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SMU Flat Rolled Market Trends Analysis

Responses from our May 10-12, 2021 Market Survey



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SMU Newsletter developed for active buyers & sellers of flat rolled steel.

Prices – Momentum – Trends – Analysis – with a guarantee

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Our goal is to provide quality information to the flat rolled steel industry.

We invite over 600 companies to participate in our surveys.

Normal response rate is 100-150 individuals on any one survey.

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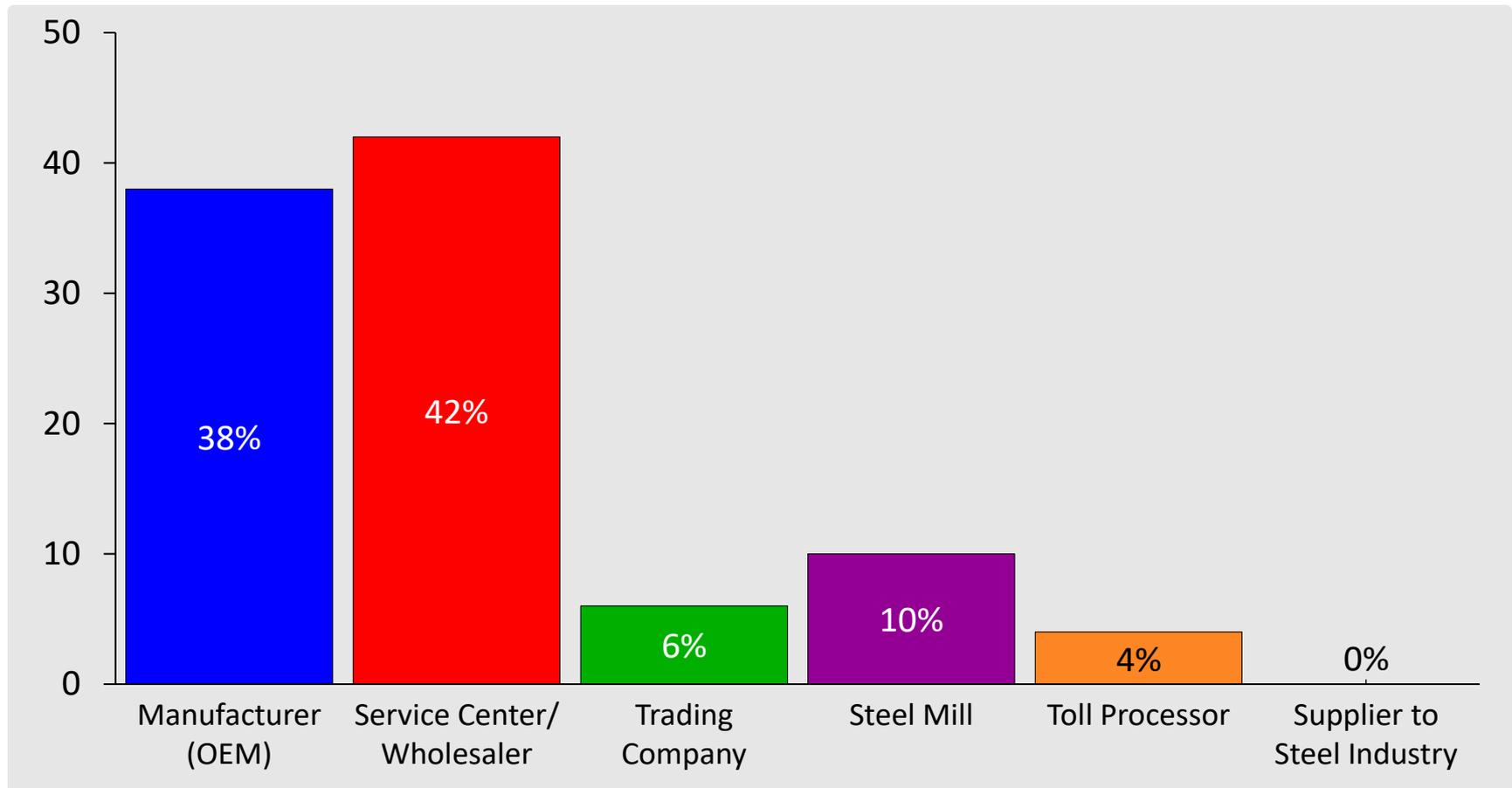
2021 Steel Market Update Events

Date	Conference	Status	Venue
June 2-3	Steel Hedging 101	Virtual	Online
July 14	Galvanized Hedging	Virtual	Online
July 20-21	Steel 101	Virtual	Online
August 3-4	Steel Hedging 201	Virtual	Online
August 23-25	SMU Steel Summit	Live	Georgia International Convention Center
September TBD	Steel 201	Virtual	Online

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Survey Participants

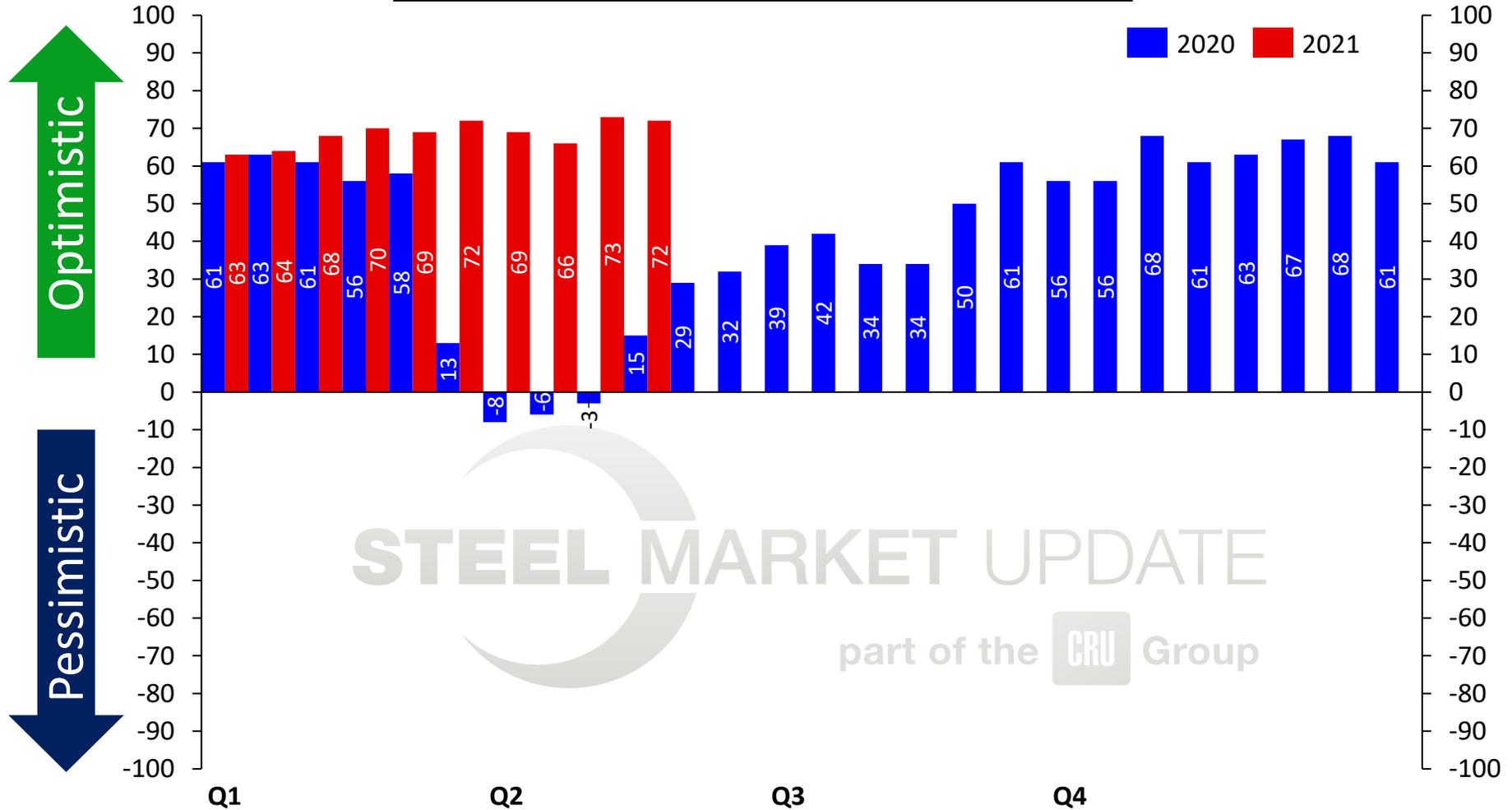
Our survey is by invitation only- Over 500 companies, mostly in the manufacturing or distribution industries, are asked to participate. Here are the percentages of participation in this week's survey by market sector.



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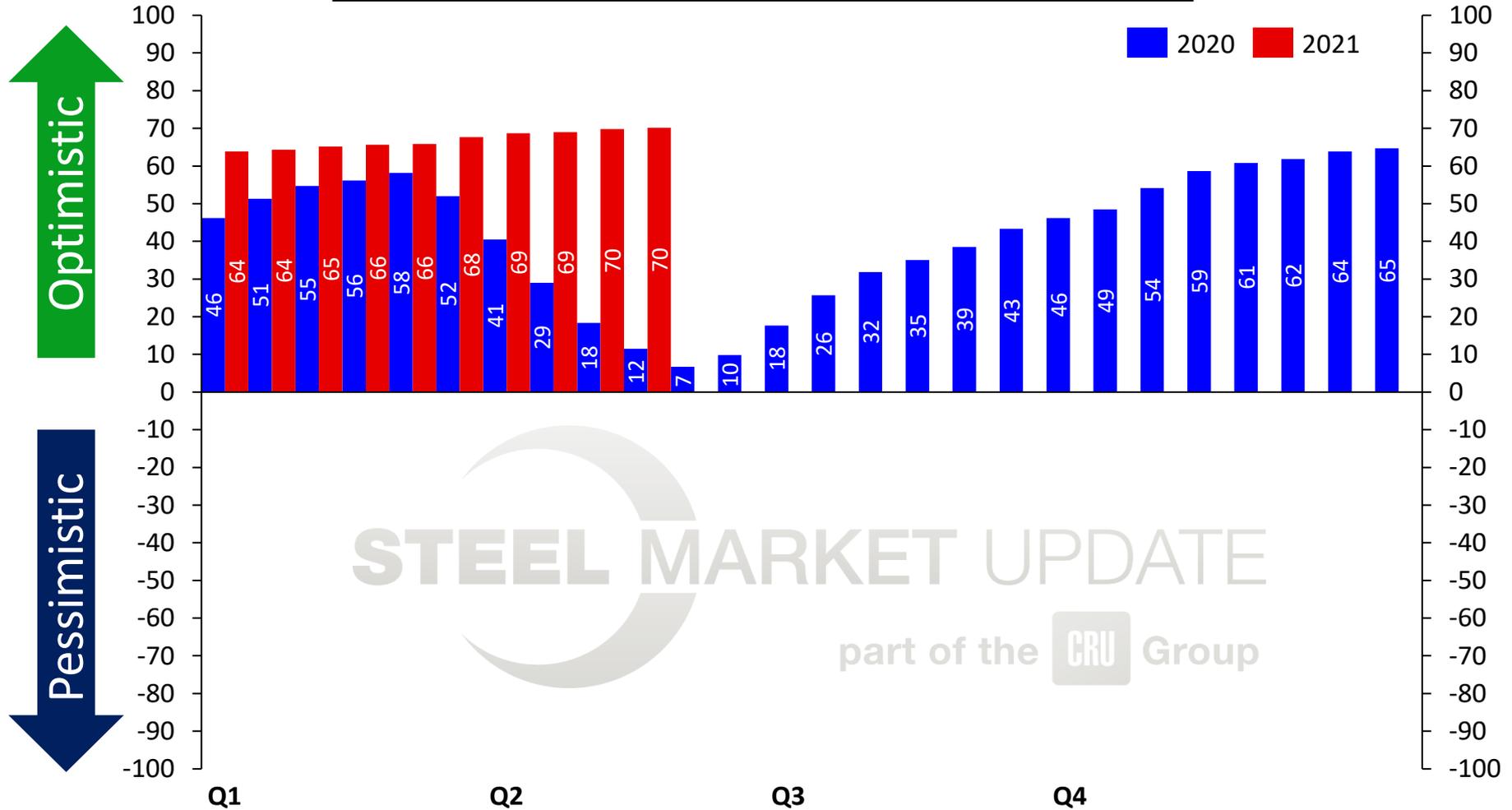
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Three Month Moving Average at +70.17

