Priority 10: Expand **GRAZING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH** to enhance use of NY agricultural land.

**146 out of 584 respondents (25%) ranked this topic as highest priority. Of those, 98 provided justification as follows:**

* 45 respondents (or 46%) commented that this would help increase utilization of grassland that is under-developed.

*“Most of the land in my area is not suitable for cash crops. Grazing is an option.”*

* 33 respondents (or 34 %) commented that it would help raise healthier livestock thereby creating healthier products and reducing environmental impact of grain feed and confinement operations.

“*Grazing is a more humane and marketable approach to farming. It is healthier for livestock and for consumers.”*

* 30 respondents (or 31 %) commented that there is a lack of knowledge about grassland livestock production and management strategies.

*“We have over 30 acres of pasture, and in our area there are abundant similar plots. We are not sure how to best tend, nurture, and develop these lands for grazing.”*

* 12 respondents (or 12%) commented that this is a profitable use of grassland because of reduced inputs and higher premium pricing with customers.

“*We need to explore more options for grass fed/finished livestock in light of the increasing cost of production and cost of purchasing of grains for animal feed.”*