

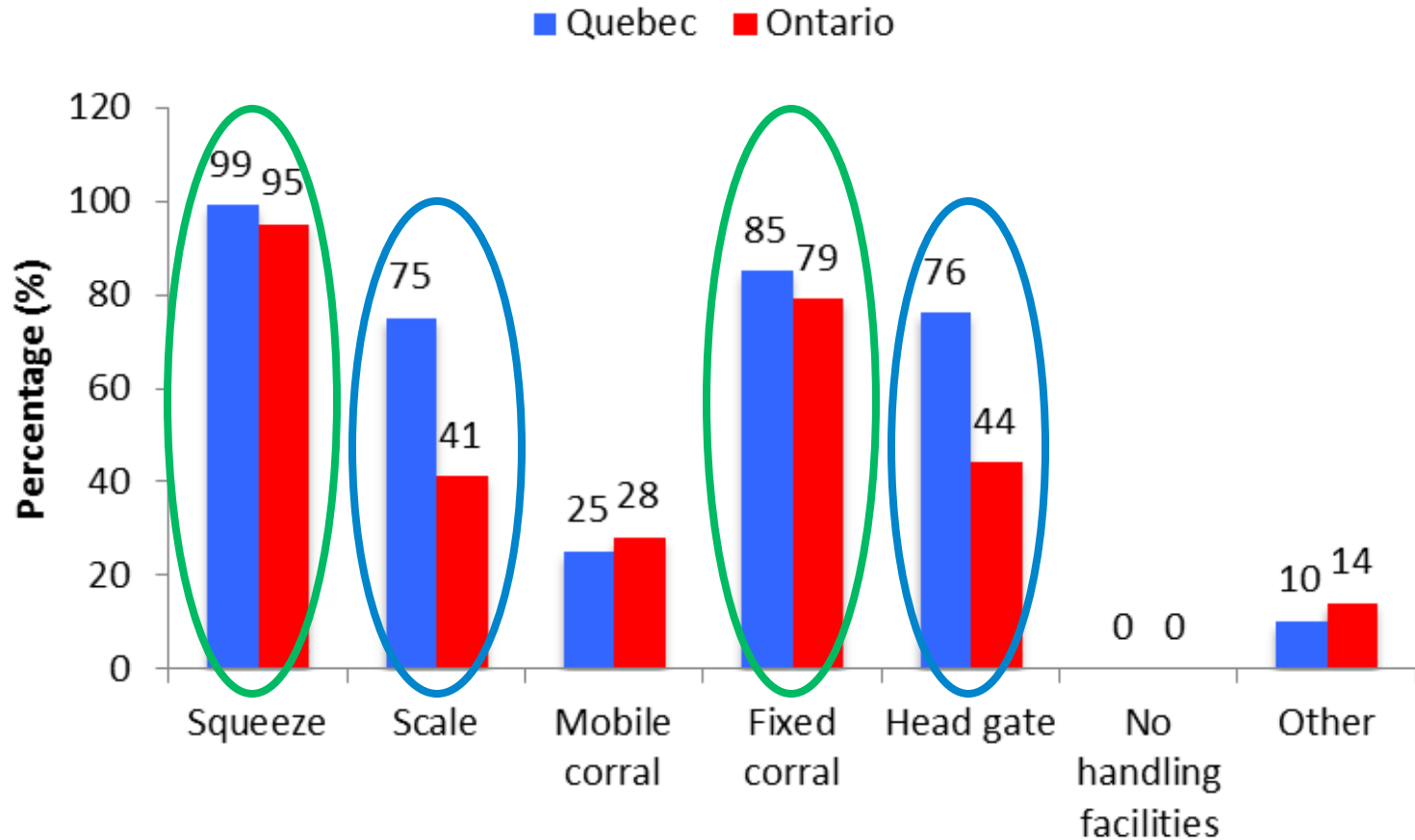


Benchmarking – Beef Production in the North



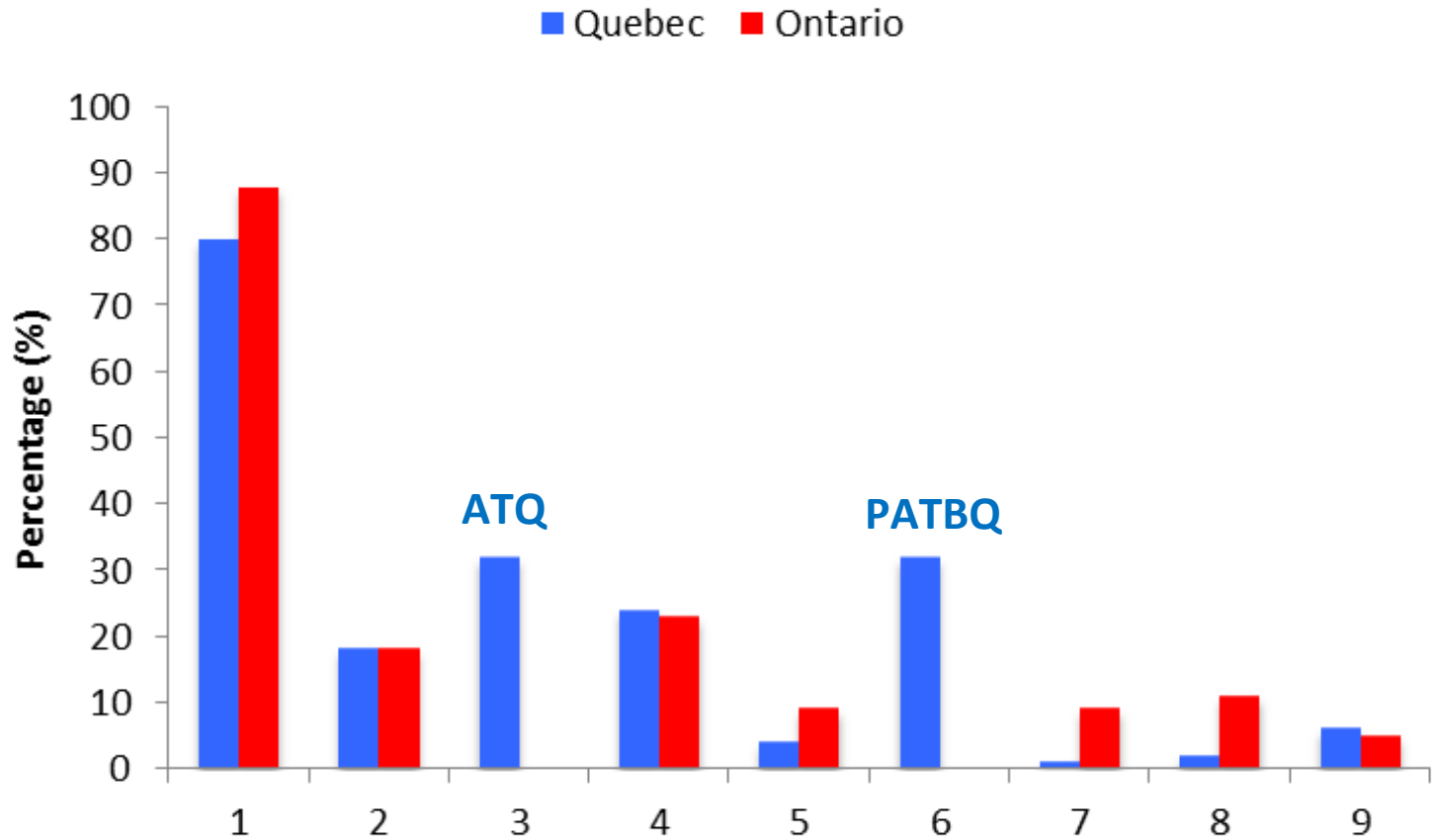
Discussion Panel on Data Management

Q-9 : What do you own as handling facilities and equipment? (R: 100% QC and ON)



Q-10: What record keeping systems are used?