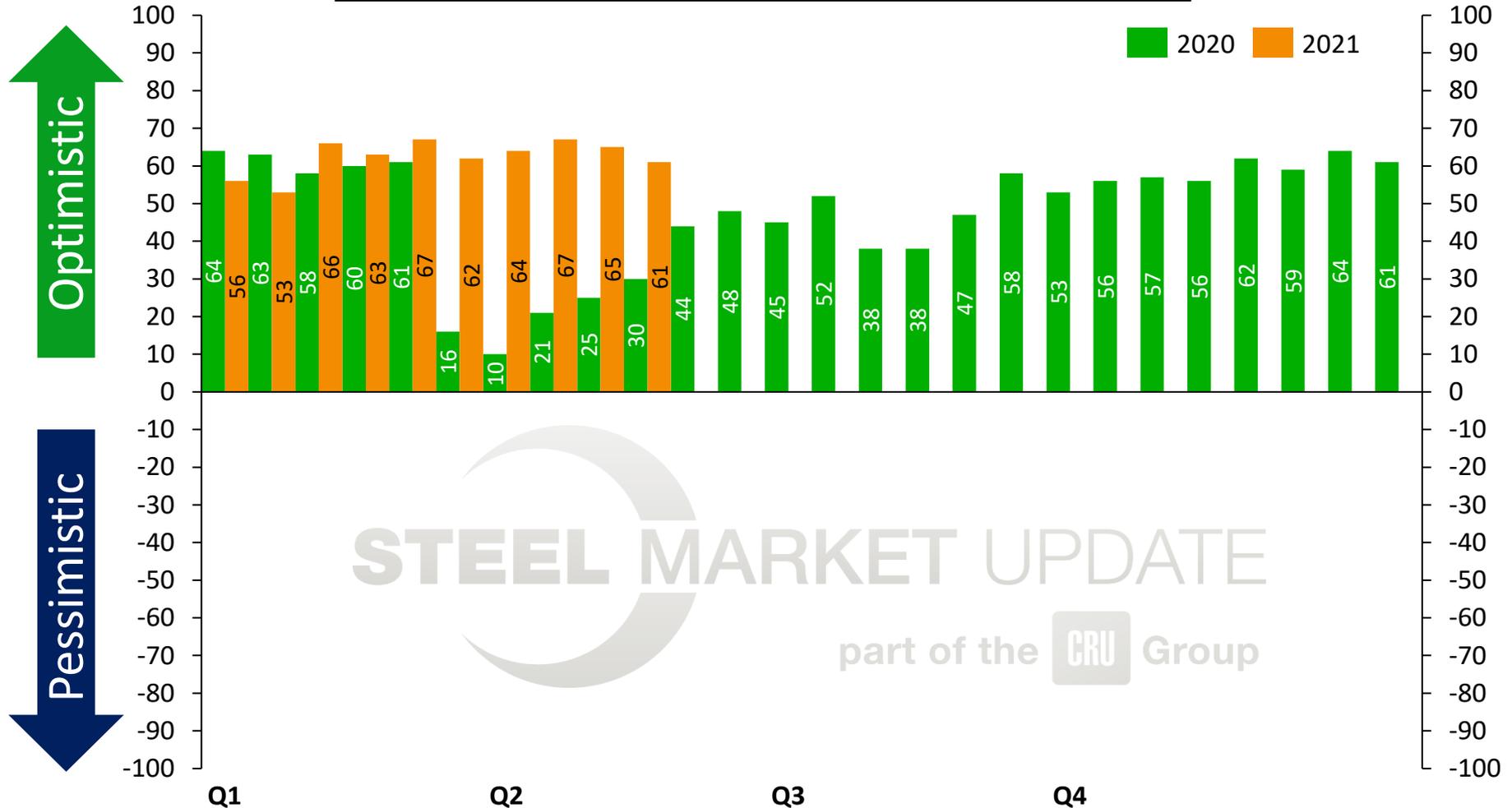
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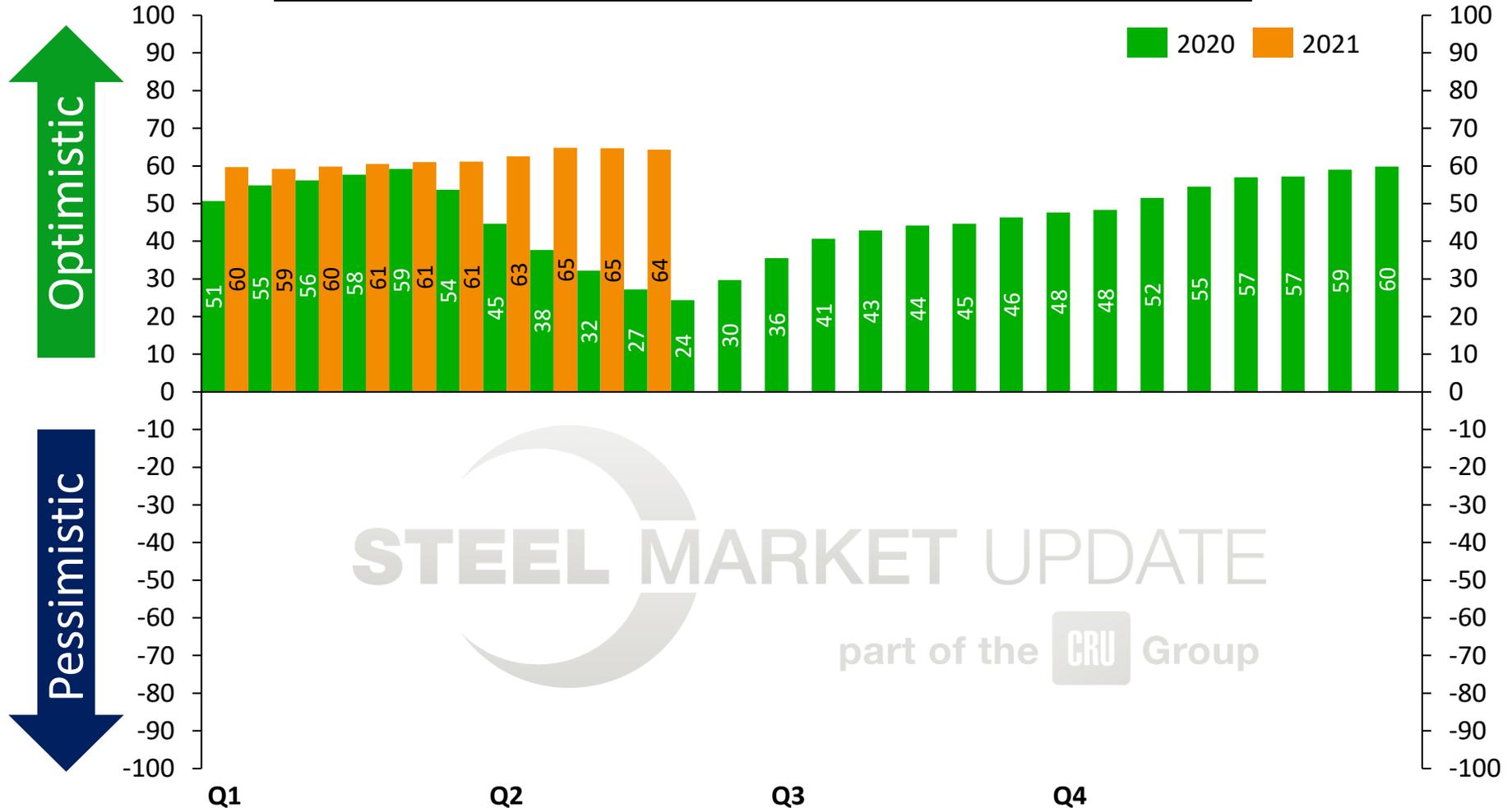
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Three Month Moving Average at +64.33

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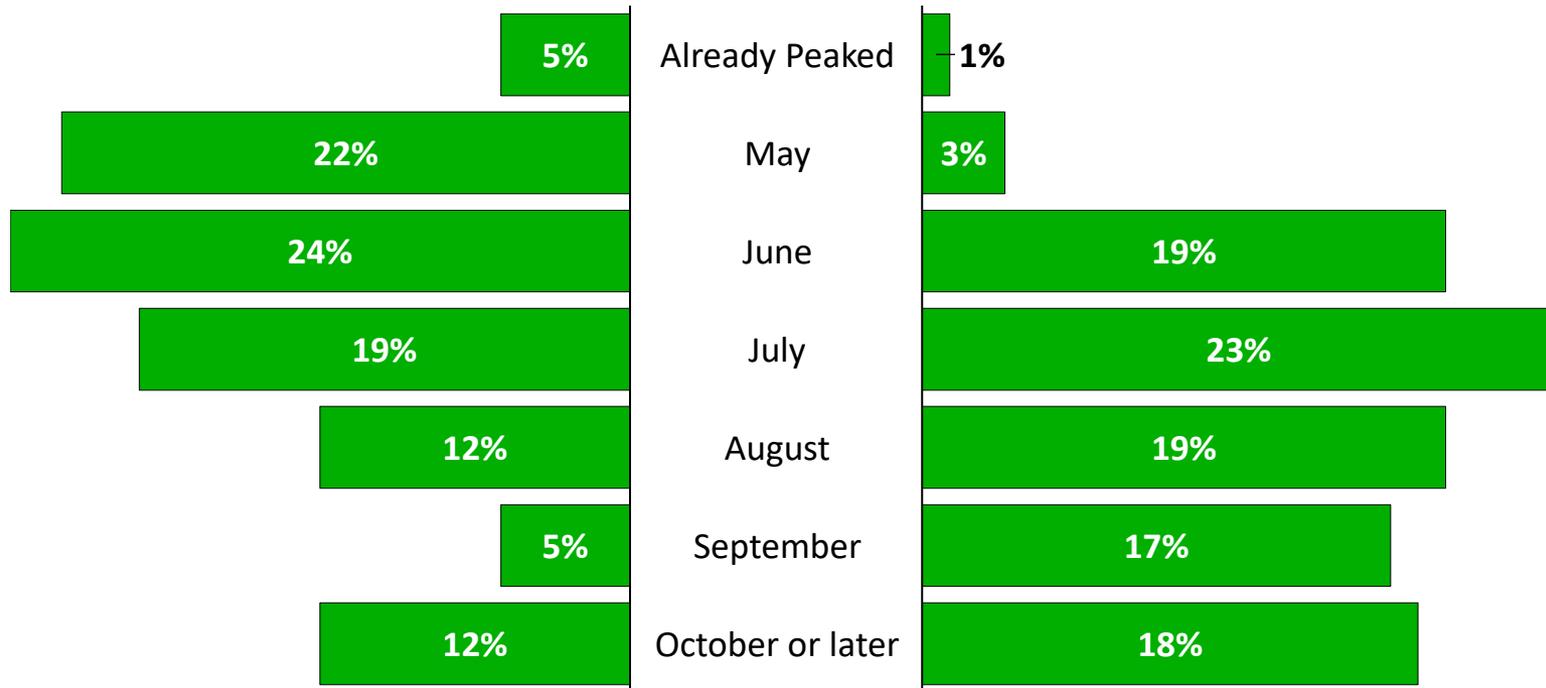


When Will Prices Peak?

When do you think prices will peak?

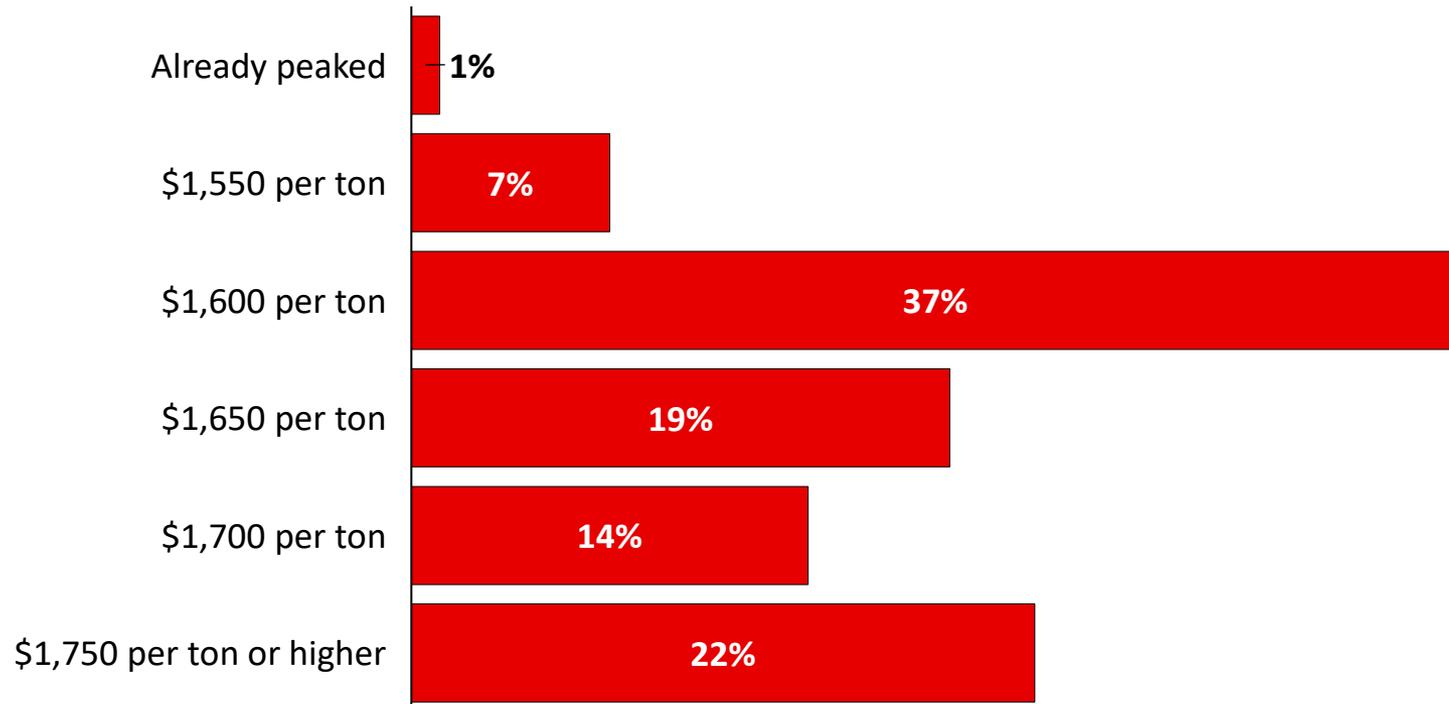
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HRC Price Peak

Hot rolled coil prices now average \$1,500* per ton.
Where do you think HRC prices will peak?



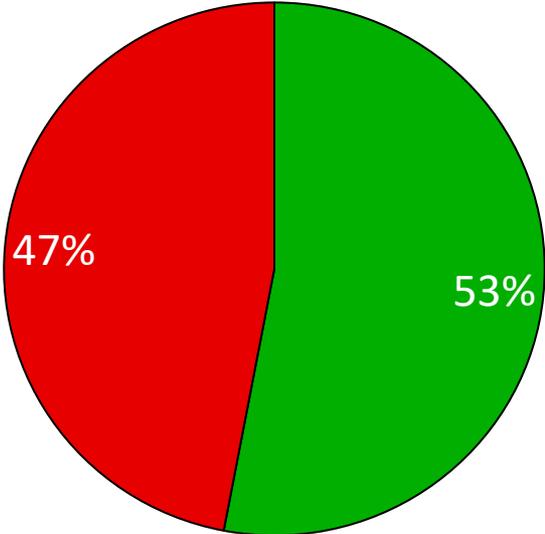
* As of Monday, May 10, 2021; the latest SMU HR average is \$1,540 per ton

Material Availability

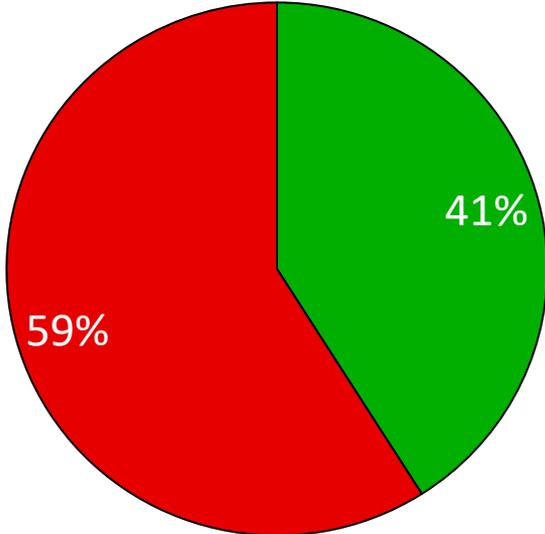
Are you able to purchase enough steel to run your business and satisfy customers?

Yes No

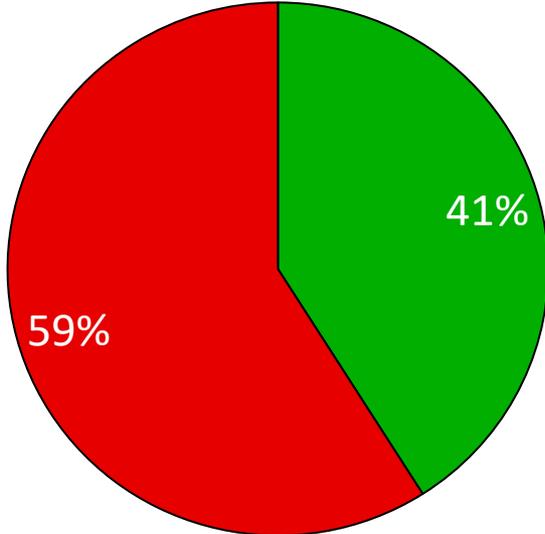
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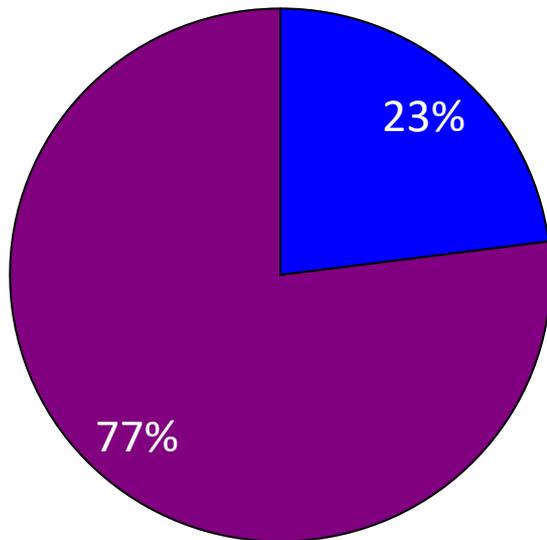


Tipping Point?

