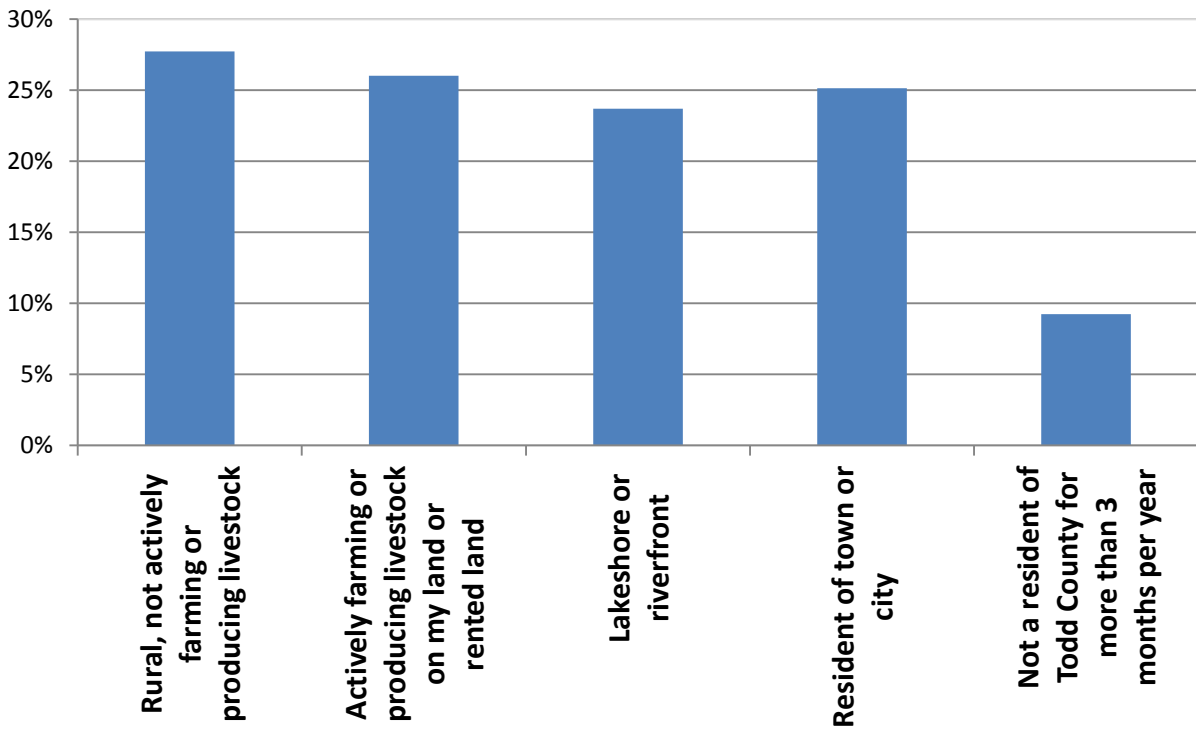


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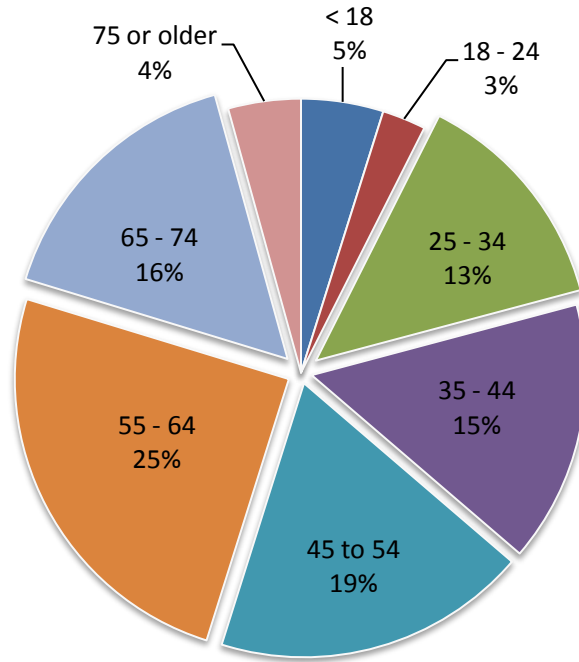