(R: 100% QC and ON)



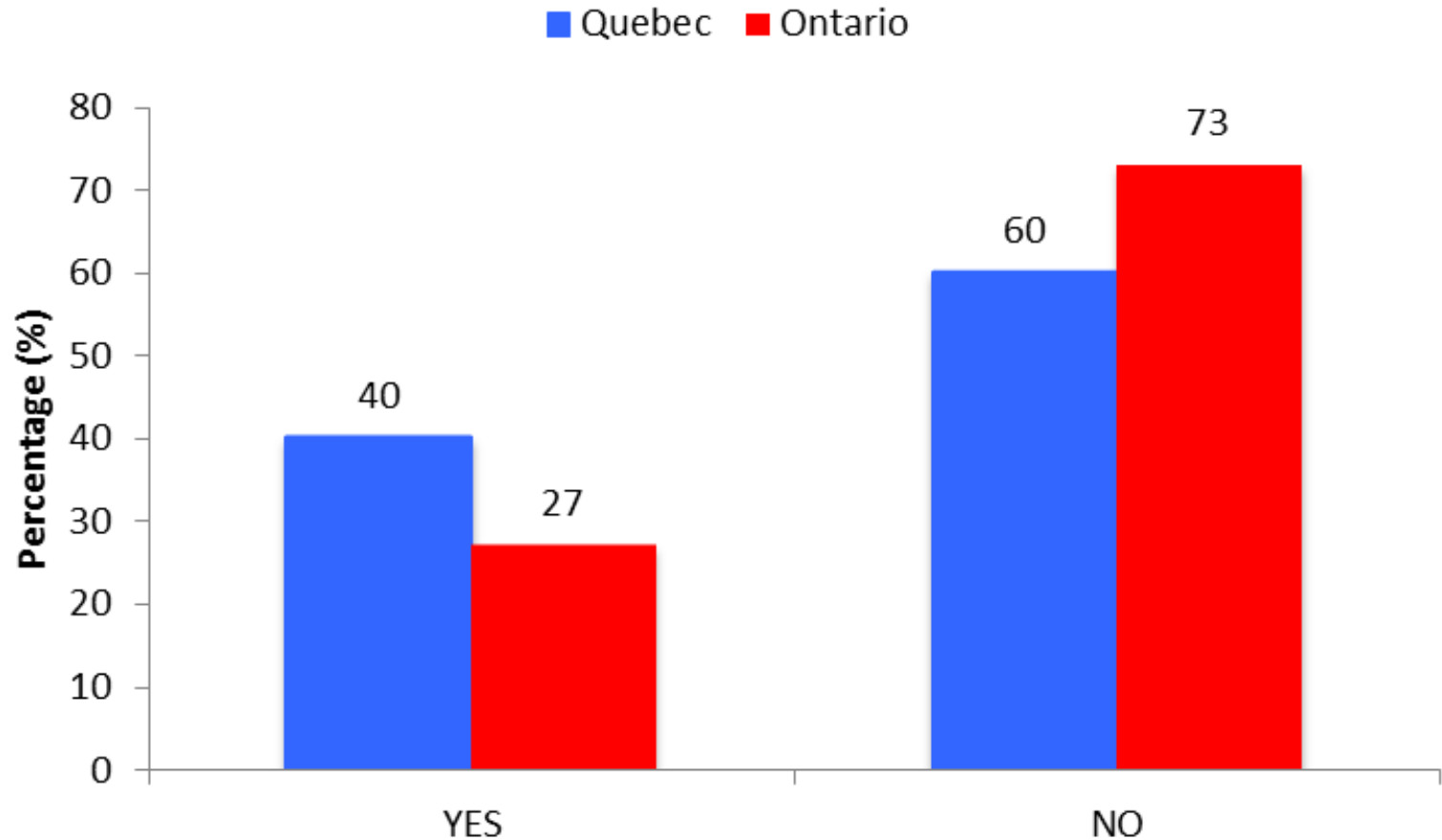
Q-10: Types of record keeping systems used?

(R: 100% QC and ON)

- Paper documents (1) remain the first way to track the herd;
- Electronic records (2) begin to appear on farms at 18% in both provinces;
- Only 2% of Québec and 11% of Ontario farms have no herd registers (8);
- A total of 42% of respondents mentioned using the PATBQ(6)/BIO(7) programs (33% QC and 9% ON)