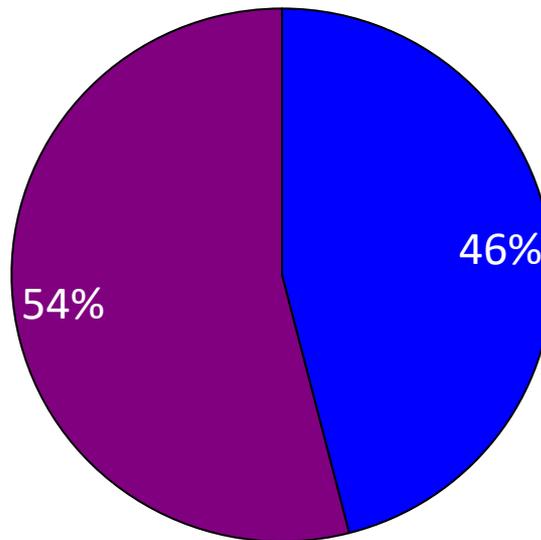
Are record-high steel prices nearing a tipping point?

Yes No

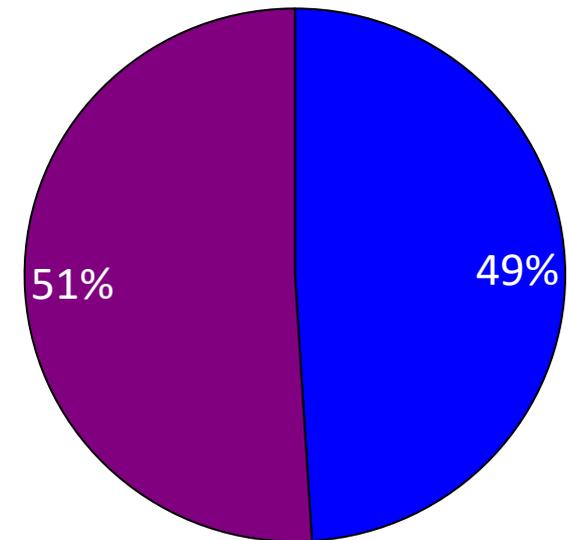
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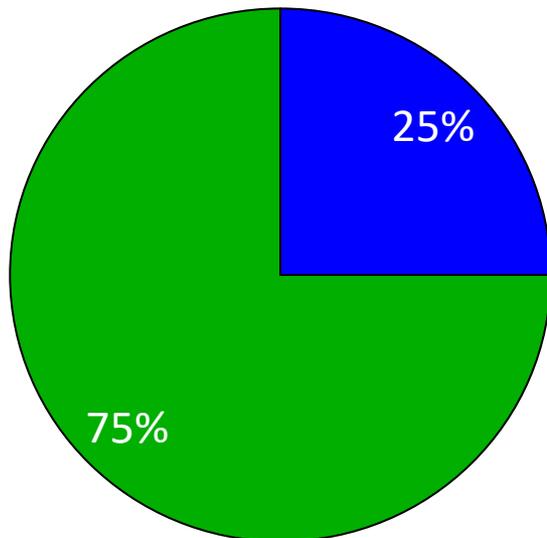


Regional Price Variances

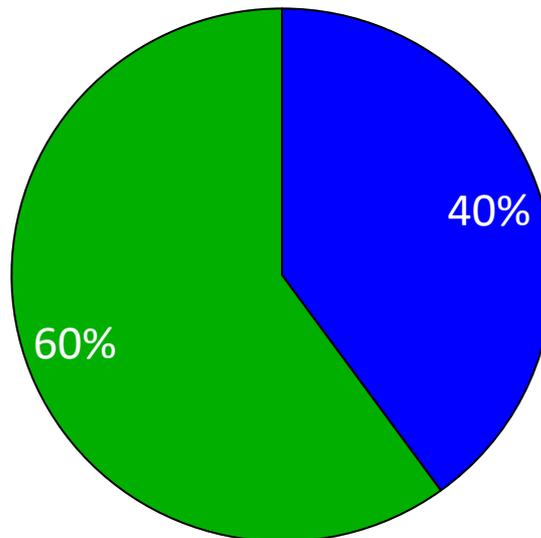
Are you seeing any variance in fob prices between mills in the north and those in the south?

Yes No

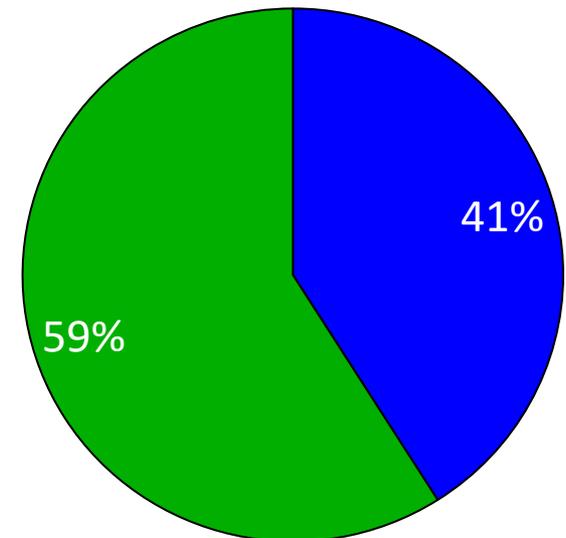
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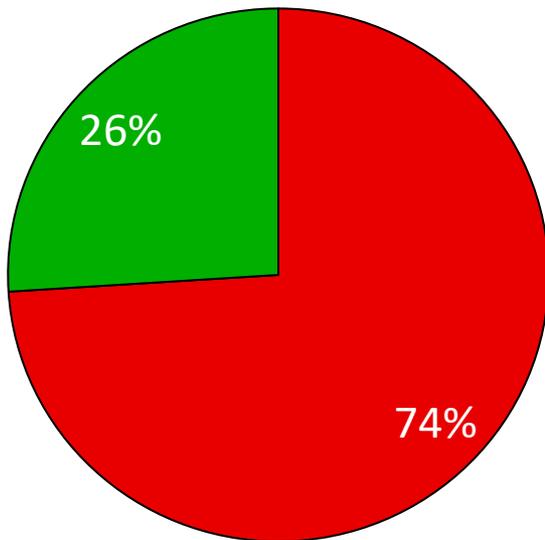


Freight

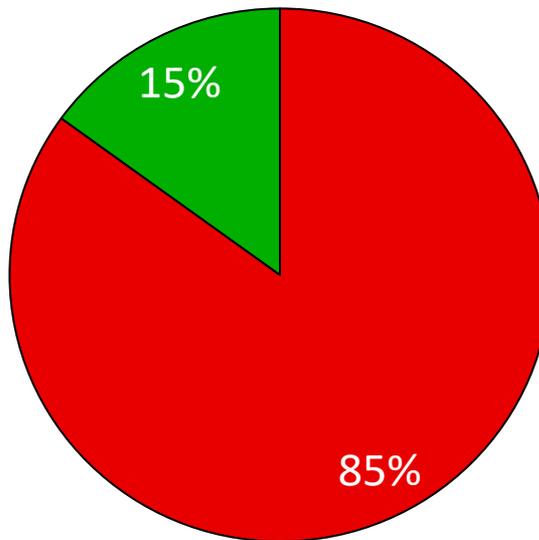
Are you having difficulty securing the trucks, trains or ships necessary to move your steel?

Yes No

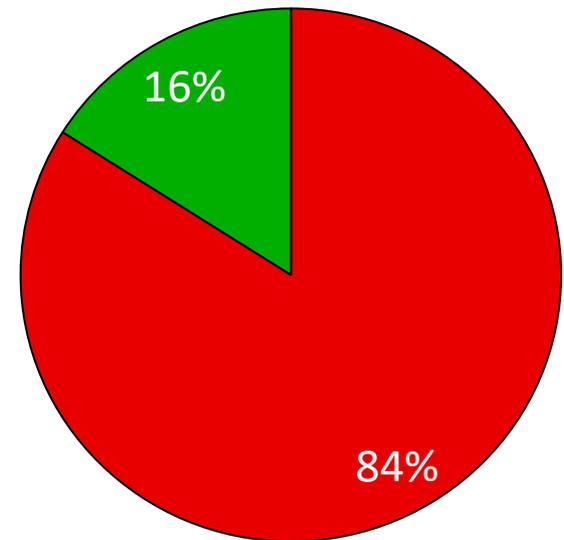
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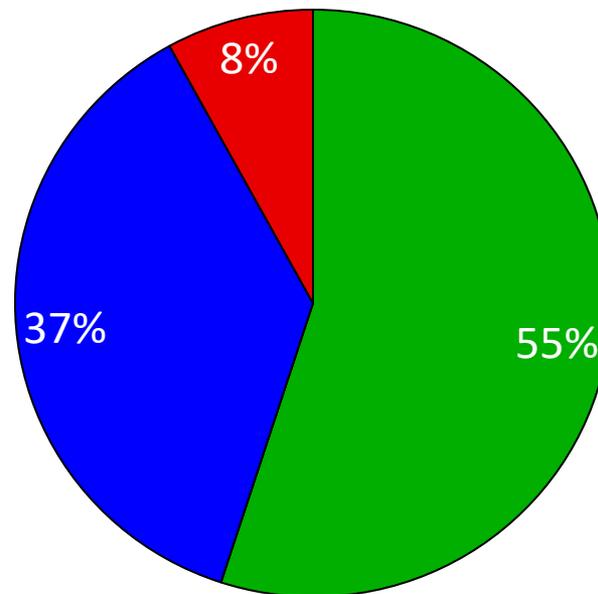


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- Demand is improving
- Demand is remaining the same
- Demand is declining