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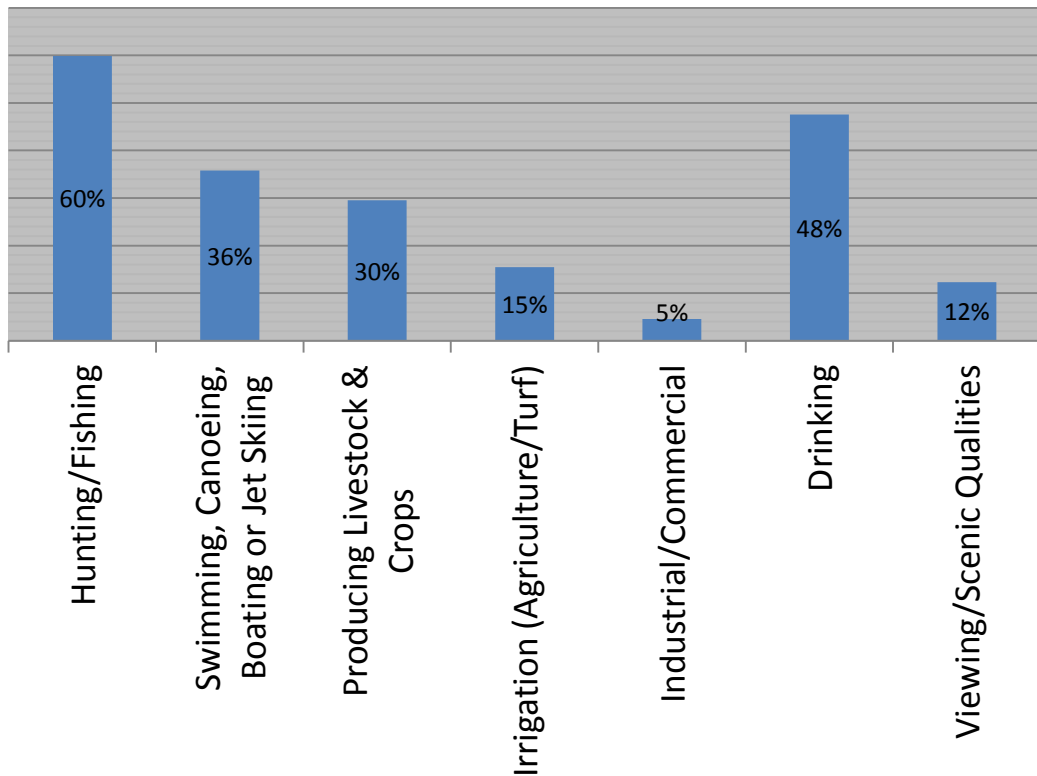
Association with the Land