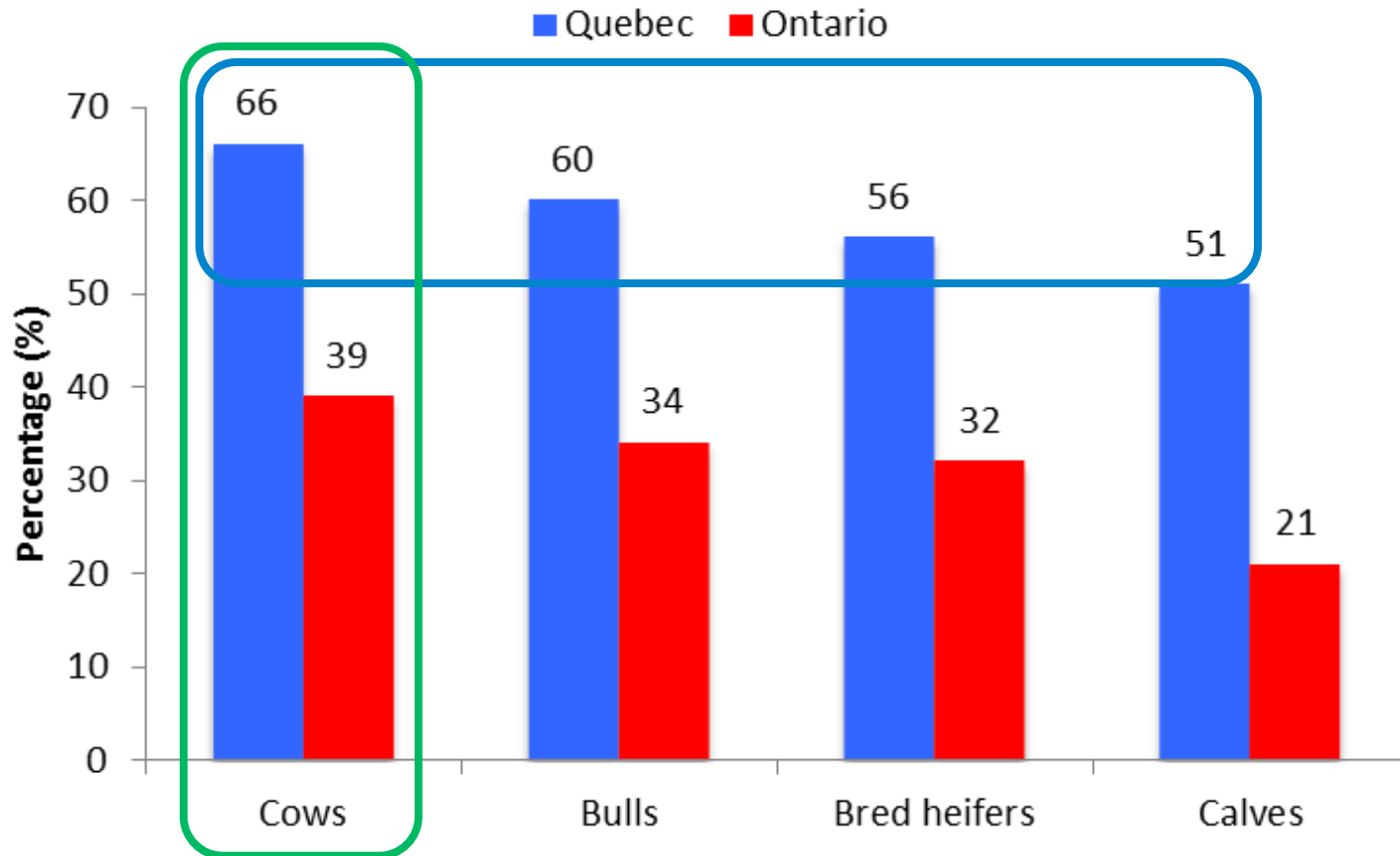
Q-11: Do you use an RFID reader and tag?

(R: 100% QC and 97.5% ON)



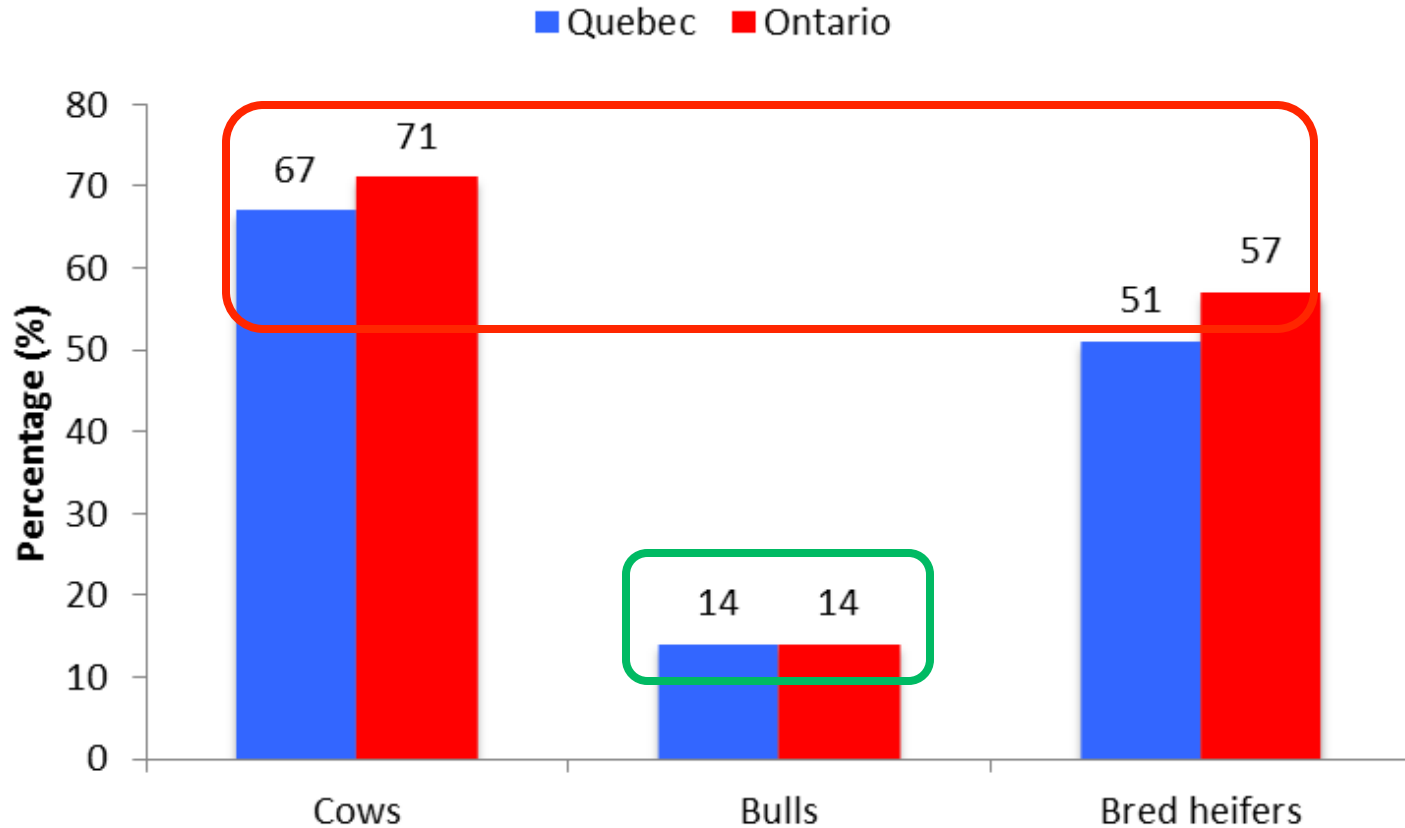
Q-12a: Do you do body condition scoring (BCS)?

(R: 74% QC and 55% ON)