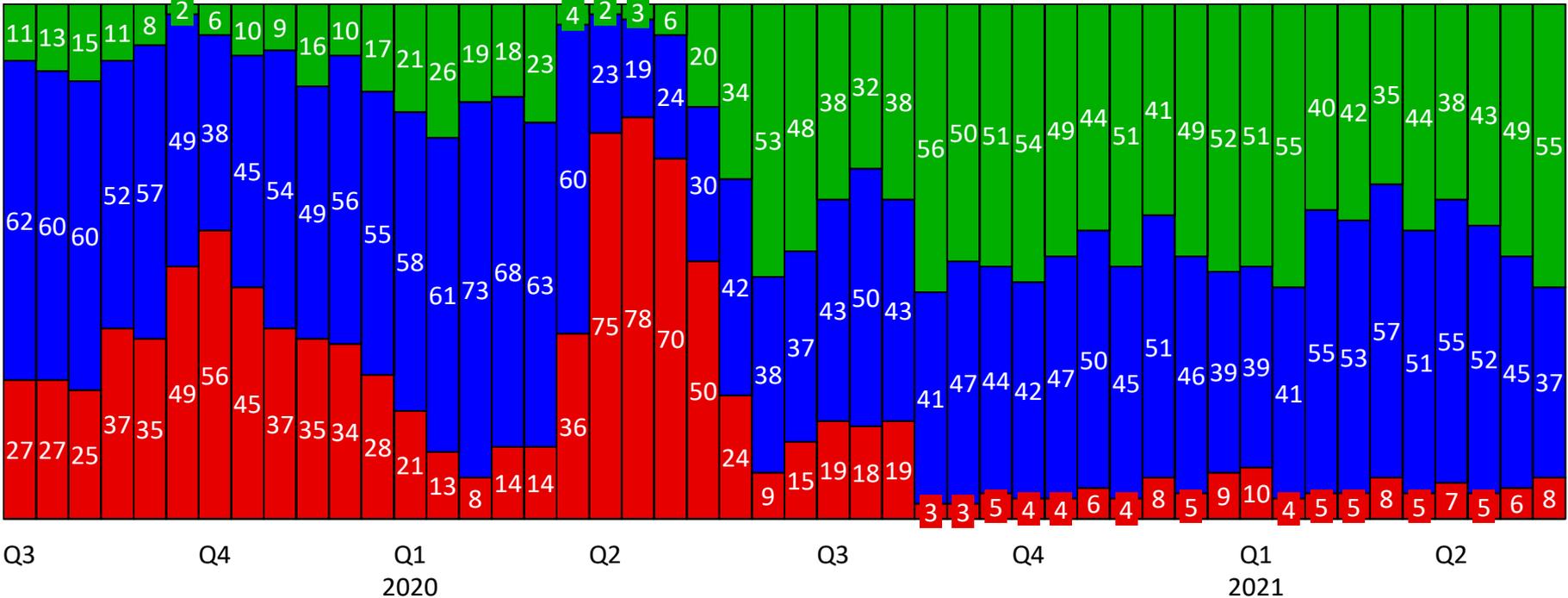


Overall Demand History

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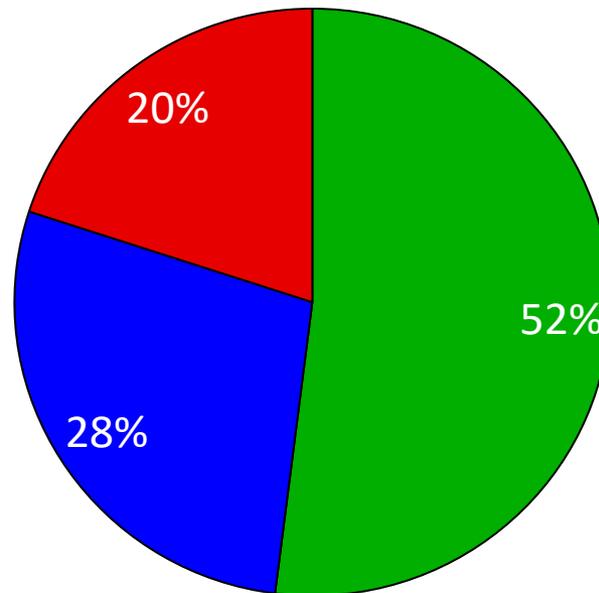
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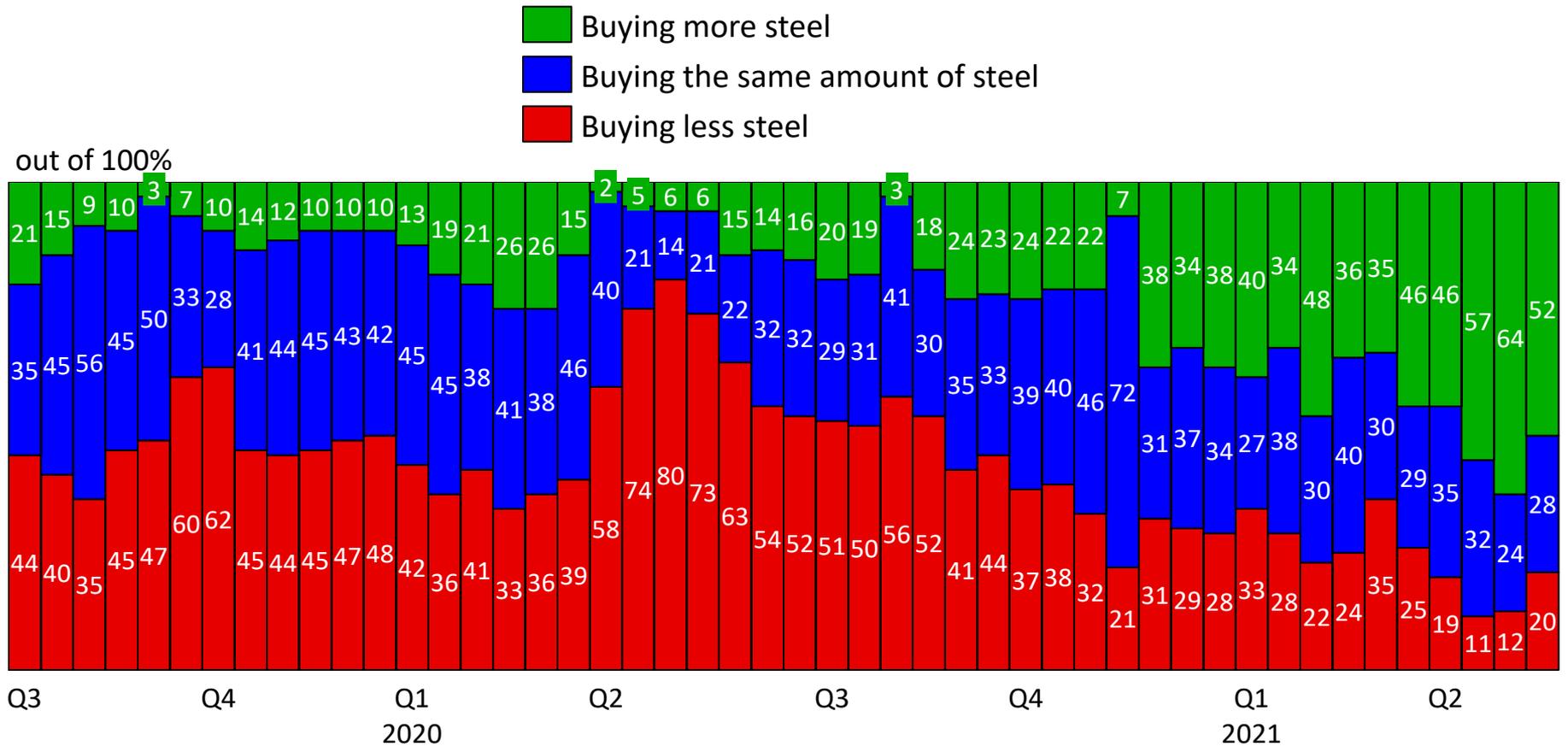
Manufacturers- Compared to this time last year –
is your company buying more, less or the same
amount of flat rolled steel as one year ago?

- Buying more steel
- Buying the same amount of steel
- Buying less steel



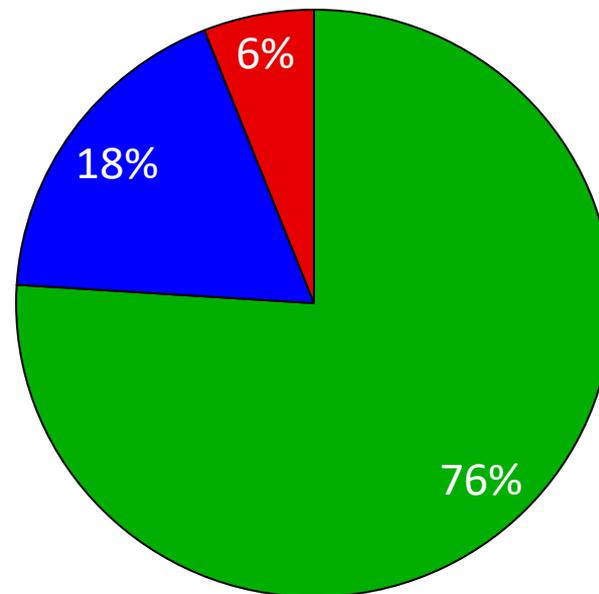
History of Manufacturer Purchases

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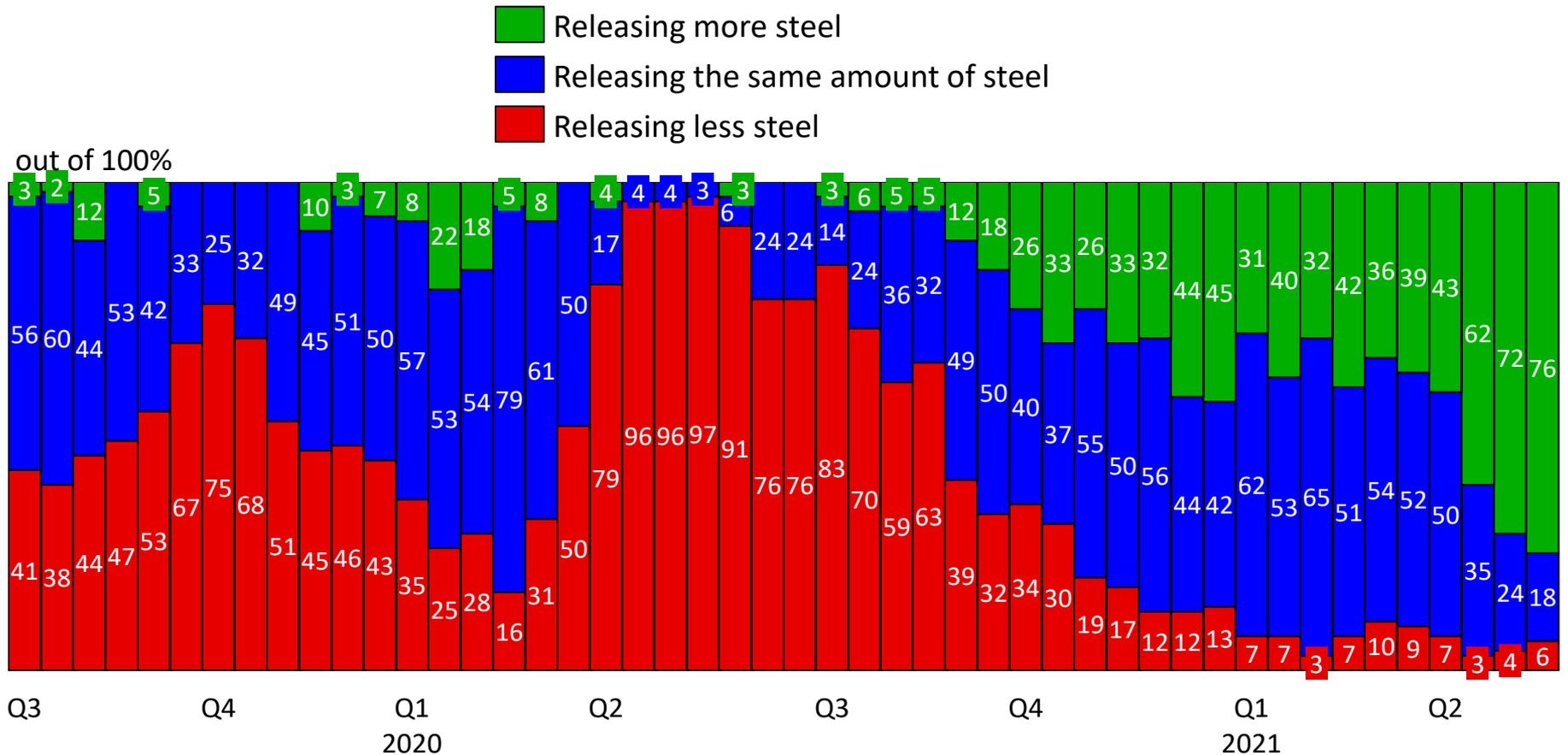
Service Centers- How do you see your customers releases (demand) for the products your company provides this year compared to this time last year?

- Releasing more steel
- Releasing the same amount of steel
- Releasing less steel

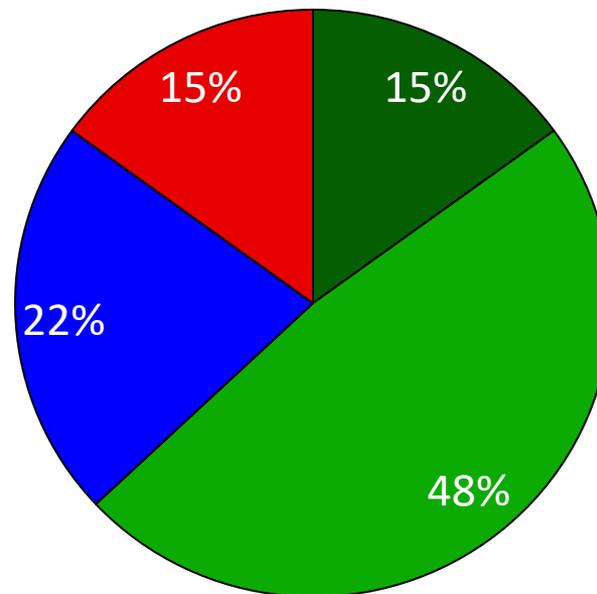
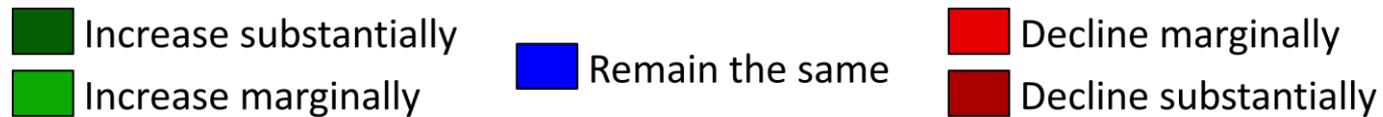


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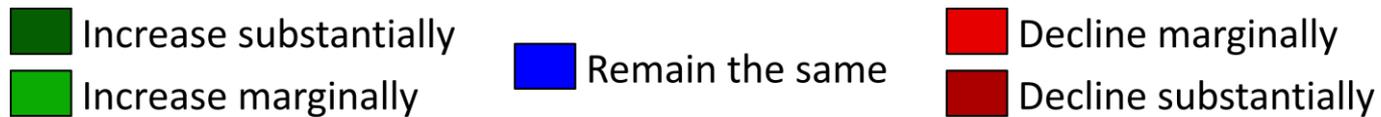


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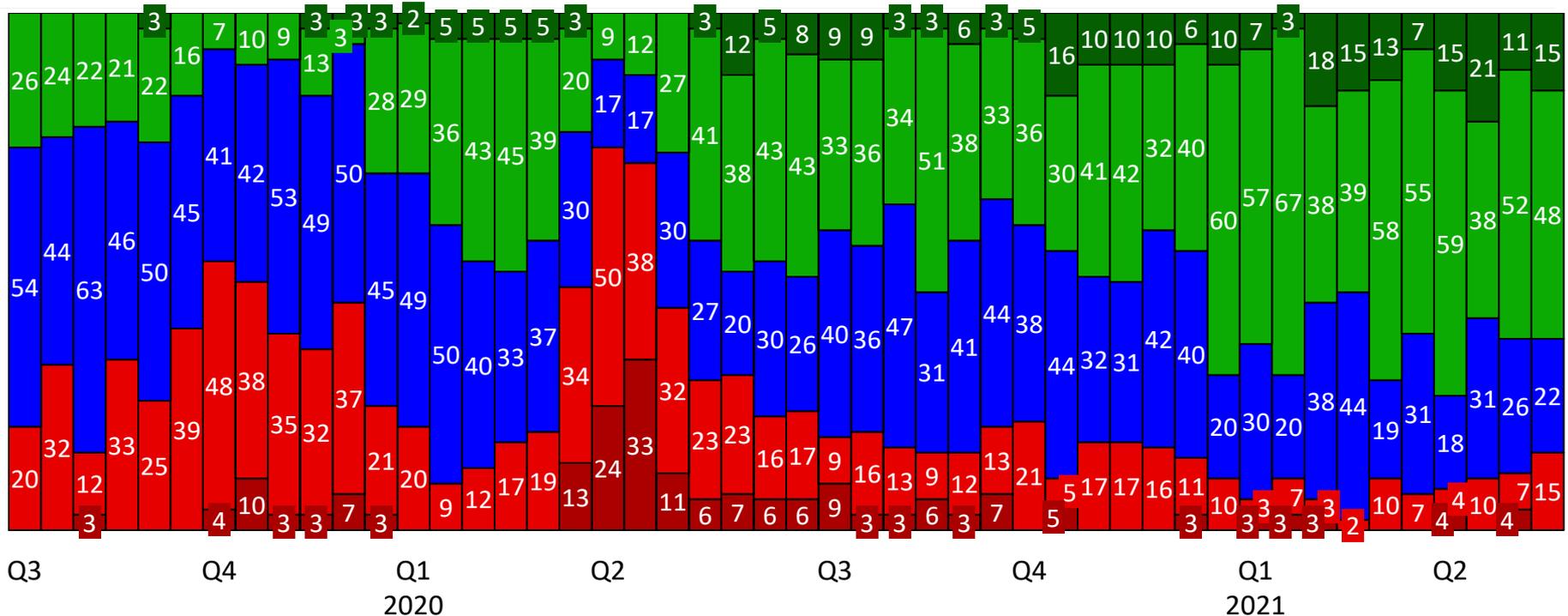


