

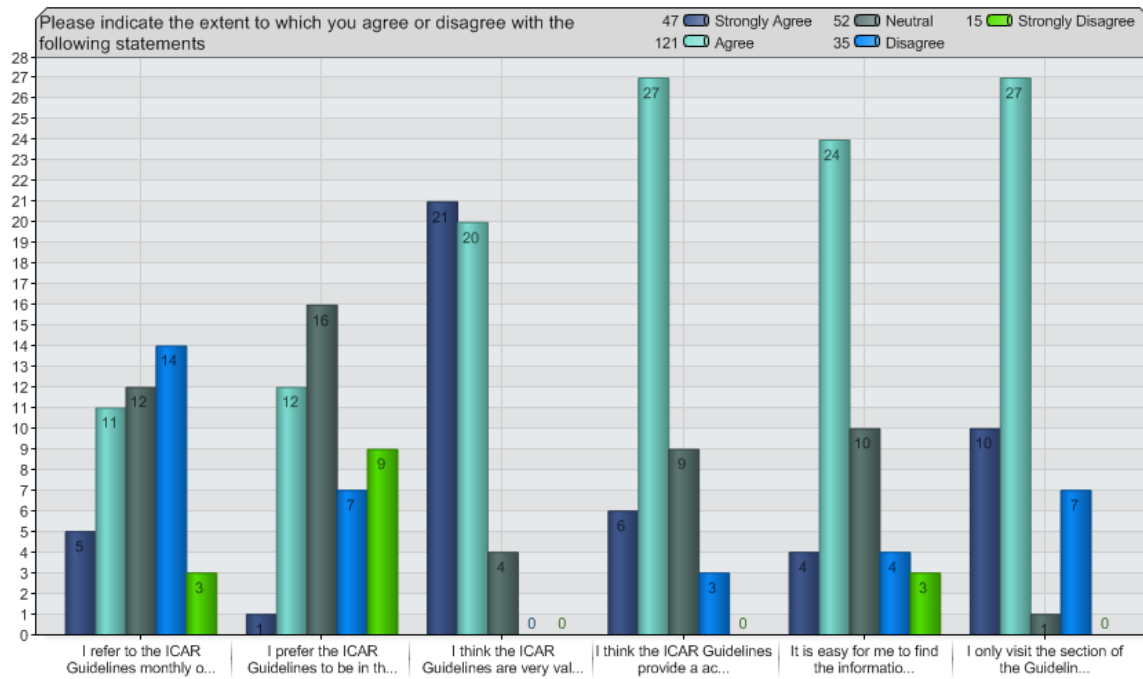
Survey: ICAR Guidelines

Report: Default Report

Survey Status		Respondent Statistics	Points Summary
Status:	Live	Total Responses: 45	No Points Questions used in this survey.
Deploy Date:	09/09/2016	Completes: 45	
Closed Date:		Partials: 0	