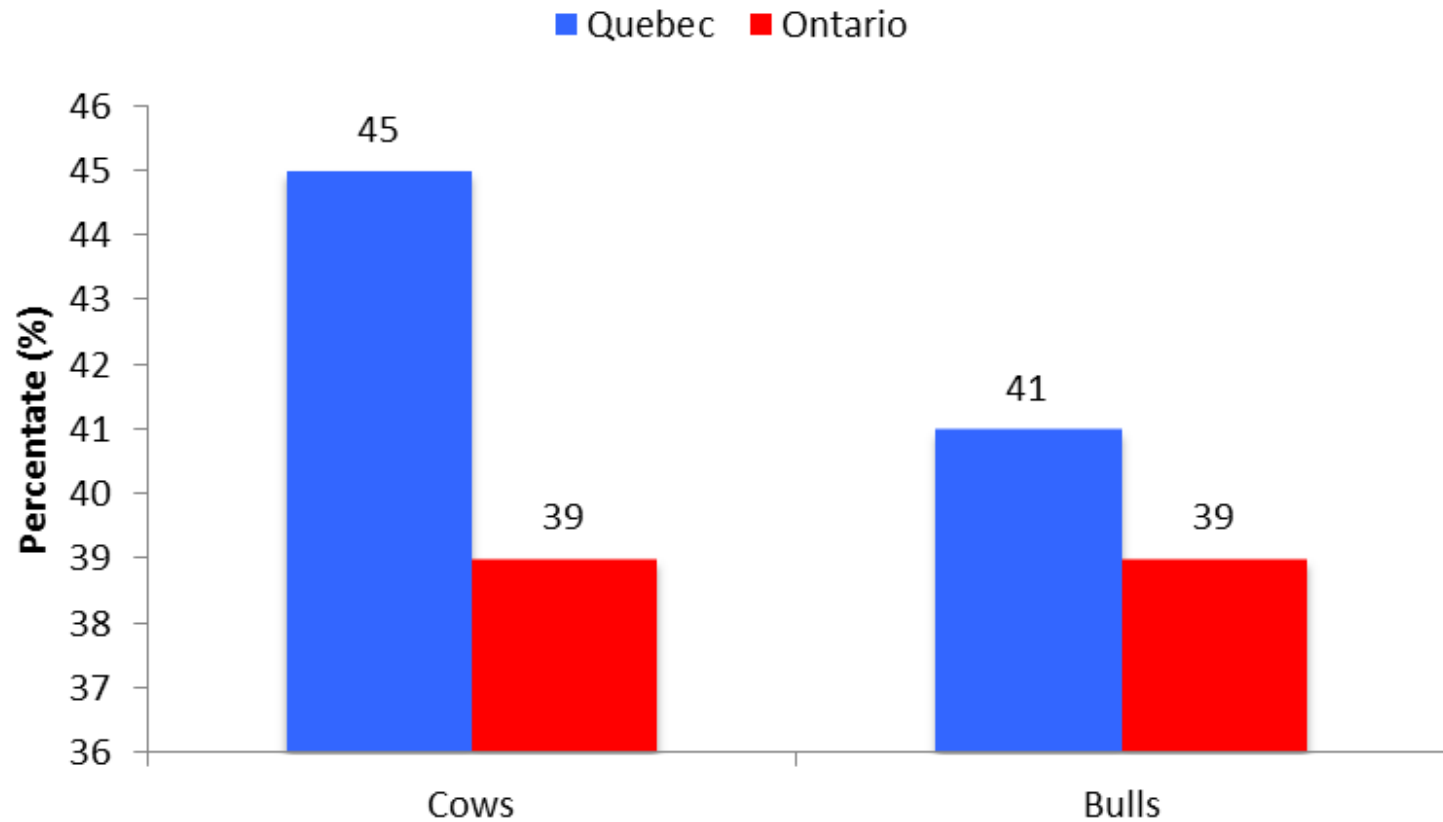


Q-12b: Do you pregnancy check or fertility test?

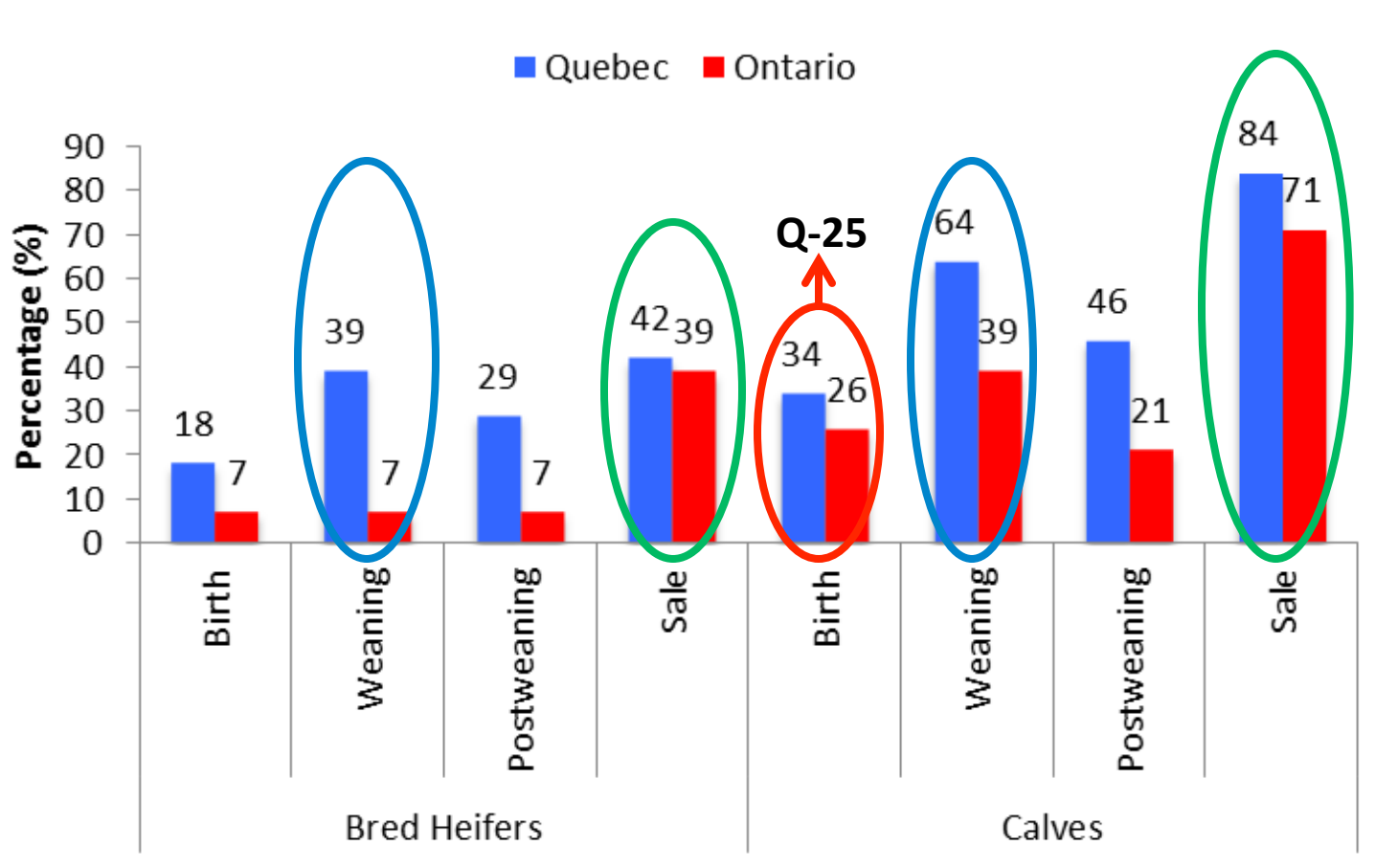
(R: 74% QC and 55% ON)



Q-13a: Is your weighing of cows and bulls only at sale? (R: 91.9% QC and 76.3% ON)



Q-13b: When do you measure the performance of animals? (R: 91.9% QC and 76.3% ON)