Age of Respondents

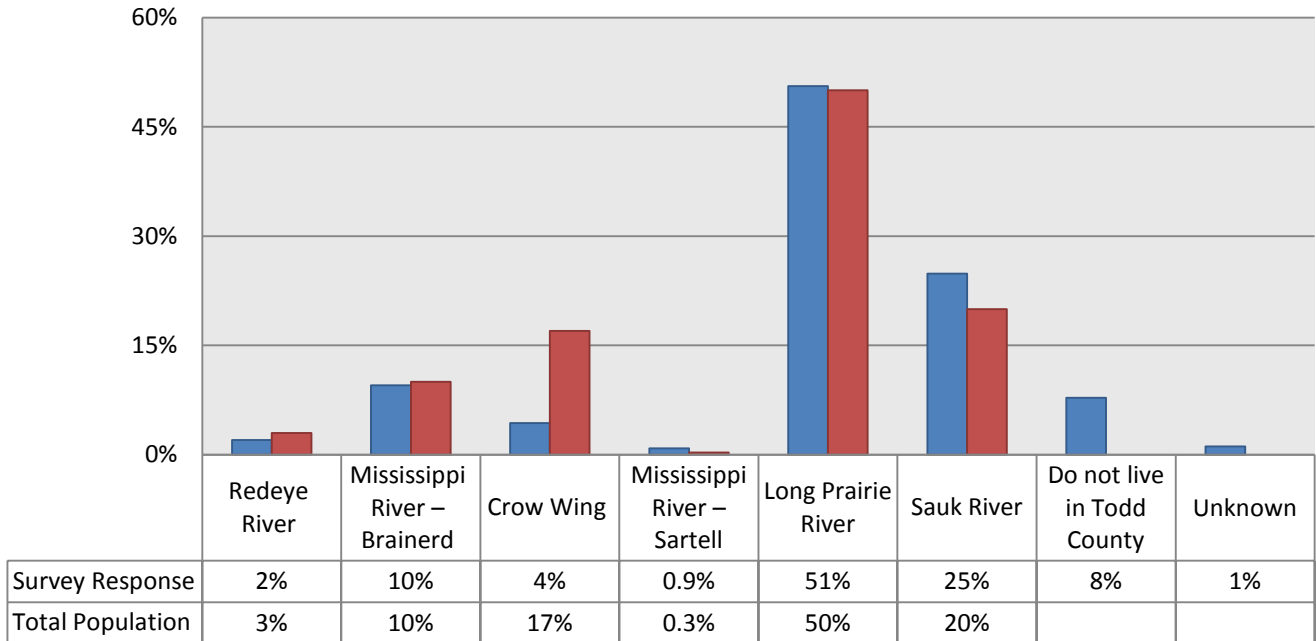


Association with Water: When you think about “Todd County Water” what comes to mind for you?



What watershed do you live in or own property in?

Todd County has portions of six watersheds that drain north, northeast, east, and south east



Approaches to Protection & the State of Todd County’s Natural Resources

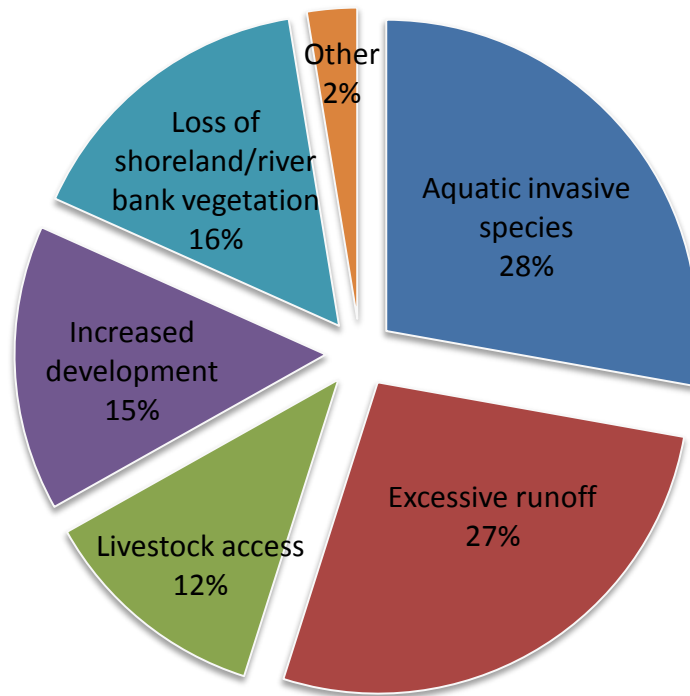
Respondents were asked to score their top two approaches to solving and protecting natural resources. In every category (see below) education was rated as the top approach to solving and protecting followed by providing technical and planning assistance to landowners. These responses were significantly higher than the other options given to participants. These included providing financial assistance, enforcement, reducing government involvement and using current approaches.

Using these same categories respondents were asked to rate their opinion of the status of Todd County’s natural resources. All of the resources were first rated as having an adequate quality, or not seeing much change except for wildlife habitat which was rated top as seeing some improvements.