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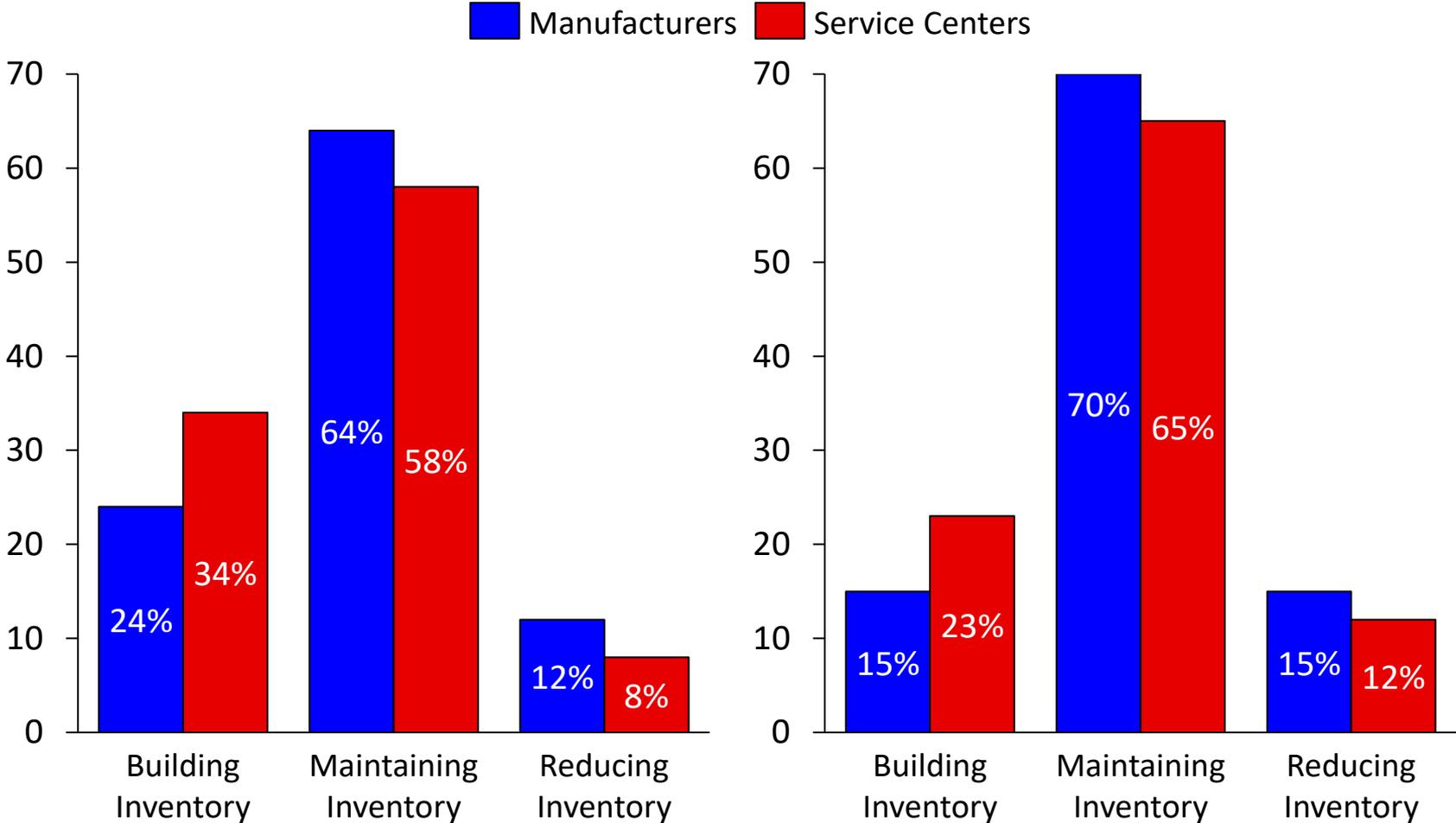
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Manufacturer and Service Center Inventory Buying Patterns

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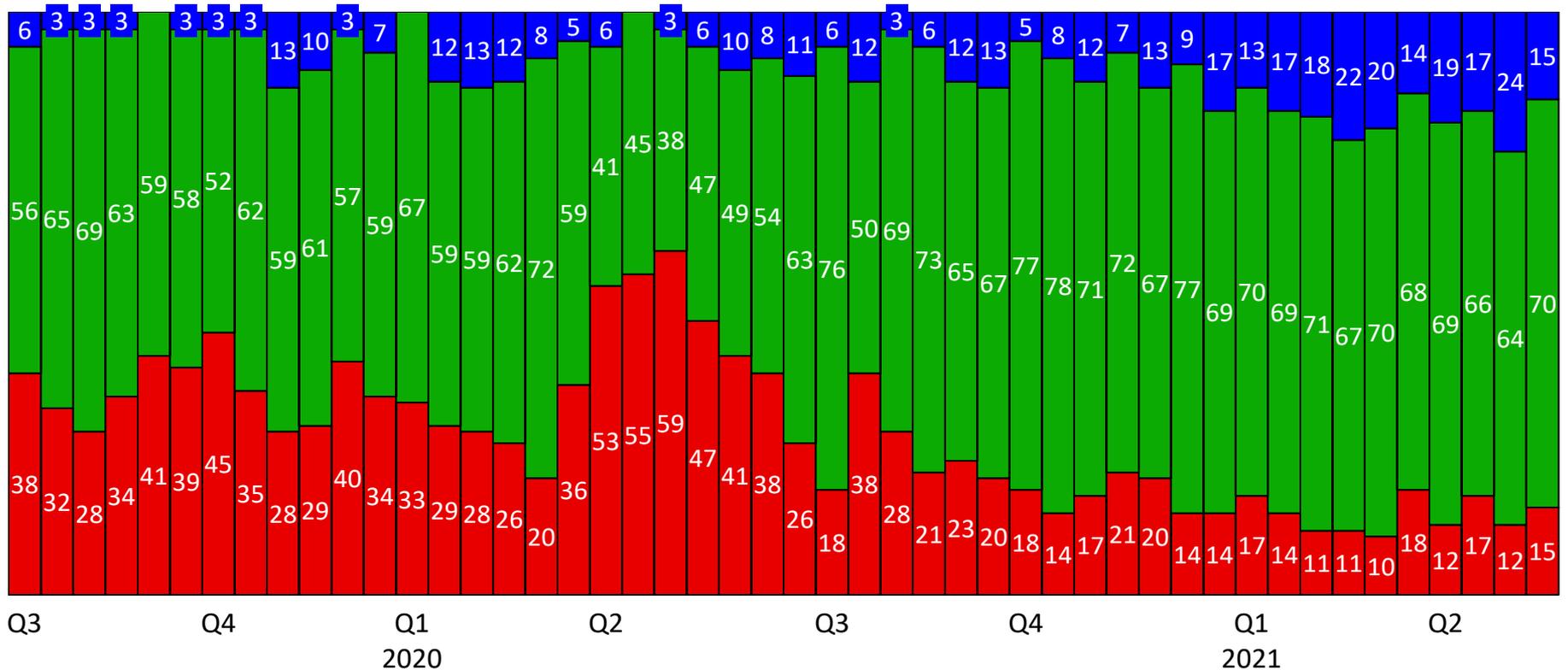


Manufacturer Inventory Buying History

Manufacturers- Is your company building, reducing or maintaining its flat rolled steel inventory?

■ Building Inventory
 ■ Maintaining Inventory
 ■ Reducing Inventory

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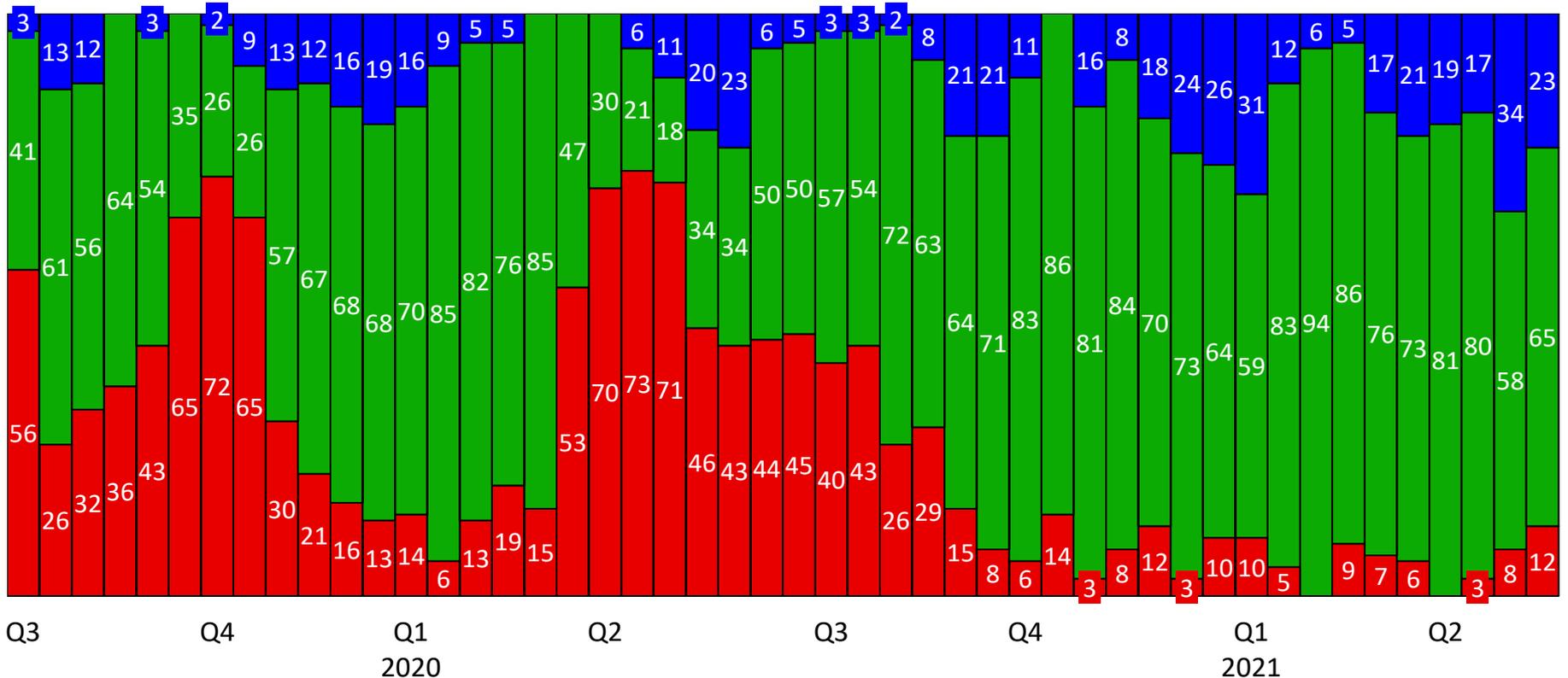


Service Center Inventory Buying History

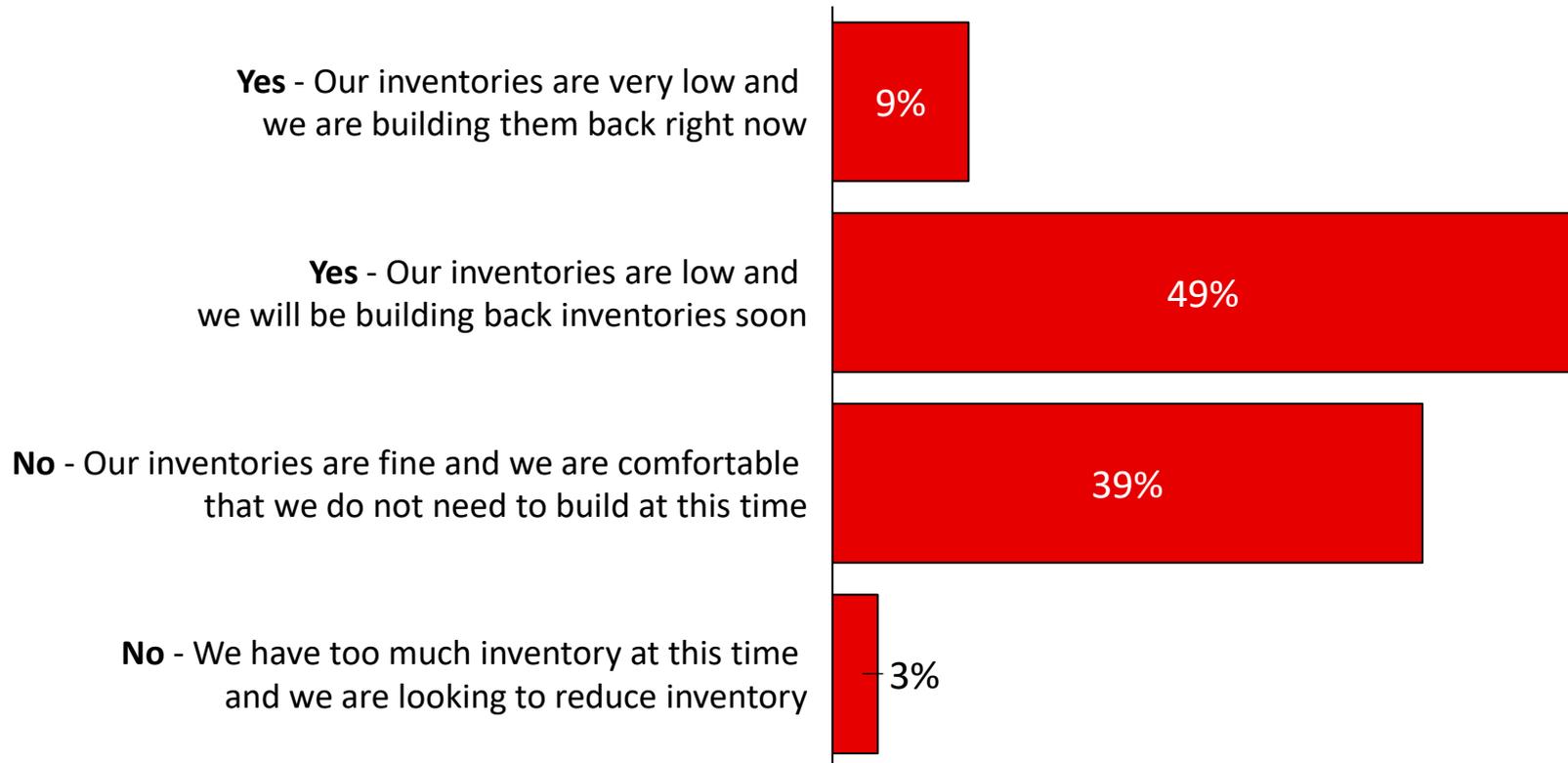
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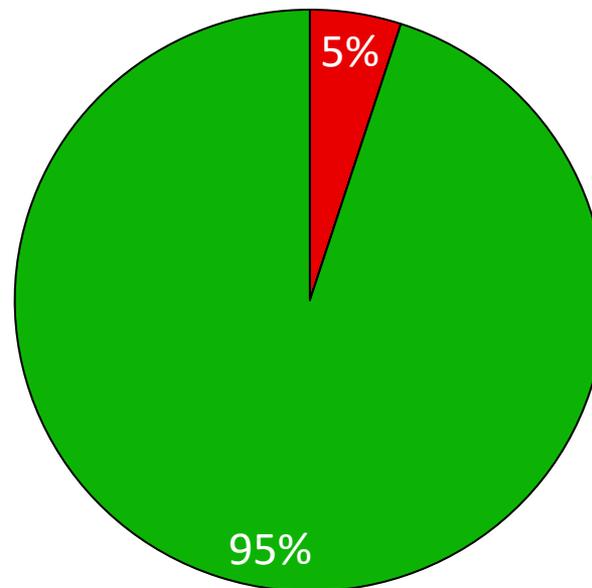
Service Centers- Does your company need to build back inventories or are you comfortable with the levels you are holding on your floor?



Manufacturer's View of Service Center Selling Prices

Manufacturers- Which comment do you feel is representative of service center pricing right now compared to two weeks ago?