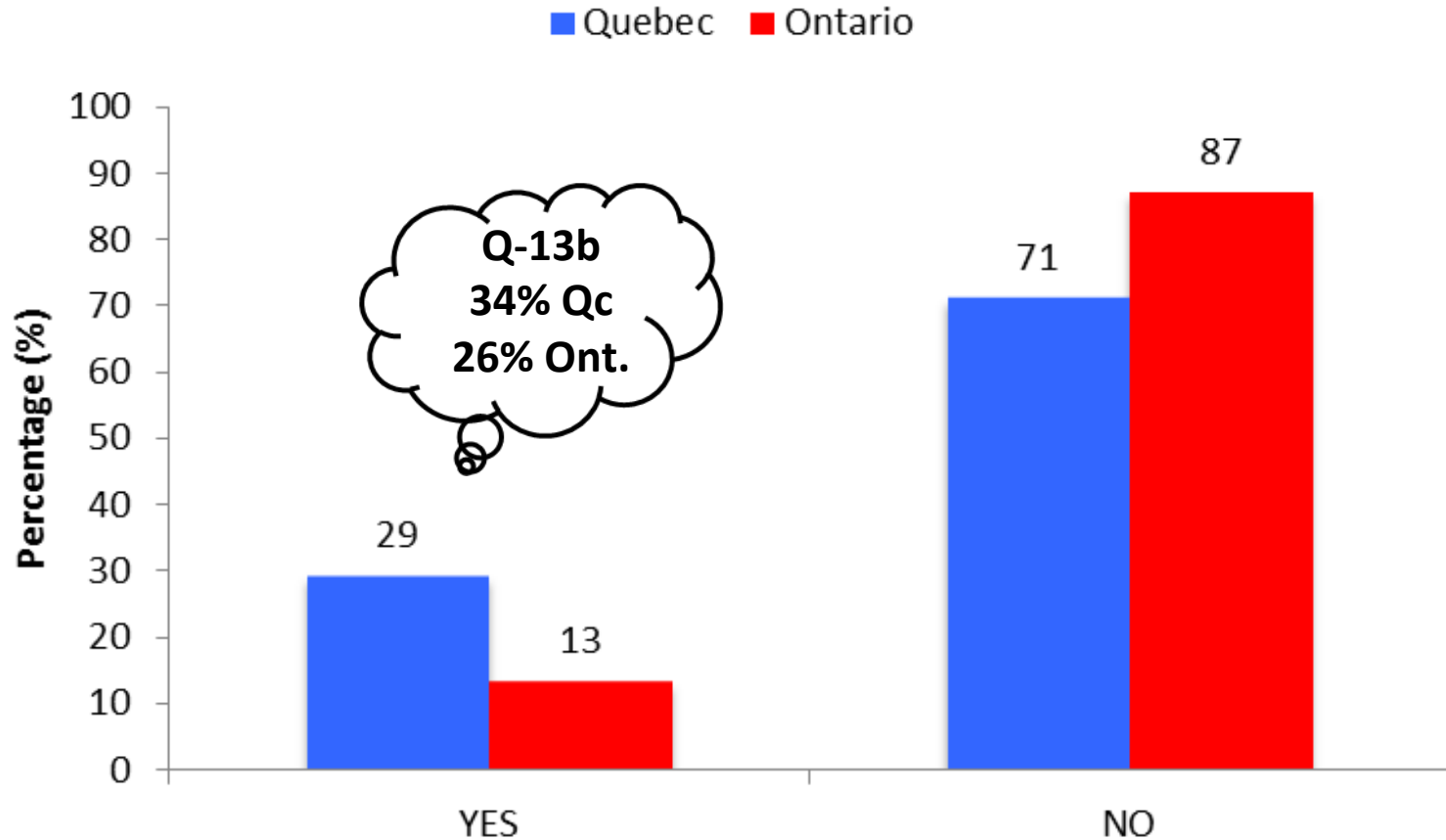


Q-13b: When do you measure the performance of animals? (R: 91.9% Qc and 76.3% ON)

- Québec producers weigh their calves more than Ontario producers:
 - ASRA which requires a weight between 450 and 750 pounds;
 - Equipment and handling facilities owned.
- In both provinces, performance is measured by weighing:
 - 1° At sale;
 - 2° At weaning;
 - 3° At post-weaning.
- Weighing at birth is not done even though it is often a selection criterion when buying a bull.

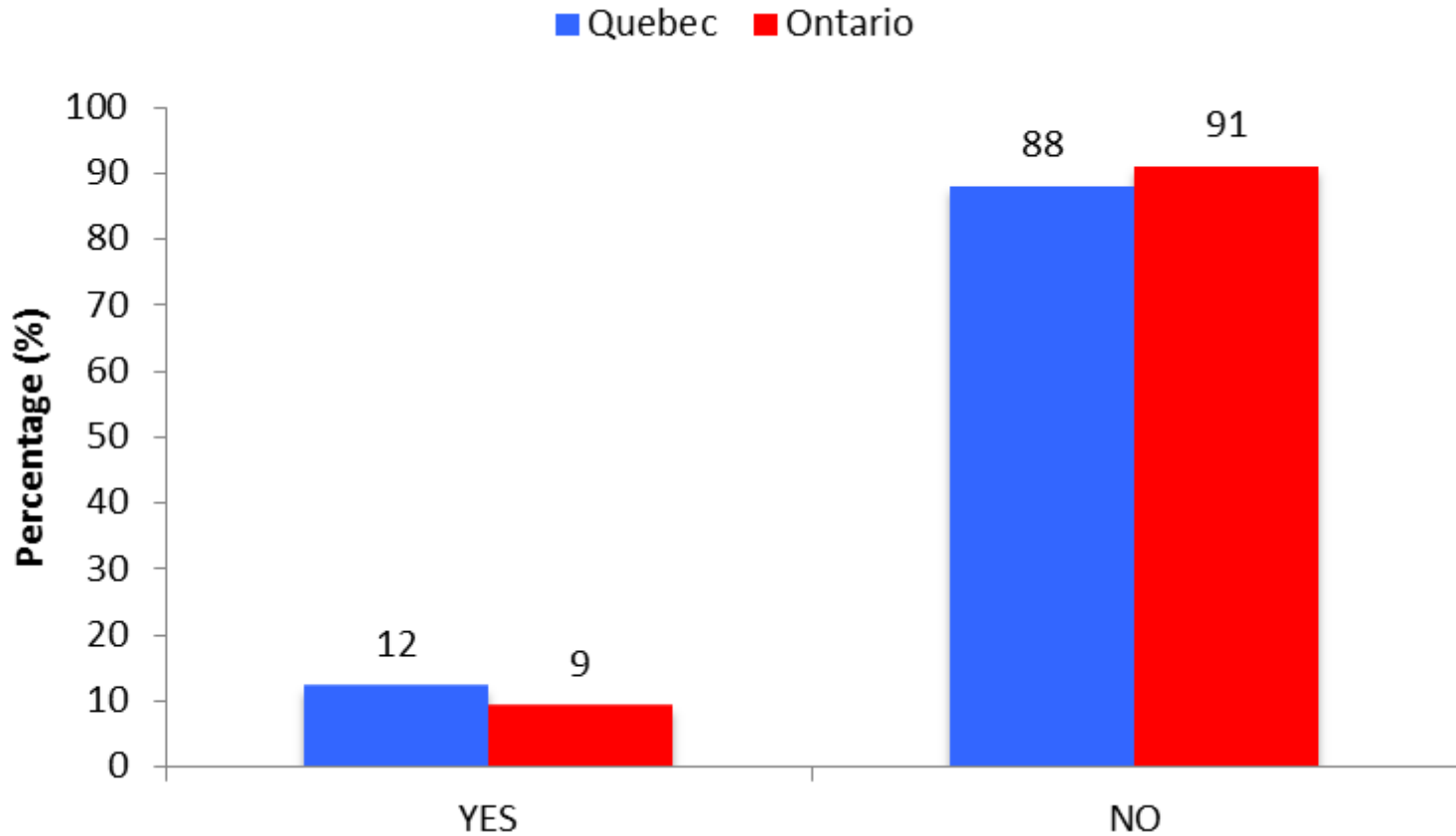
Q-25: Did you weigh calves born in 2016?