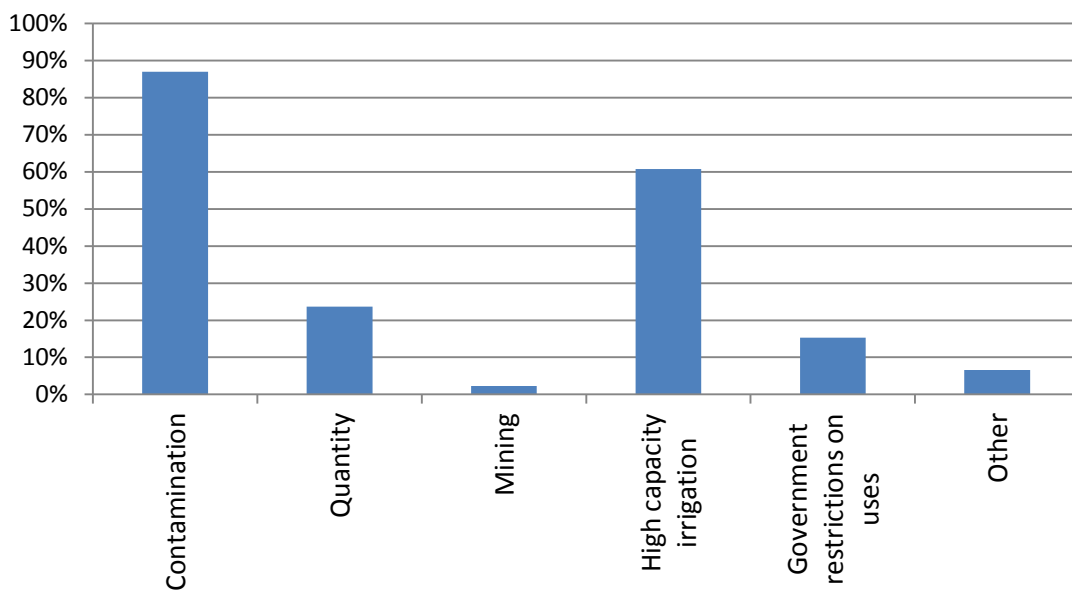
Categories

- Surface Water Quality
- Ground Water Quality
- Air Quality (Dust from soil erosion)
- Wildlife Habitat
- Water Supply (Amount)
- Agricultural Soils

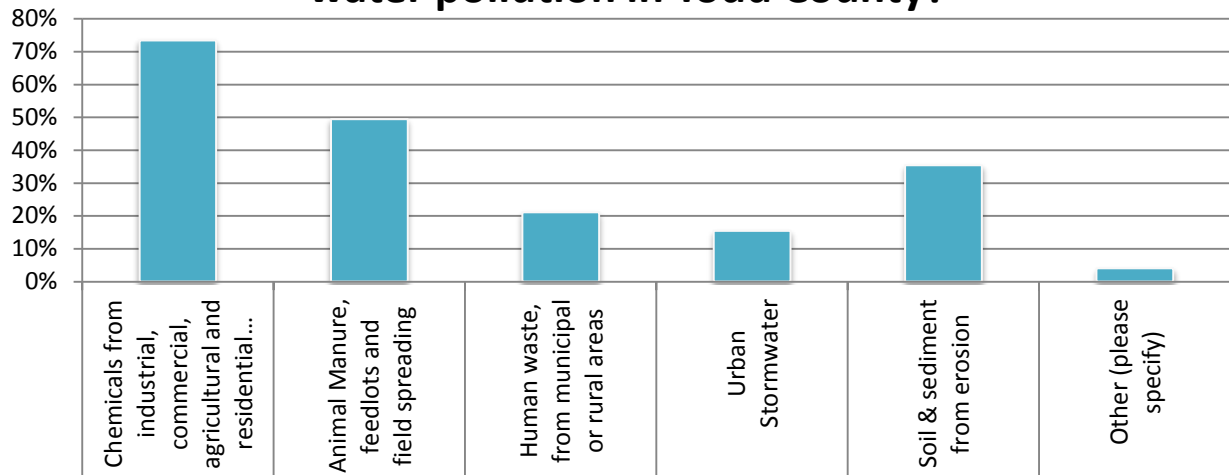
What do you believe are the top threats to lakes and rivers?



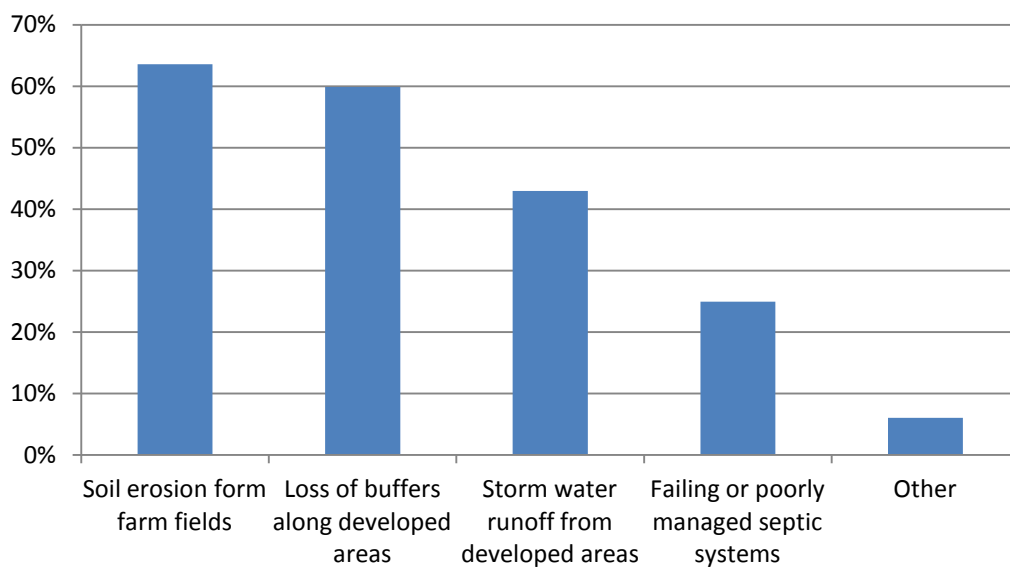
What do you believe are the largest threats to Todd County's groundwater?