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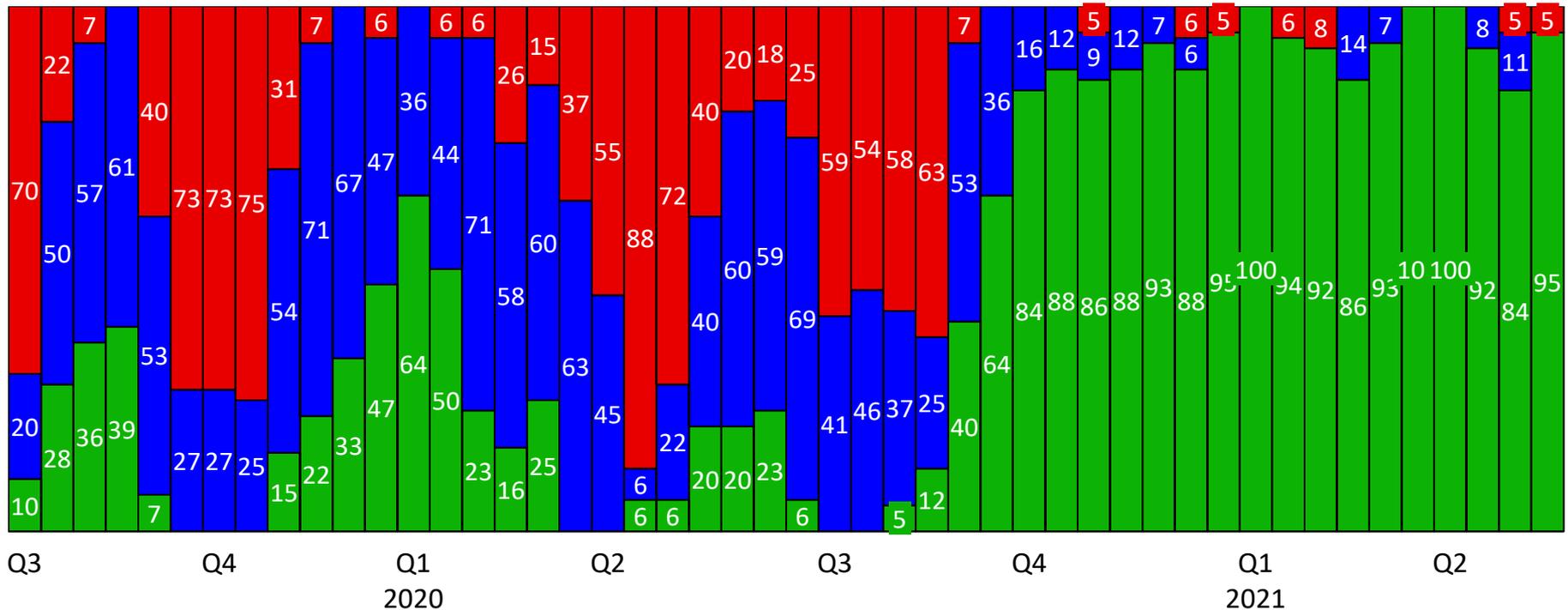


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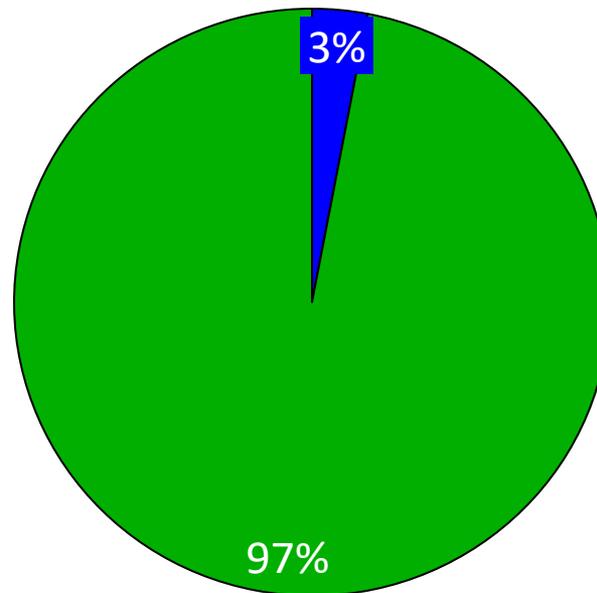
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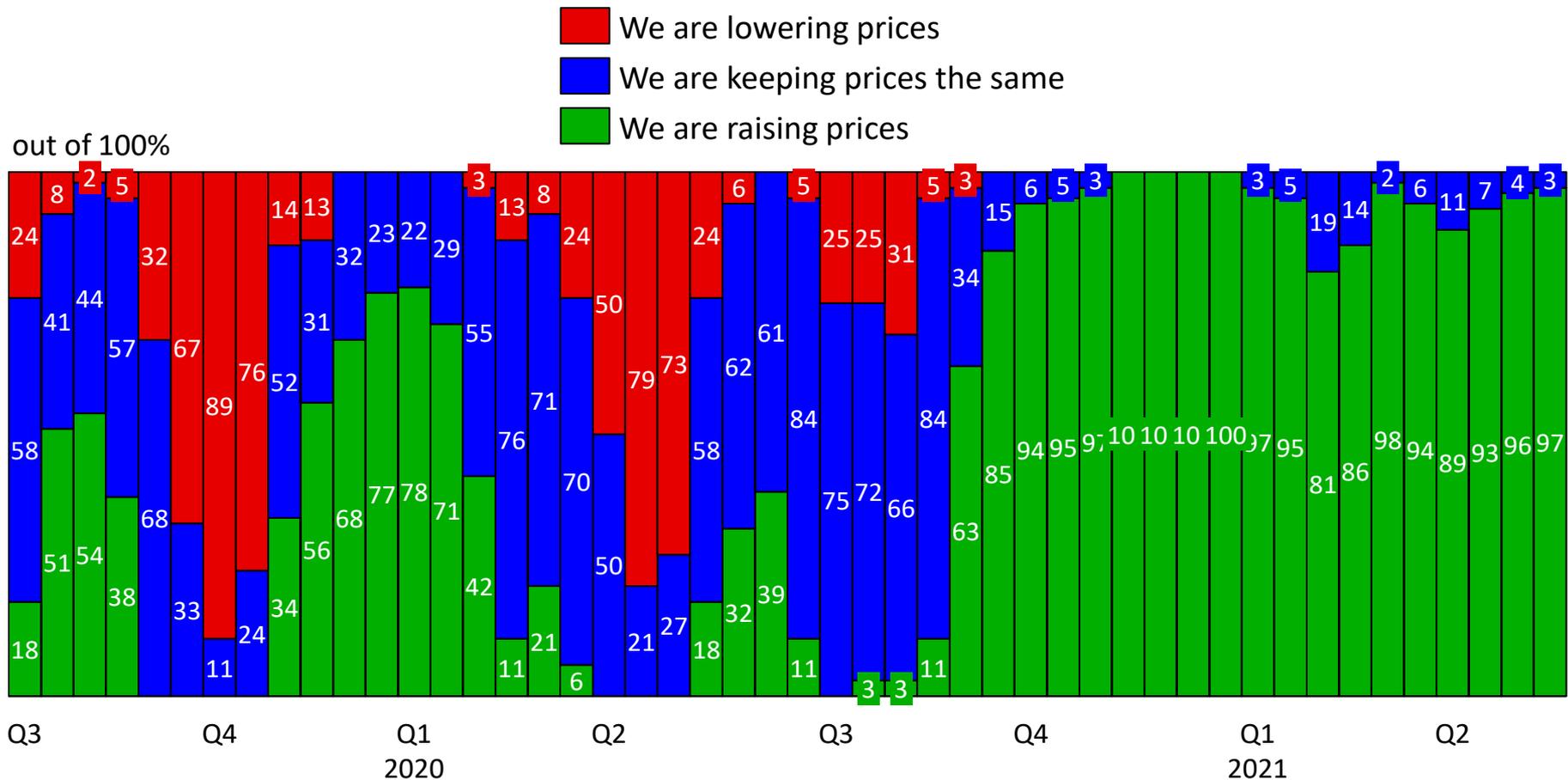


Service Centers- Compared to two weeks ago, how is your company handling spot pricing to your customers at this time?

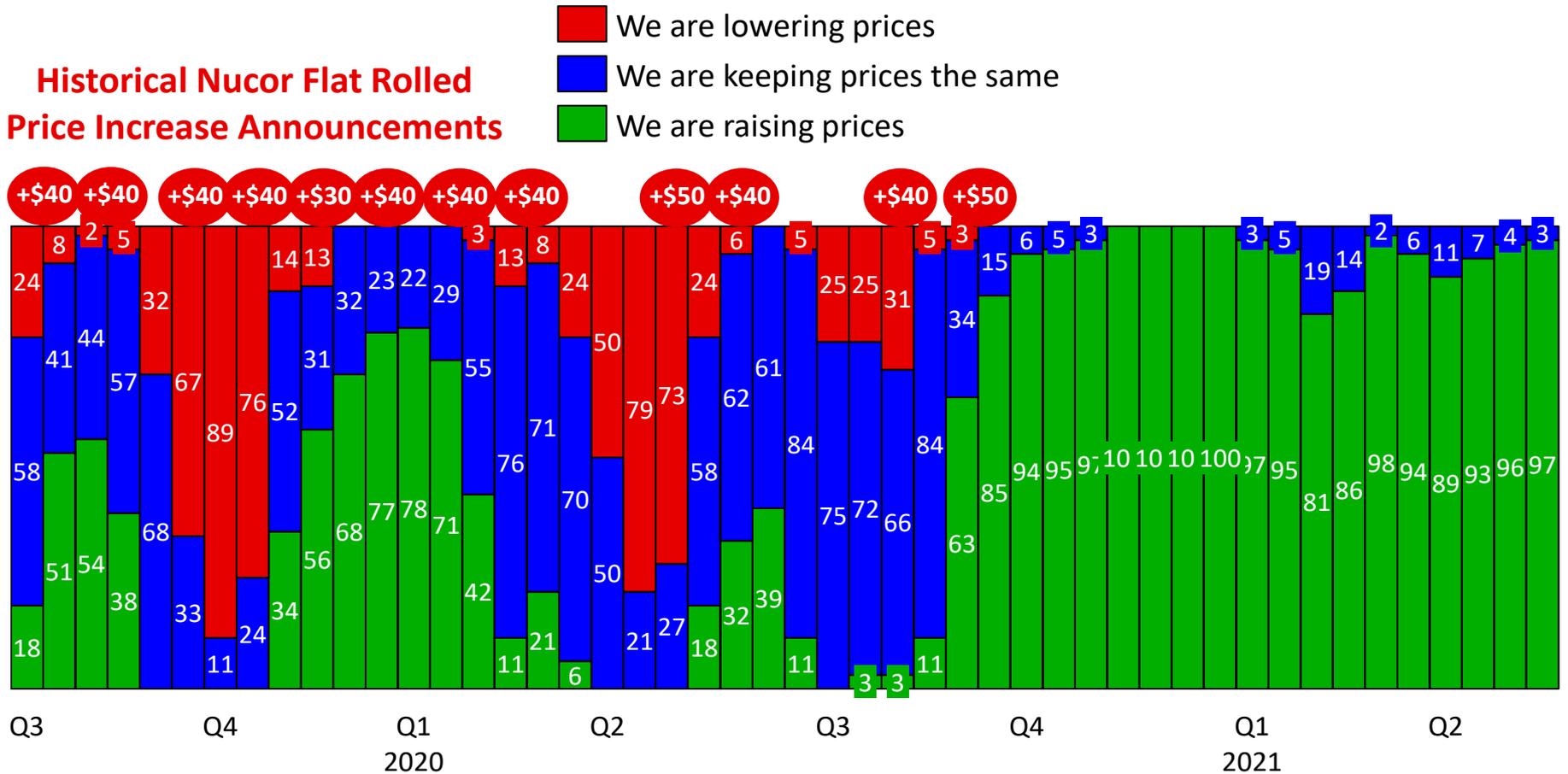
- We are lowering prices
- We are keeping prices the same
- We are raising prices



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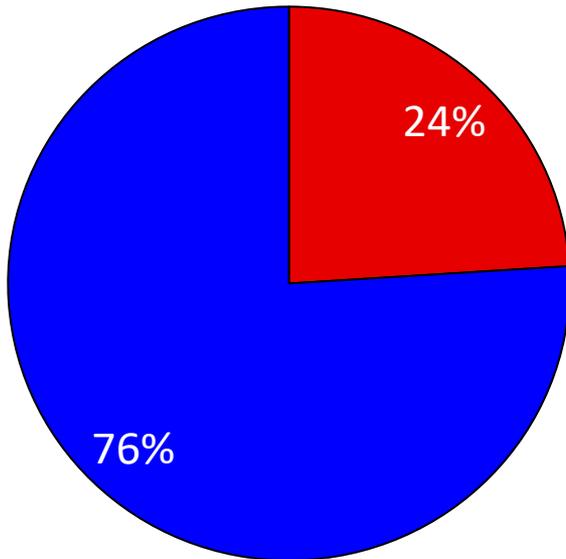


Passing Along Higher Prices

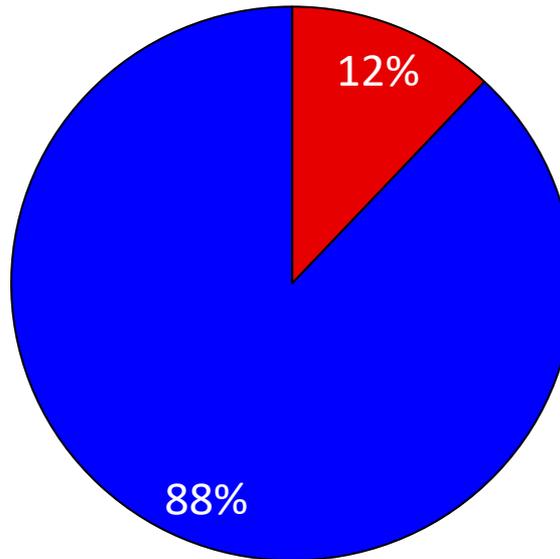
Service Centers- Are you having any difficulties in passing along the new higher prices to your customers?

Yes No

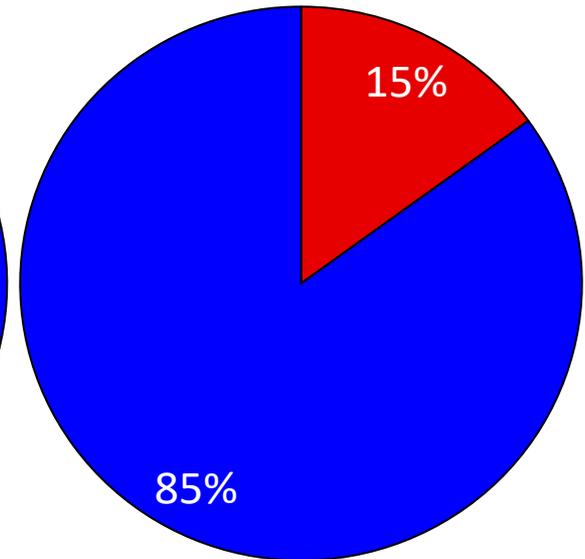
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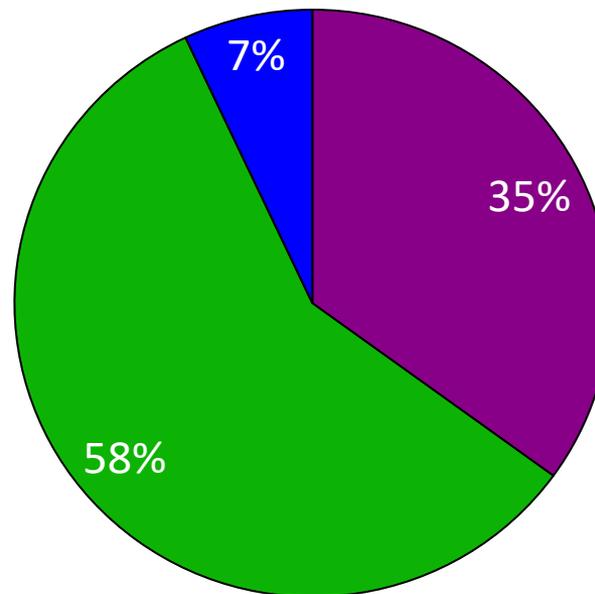


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Service Centers- Are your manufacturing customers increasing orders, keeping them the same or reducing orders at this time?