(R: 100% QC and 97.5% ON)



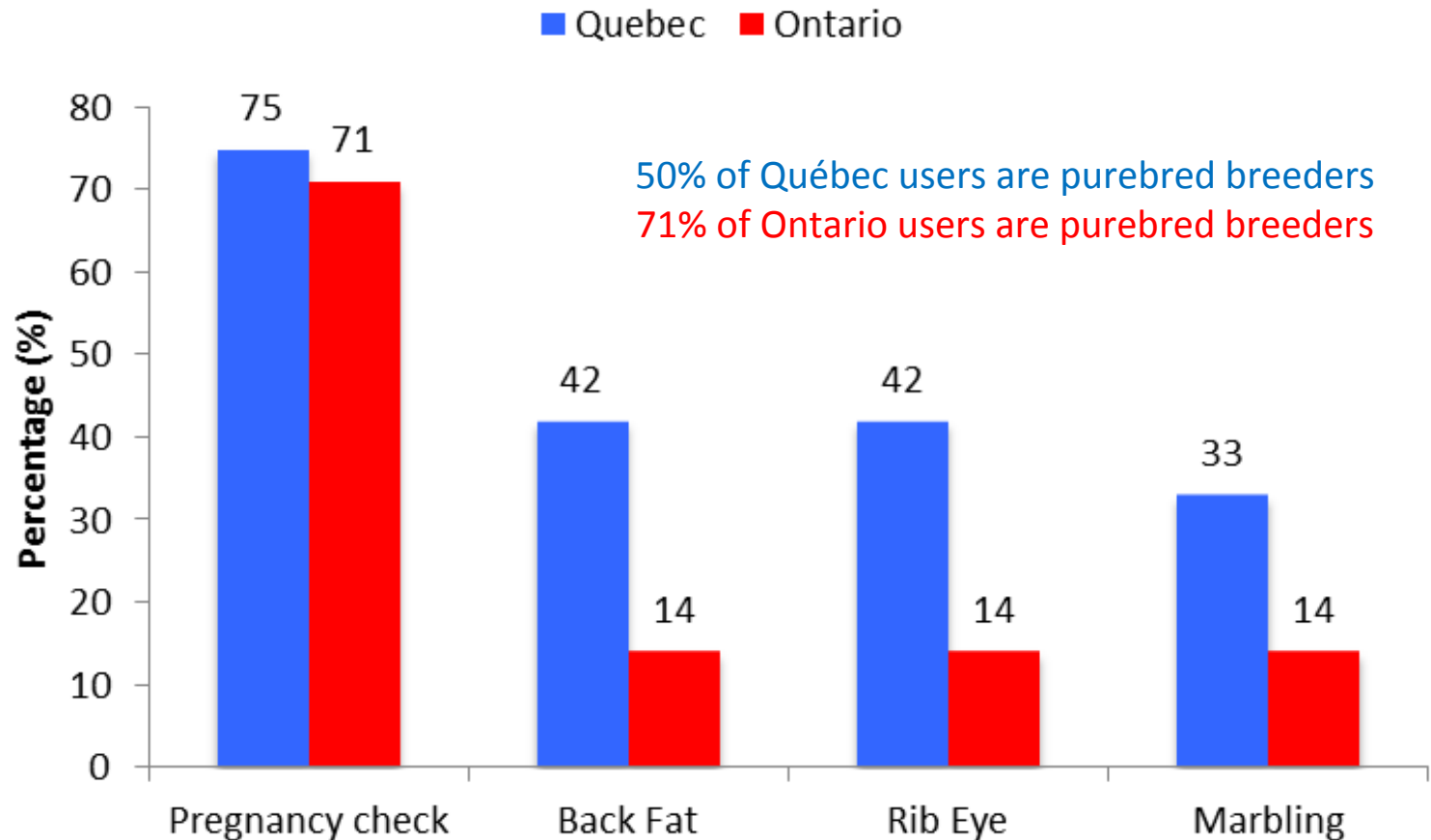
Q-14a: Do you use ultrasound on your animals?

(R: 100% QC and 96.3% ON)