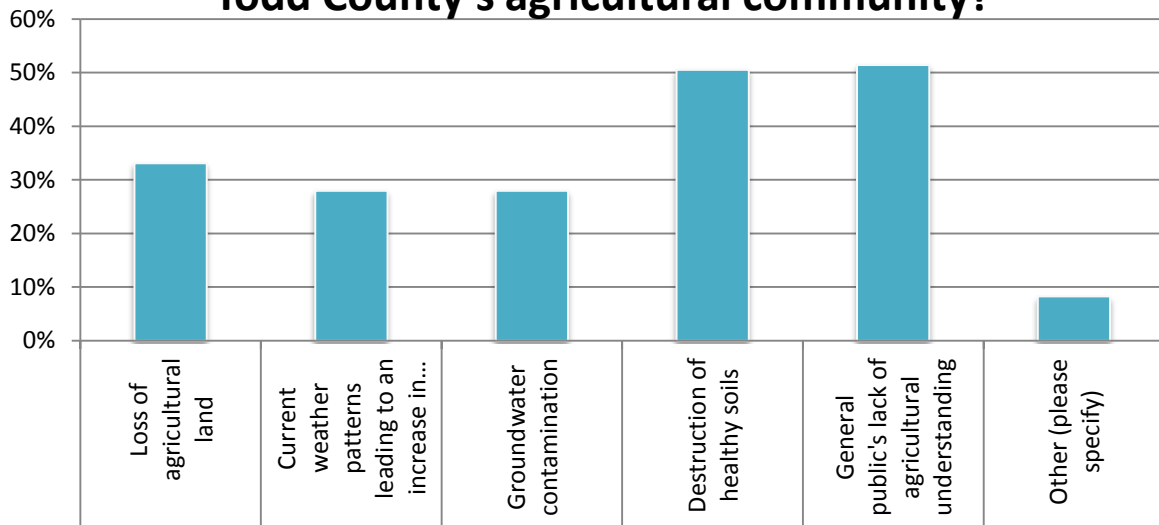
What do you think are the main two contributors to water pollution in Todd County?



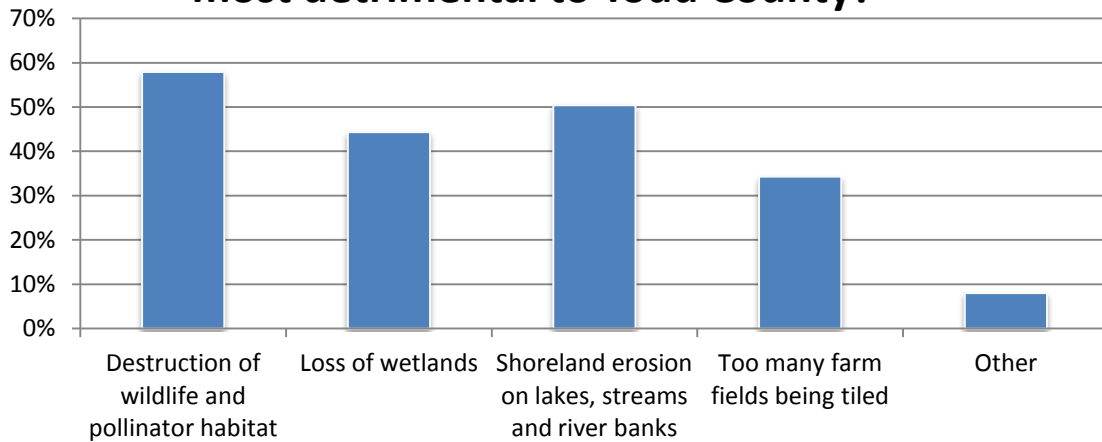
What do you believe to be the main contributors to run-off in Todd County?



What do you believe to be the largest threats to Todd County's agricultural community?



Which land use practices do you think are most detrimental to Todd County?



What do you believe to be the biggest threats to protecting Todd County's water resources?