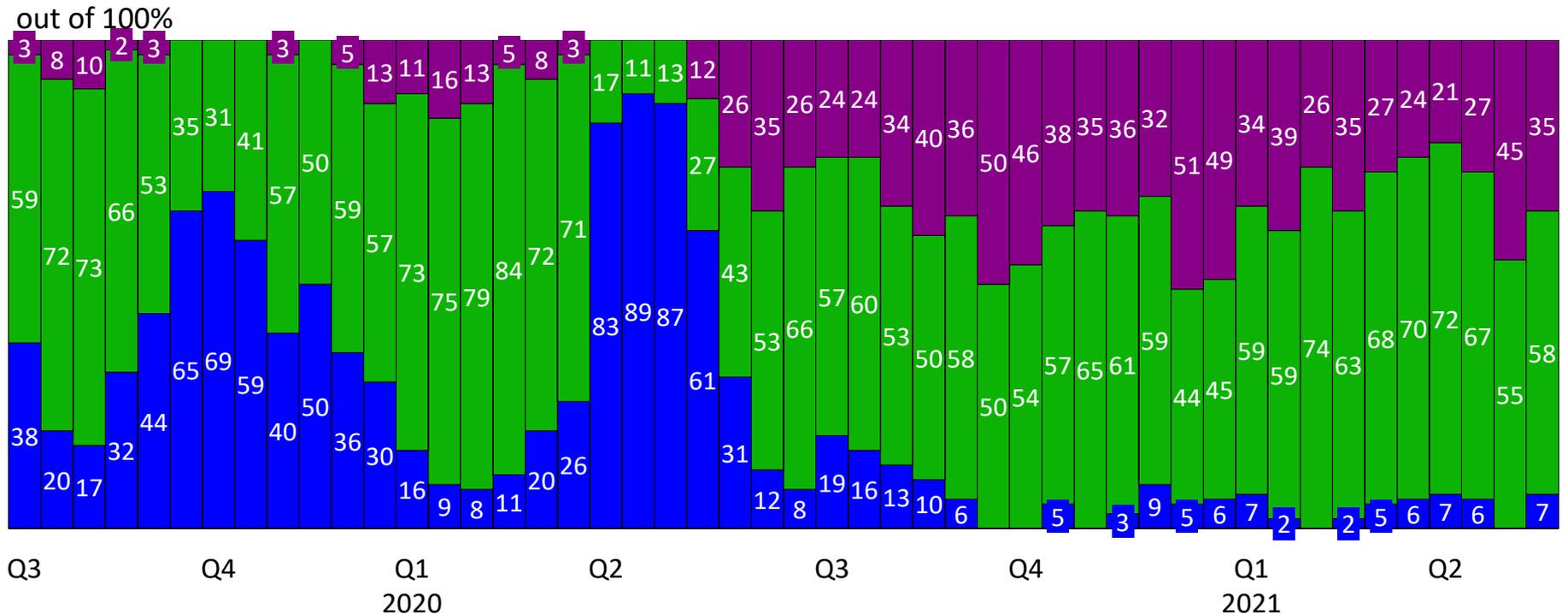
- Our manufacturing customers are increasing orders
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Service Centers on Manufacturer Orders History

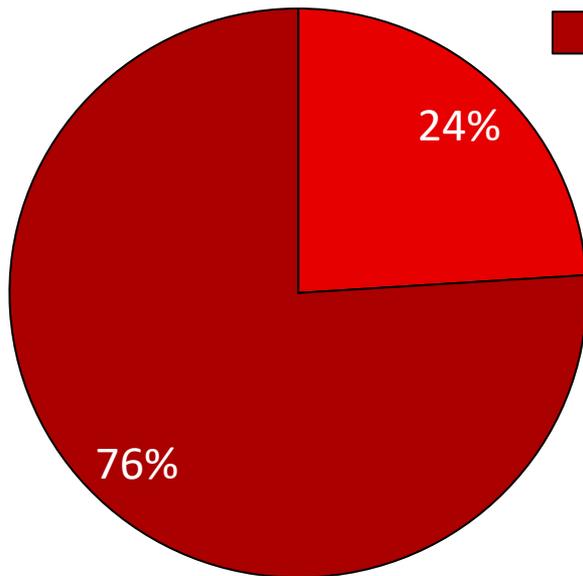
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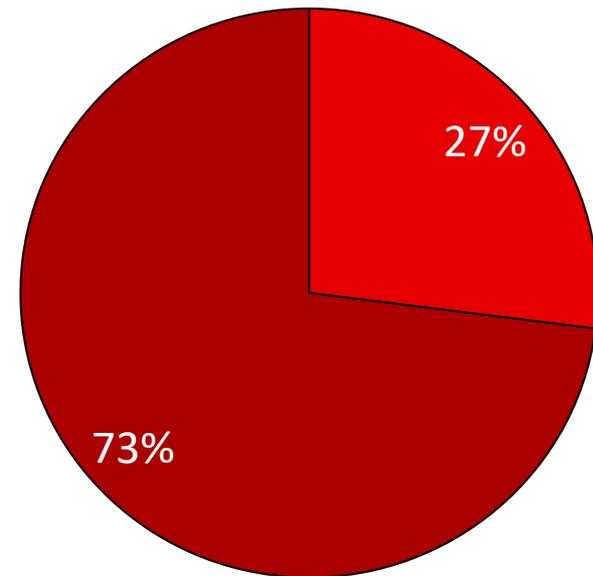
How would you describe domestic mill lead times for new orders placed right now?

Manufacturers



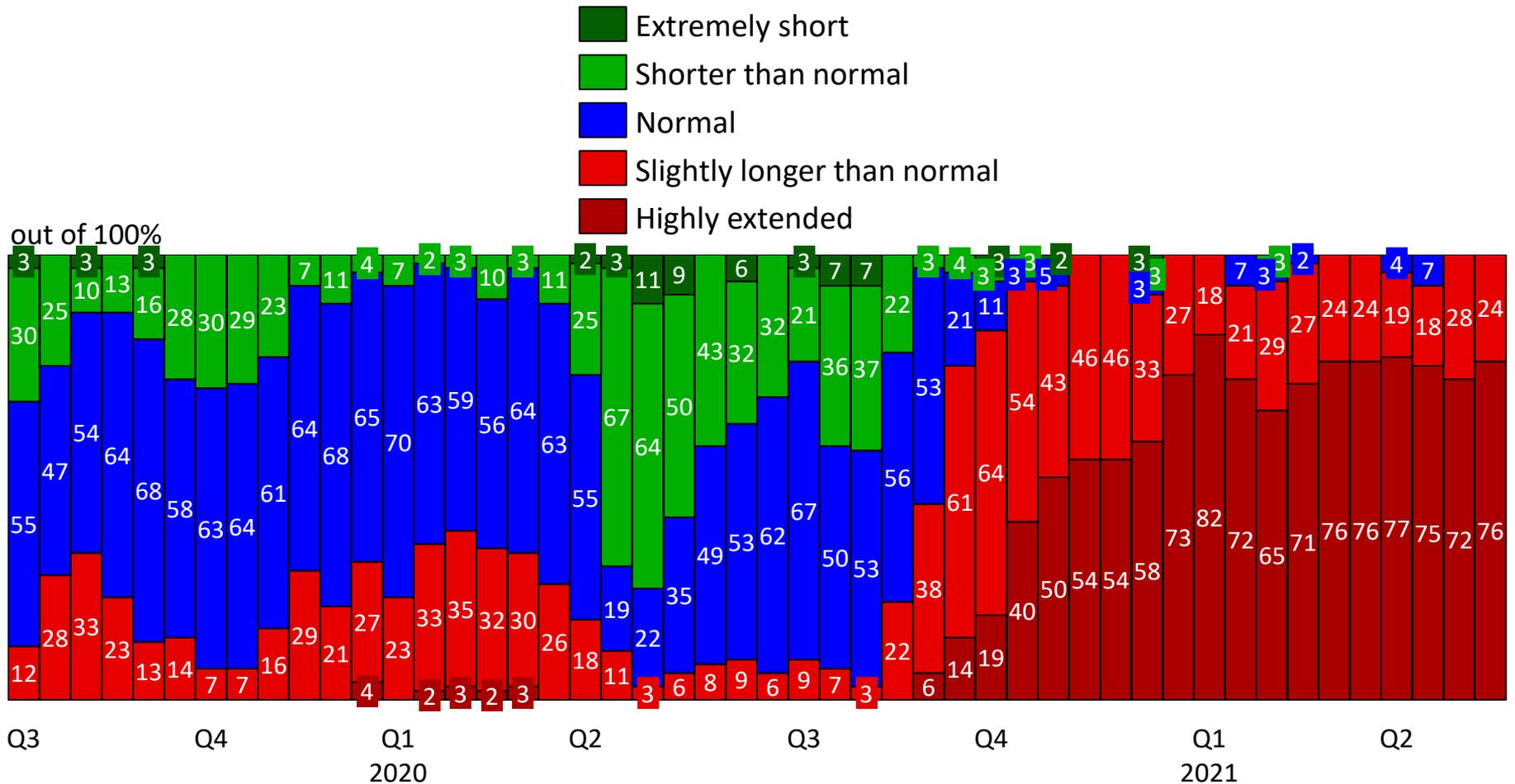
- Extremely short
- Shorter than normal
- Normal
- Slightly longer than normal
- Highly extended

Service Centers



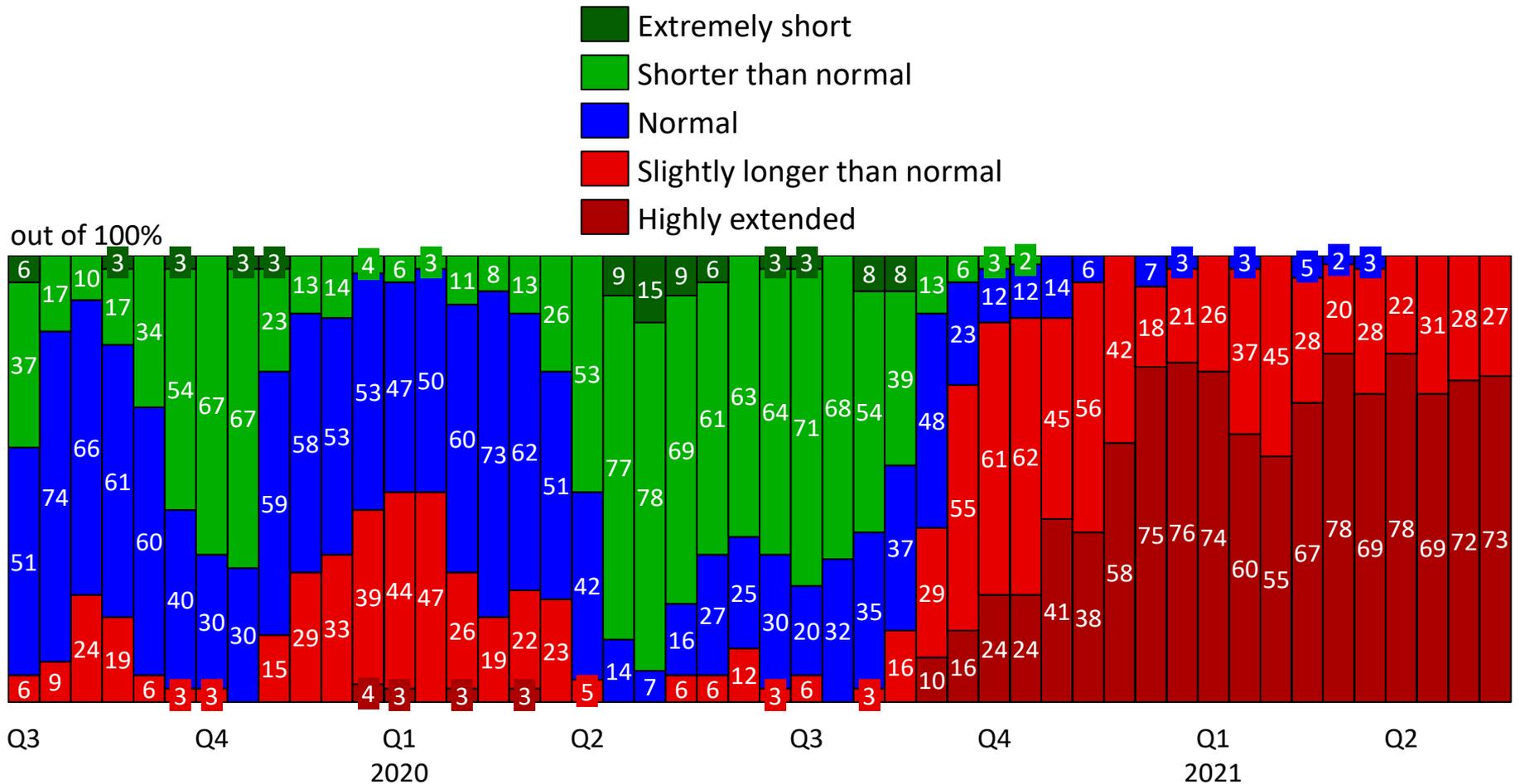
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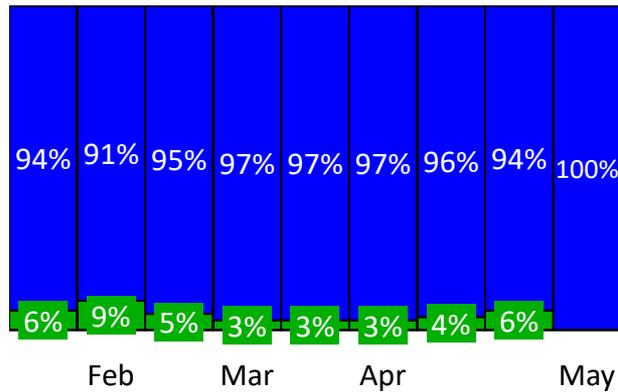


Mill Negotiations

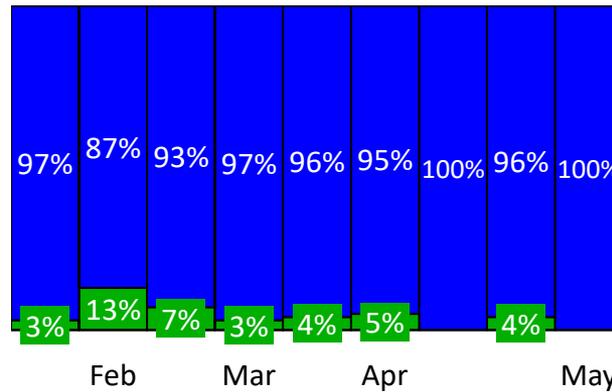
Are you finding the domestic mills are willing to negotiate pricing on brand new orders placed this week?