1.
Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements

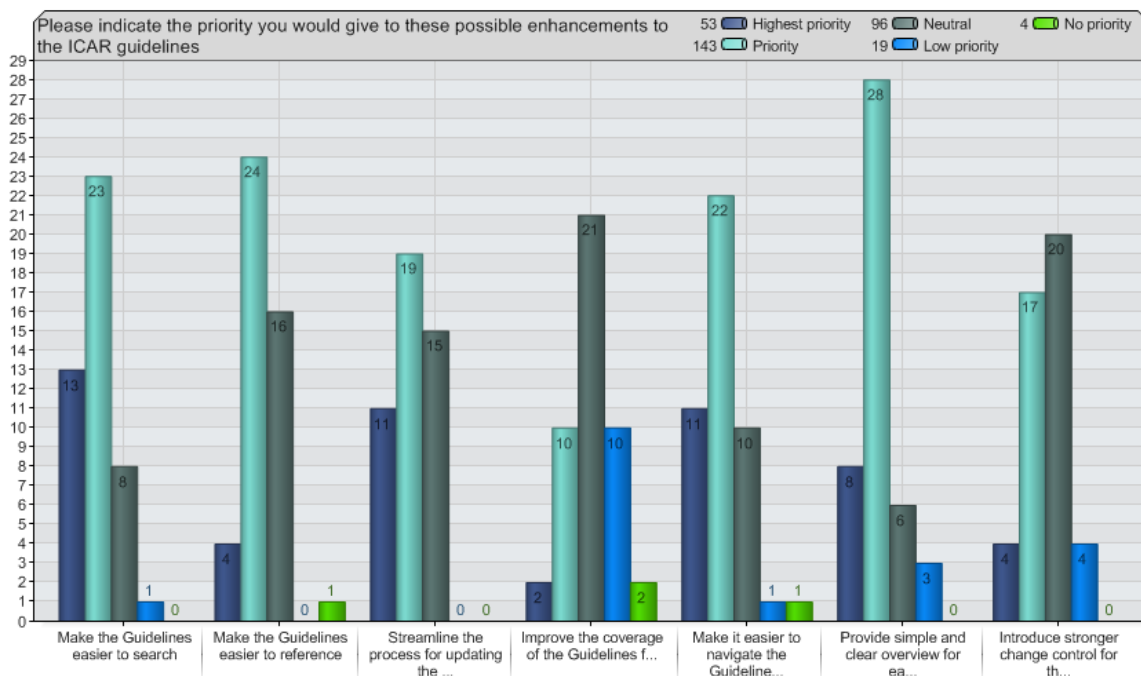
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
I refer to the ICAR Guidelines monthly or more often:	5(11.11%)	11(24.44%)	12(26.67%)	14(31.11%)	3(6.67%)	45
I prefer the ICAR Guidelines to be in the form of a printed book:	1(2.22%)	12(26.67%)	16(35.56%)	7(15.56%)	9(20%)	45
I think the ICAR Guidelines are very valuable:	21(46.67%)	20(44.44%)	4(8.89%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	45
I think the ICAR Guidelines provide a accurate description of best practice in animal recording:	6(13.33%)	27(60%)	9(20%)	3(6.67%)	0(0%)	45
It is easy for me to find the information I need in the ICAR Guidelines:	4(8.89%)	24(53.33%)	10(22.22%)	4(8.89%)	3(6.67%)	45
I only visit the section of the Guidelines dealing with my specific interests:	10(22.22%)	27(60%)	1(2.22%)	7(15.56%)	0(0%)	45
Total Responded to this question:					45	100%
Total who skipped this question:					0	0%
Total:					45	100%



2.


Please indicate the priority you would give to these possible enhancements to the ICAR guidelines

	Highest priority	Priority	Neutral	Low priority	No priority	Total
Make the Guidelines easier to search:	13(28.89%)	23(51.11%)	8(17.78%)	1(2.22%)	0(0%)	45
Make the Guidelines easier to reference:	4(8.89%)	24(53.33%)	16(35.56%)	0(0%)	1(2.22%)	45
Streamline the process for updating the Guidelines:	11(24.44%)	19(42.22%)	15(33.33%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	45
Improve the coverage of the Guidelines for other species:	2(4.44%)	10(22.22%)	21(46.67%)	10(22.22%)	2(4.44%)	45
Make it easier to navigate the Guidelines:	11(24.44%)	22(48.89%)	10(22.22%)	1(2.22%)	1(2.22%)	45
Provide simple and clear overview for each section of the Guidelines:	8(17.78%)	28(62.22%)	6(13.33%)	3(6.67%)	0(0%)	45
Introduce stronger change control for the Guidelines:	4(8.89%)	17(37.78%)	20(44.44%)	4(8.89%)	0(0%)	45
Total Responded to this question:					45	100%
Total who skipped this question:					0	0%
Total:					45	100%



3.

Do you have any other comments about the ICAR Guidelines?

	Responses	Percent
Responses: 	16	100%
Total Responded to this question:	16	35.56%
Total who skipped this question:	29	64.44%
Total:	45	100%

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3.