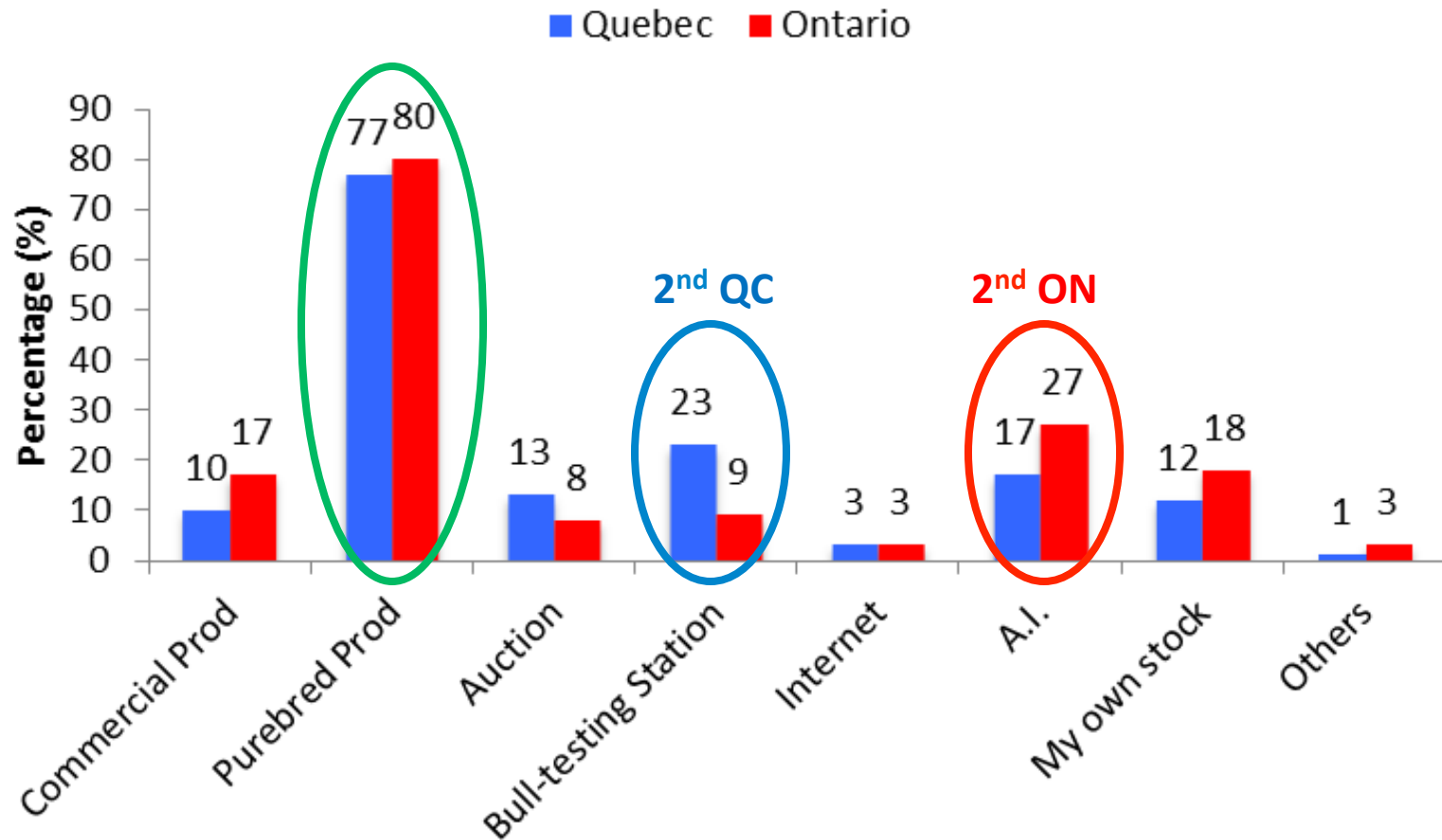


Q-14b: What are the ultrasound readings used for?

(R: 12 respondents QC and 7 respondents ON)



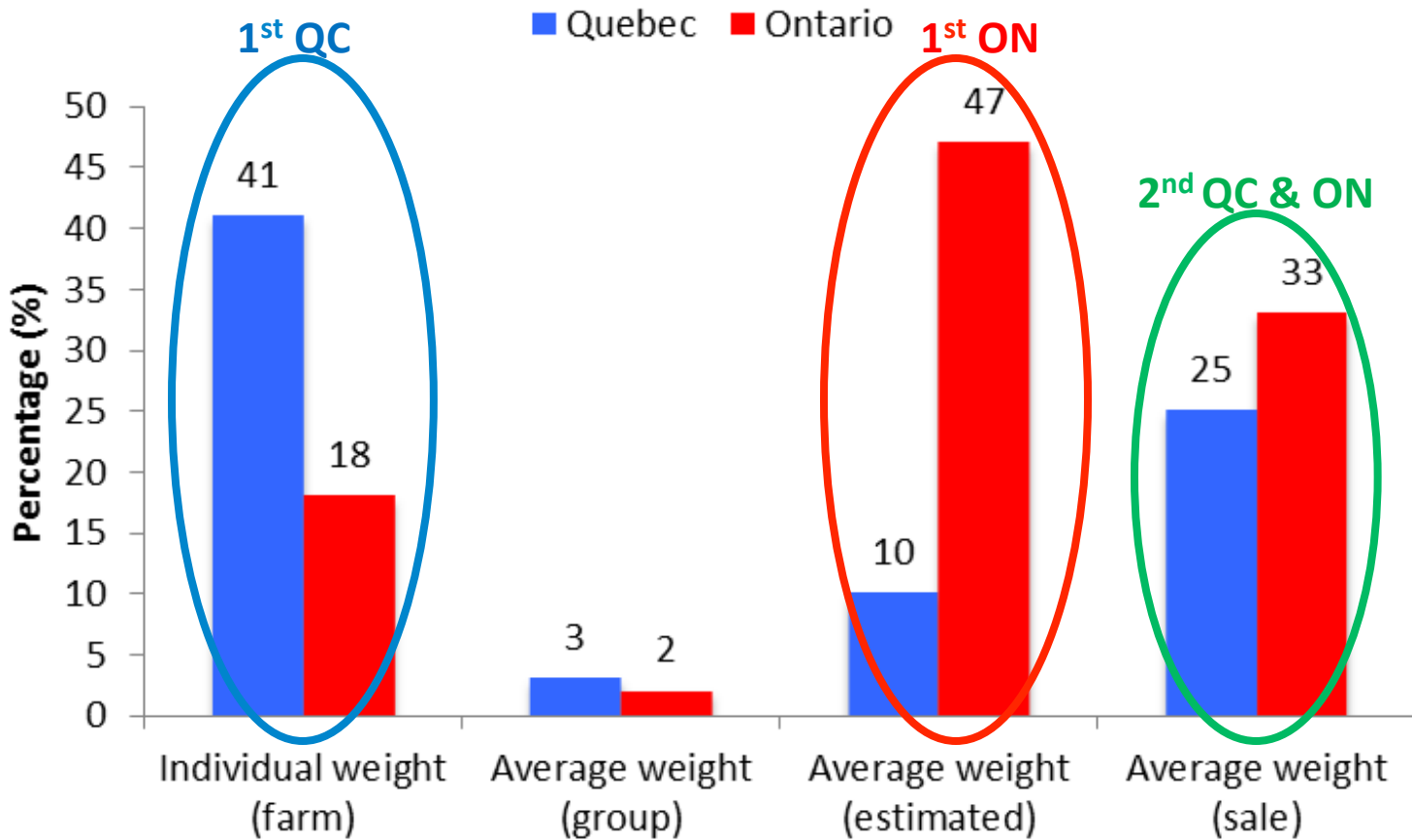
Q-19: Where do your breeding bulls come from? (R: 100% QC and 98.8% ON)



Q-20: Order of criteria for the purchase of breeding bulls (R: 98% QC and 87.5% ON)