Do you have any other comments about the ICAR Guidelines?

Response	Response Text
1	Some of the chapters are really abundant. It could be usefull to keep only the essential messages and figures and skip or sent in the appendixes the details.
2	Another priority is to align references to the same issues, and to avoid duplication
3	A mechanism needs to be in place that if one section references a table in another section, it is current and accurate. Eliminate the appendices and include that information in the body of the guidelines for each section or have a link to external reference for table(s) of certified devices, tags, calculations, images, etc.
4	The coverage of the Guidelines should be 'limited' (for lack of a better word) to the species and fields of activity that are officially covered by ICAR. Remove out-of-date technologies etc. where appropriate. Strive for consistent terminology (viz. registration vs. recording) and proper English, even if it will cost a bit of money to get it proof read and corrected.
5	Guidelines remain an important document to guide for best practices in Recording and derived use of recorded information.
6	Other than the guidelines think there should be linked supporting informative / explanatory documentation that people can go to get the full picture. We get a lot of queries from people wanting context to limits, and how to apply etc.
7	The printed version is useful for me especially for my visited ICAR audits. On occasion it's also helpful to consult the ICAR Guidelines and discuss specific details during audits. We have a printed version for some milk recording managers. But the online version is essential and should be enough. It might be an idea to have it as a PDF version or one with interactive tools for ease of use. I think in some chapters of the ICAR Guidelines to focus more on customer needs and make our rules easier and clearer for customers, without dumbing down the professional tenor of the document. Not all customers who use the Guidelines are up to speed with terminology, etc. or don't specialise in all fields. It's a question of approach really which we can discuss. We should discuss the policy on how to update the ICAR Guidelines too. The new version should include all approved parts. But generally I'm satisfied with the Guidelines and the WG has done a very good job for the most part.
8	any indication to navigate easier through the guidelines will be very usefull. Maybe a html-document with keywords might do.
9	i think they have been clear and useful when i look up different aspects. i tend to refer to them when starting new work as an example of best practice to follow.
10	Searchcheable pdf would be optimal.
11	It is crucial to i) simplify the structure of the Guidelines, ii) ensure uniformity in the language and terminology, and iii) distinguish between guidelines and description of processes.
12	Presently it is still difficult to find specific ICAR guidelines, especially for external organisations. The webpage has improved, but it is still nearly impossible to find a specif guideline for people form outside. The will find the pdf with 675 pages and where can the find what the are looking for e. g. if you look for guidelines for female fertility,.... If you search under google you should be able to finde at first the last version of the specific guideline you are looking and then it should be easy to navigate like zB unter wikipedia where you find the overview about the content and then you can navigate easily to the topic you want to find
13	It is close to perfection for dairy cattle and extremely limited for beef cattle. There is a need to englobe Australia, Brazil and other beef countries to expand the beef session. A stronger beef portion will also benefit the dairy sector.
14	The ICAR Guidelines are a reference for helping countries or organizations in the choices for animal recording.
15	To the extent that the Guidelines are not a description of current best practices it is because the process of updating them is often very slow.
16	Keeping ICAR guidelines update is much easier in an online version, and because people are usually looking for a certain topic only, it is rather unlikely that they find the printed book or the whole pdf version very helpful. The full pdf may be made available, but urgently needed is a chapter-wise online version. With a proper menue listing the individual chapters, search engines will find them, so people not yet aware of ICAR and the ICAR guidelines will also be much more likely to discover them. Increase of visibility of ICAR should have highest priority, because the best guidelines are useless if nobody finds and uses them! Currently, it is even for people familiar with ICAR very hard to find what you are looking for (in the book as on the web).

4.

What is your role in ICAR? Please tick all that apply.

	Responses	Percent
ICAR Board Member: 	3	6.67%
Member of ICAR Staff Team: 	4	8.89%
Chair of an ICAR Group: 	9	20%
Member of an ICAR Group: 	32	71.11%
Total Responded to this question:	45	100%
Total who skipped this question:	0	0%
Total:	45	100%