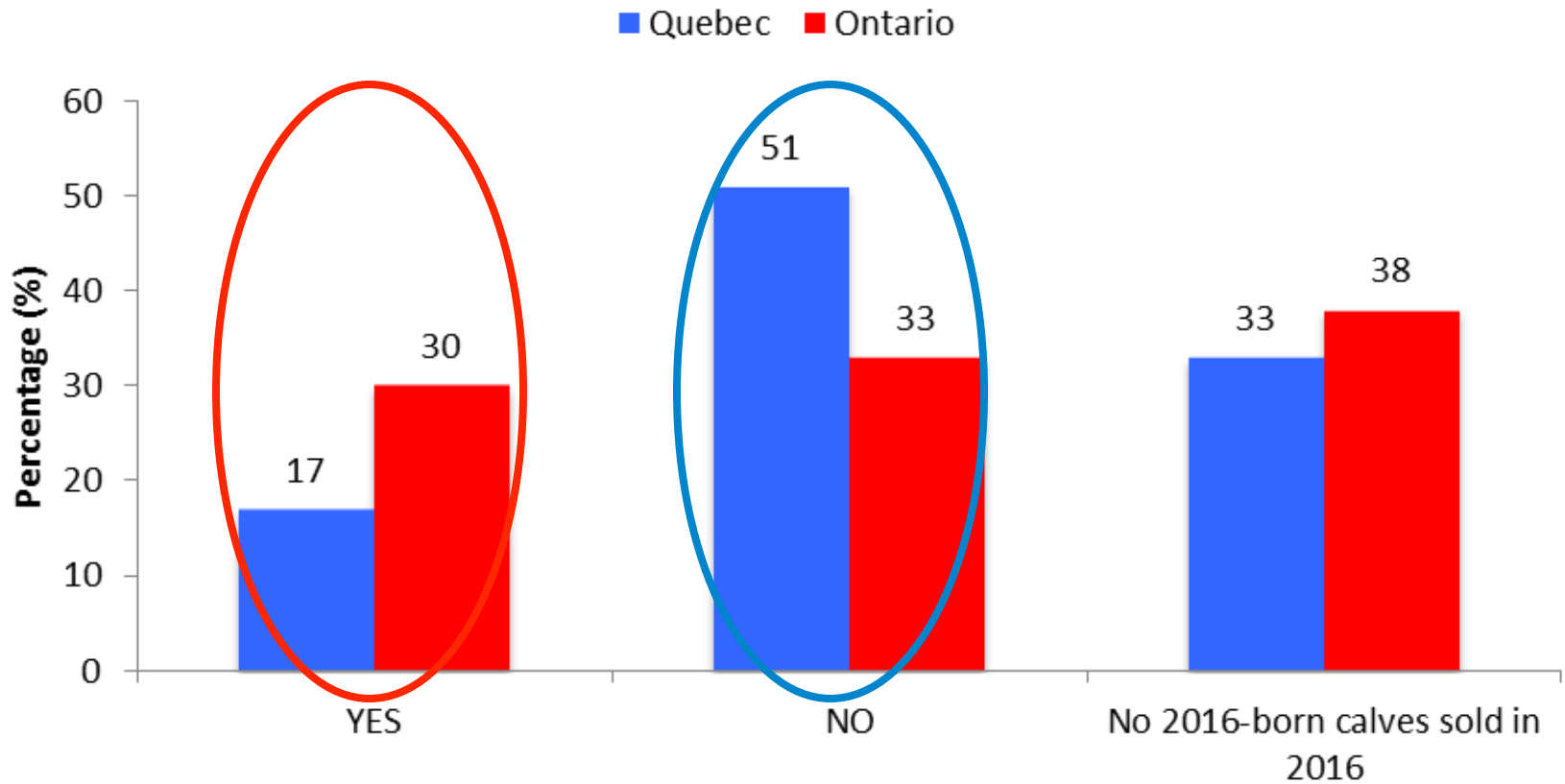
	QUEBEC	ONTARIO
Purebred with EPD	1	1
Physical appearance	2	5
Performance	3	4
Temperament	4	2
Polled	5	3
Registered purebred	6	7
Carcass traits (e.g. Ribeye)	7	6

Q-27: Source of average weight at weaning? (R: 68.7% QC and 63.8% ON)



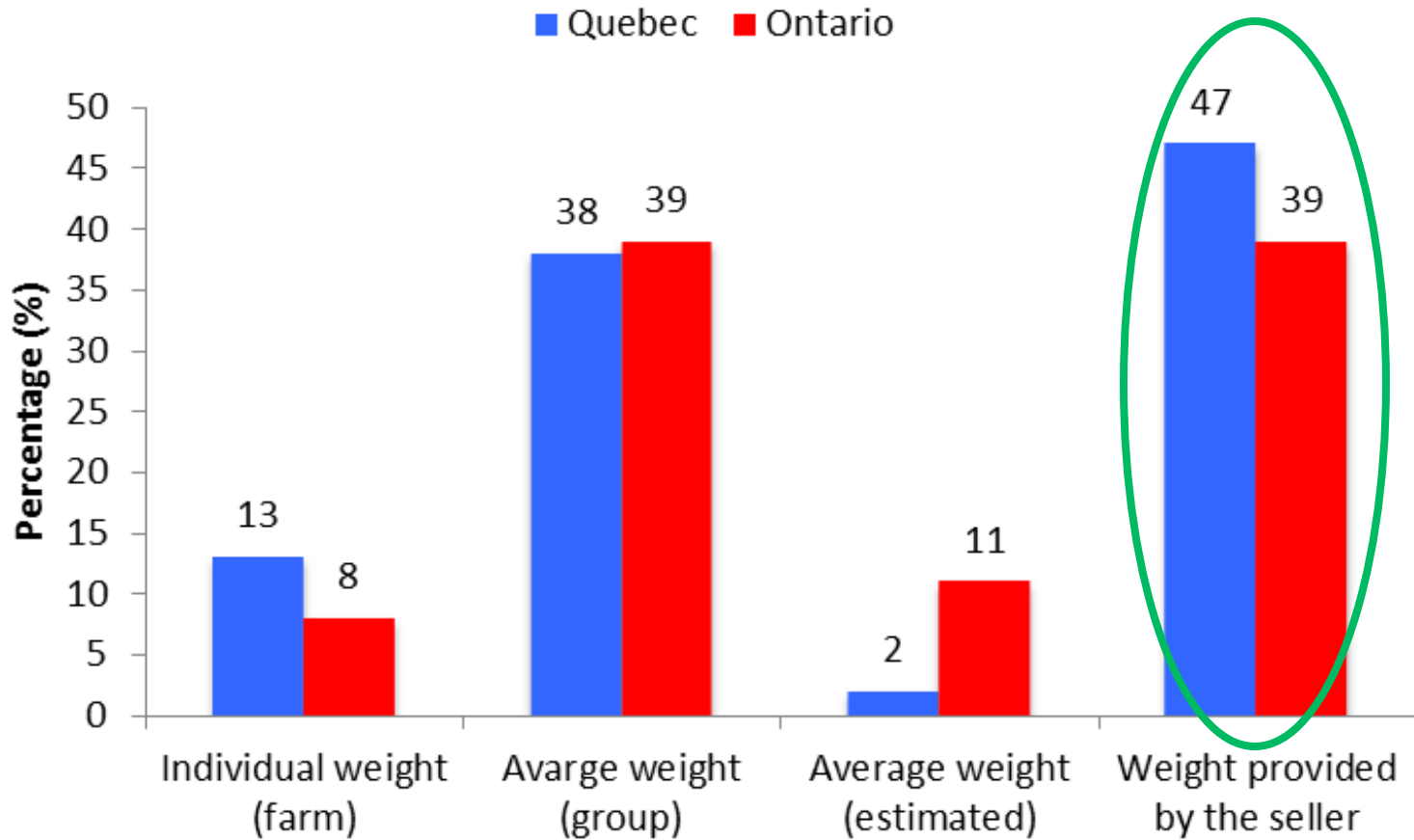
Q-29: Are the calves sold at weaning?

(R: 96% QC and 96.3% ON)



Q-30: Source of average sale weight?

(R: 55.6% QC and 45% ON)





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