Yes No

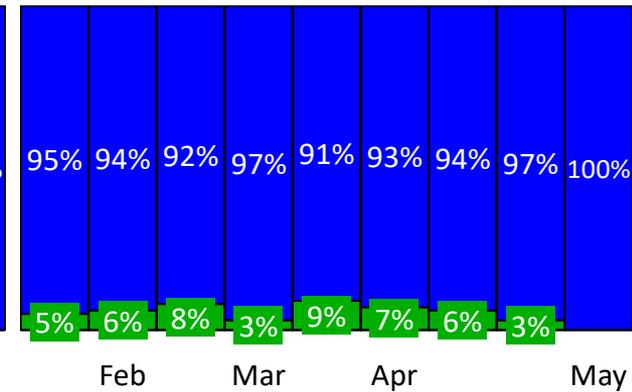
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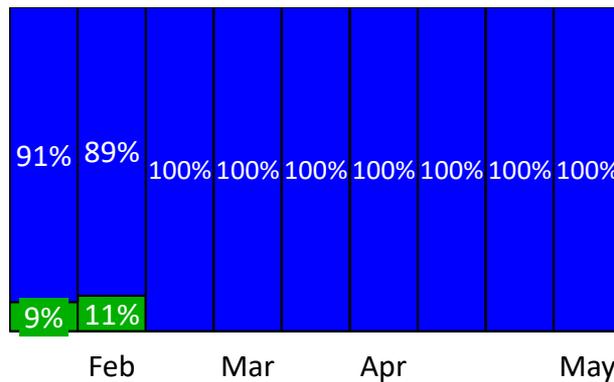
Cold Rolled



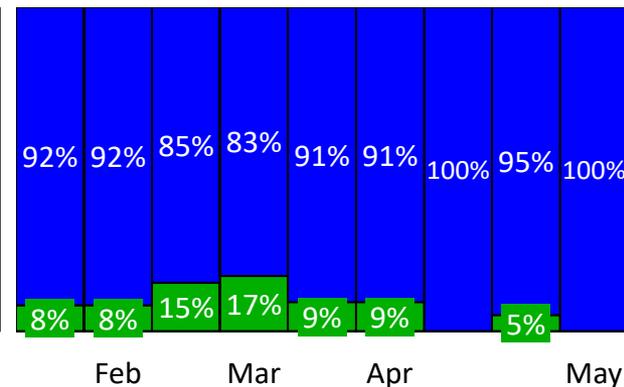
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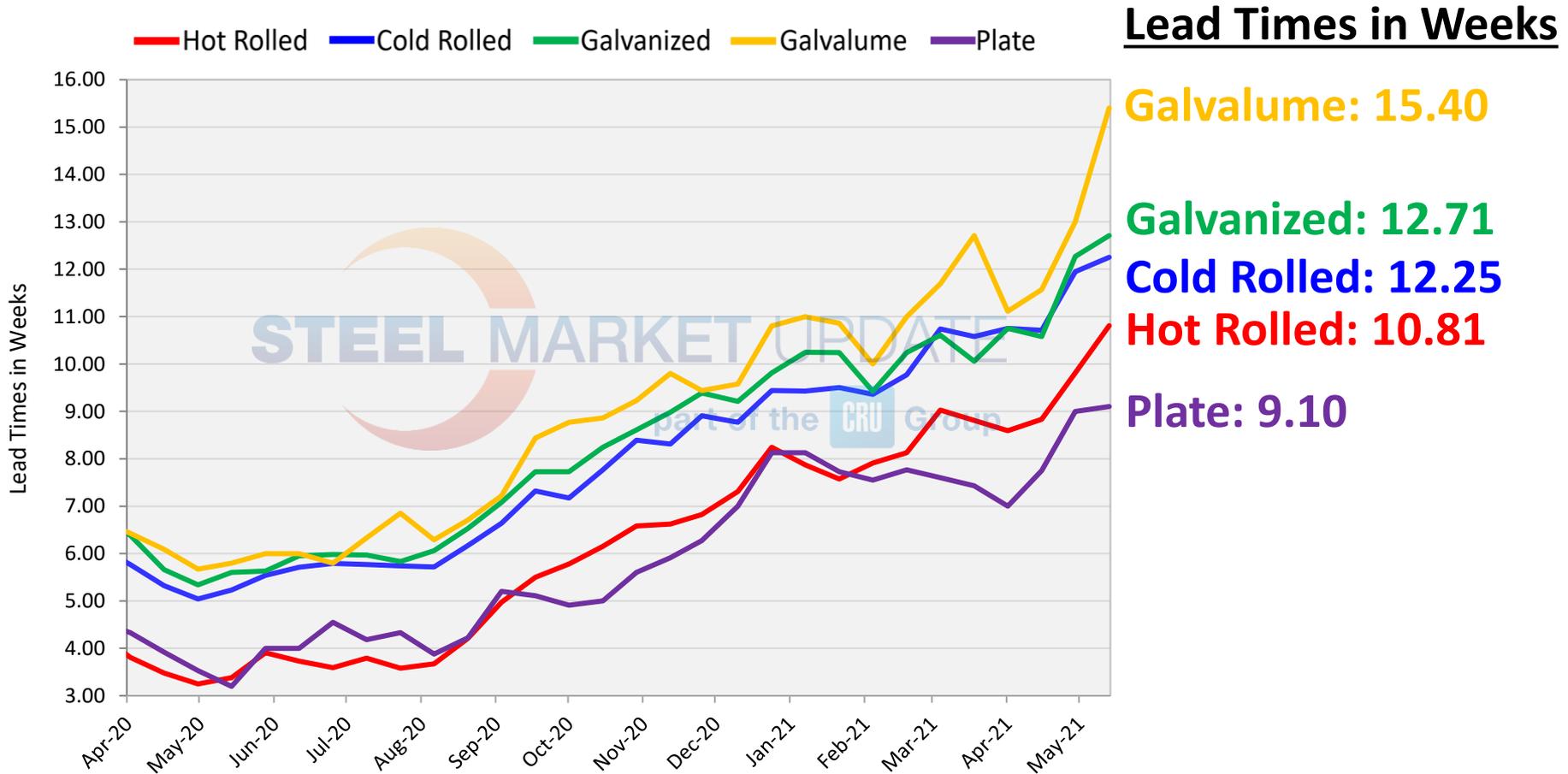
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Plate



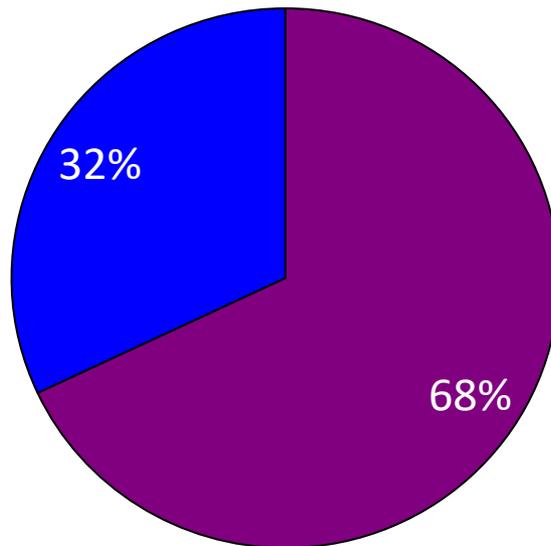
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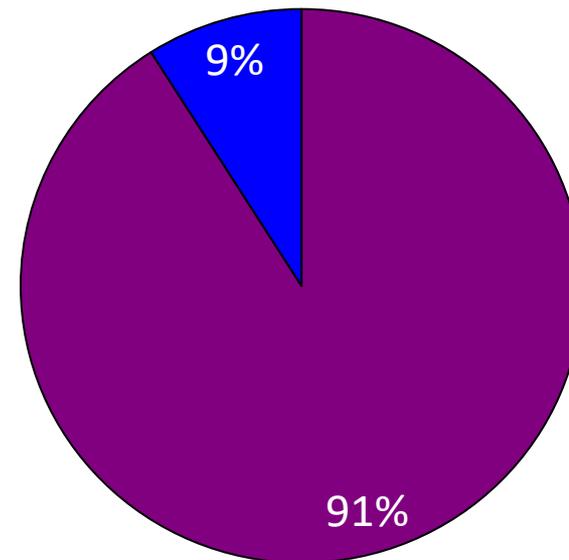
Does your company buy foreign steel?

■ Yes ■ No

Manufacturers



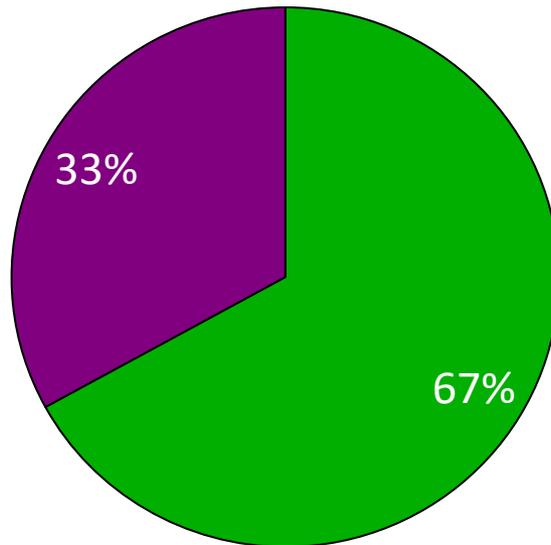
Service Centers



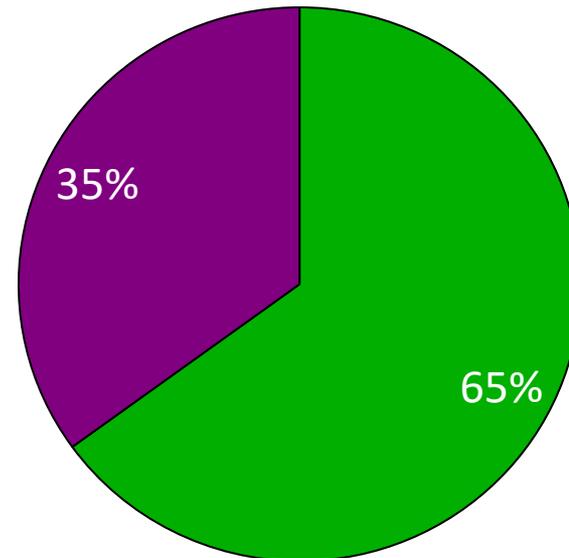
Are your foreign steel suppliers quoting you competitive prices for new orders for future delivery?

Yes No

Manufacturers



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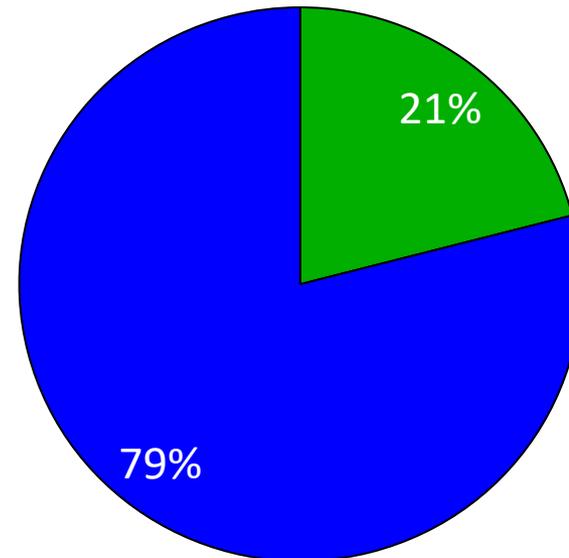
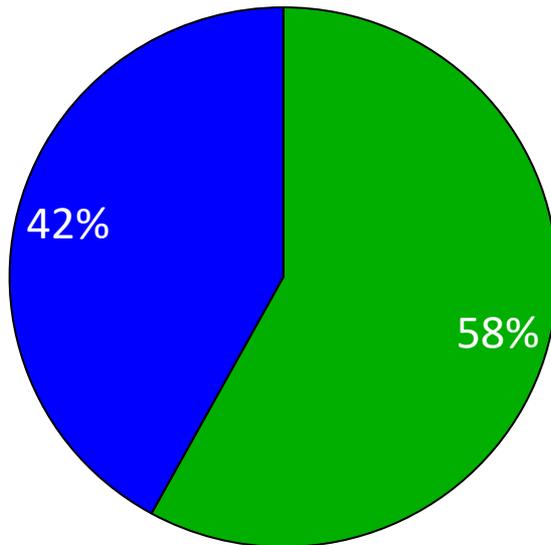


Foreign Steel

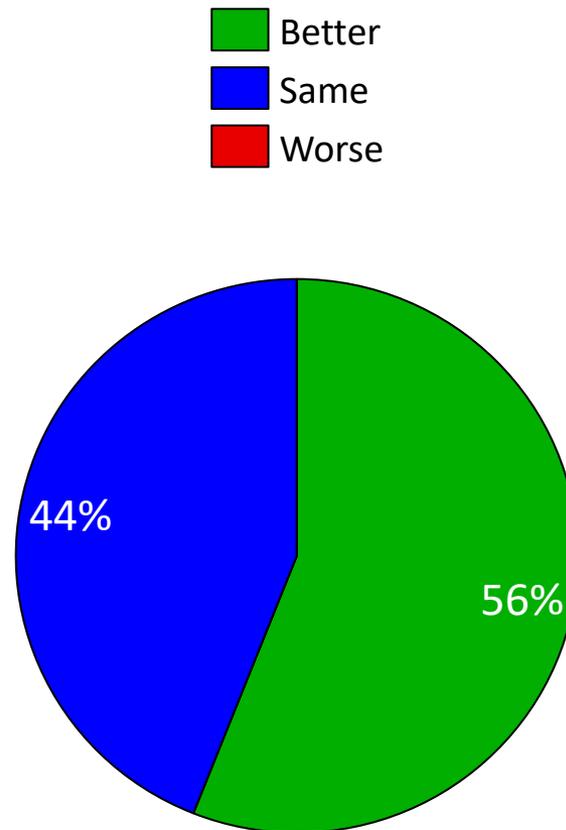
Manufacturers- Are you buying new orders of foreign steel for future delivery?

Service Centers- Are you decreasing the percentage of foreign steel on your order book?

Yes No

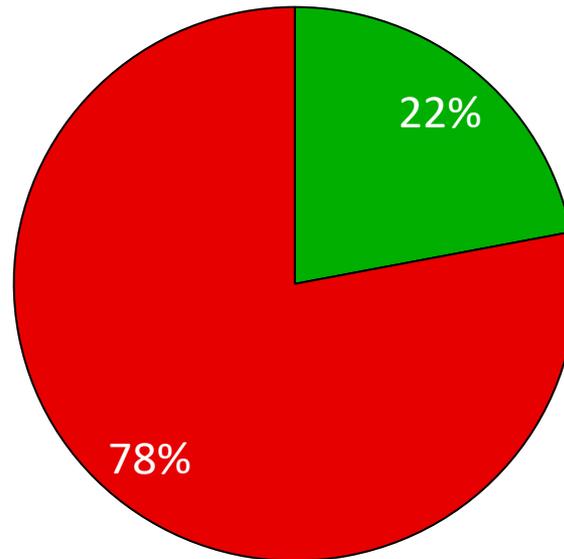


The current order book at your mill is better or worse than last month?

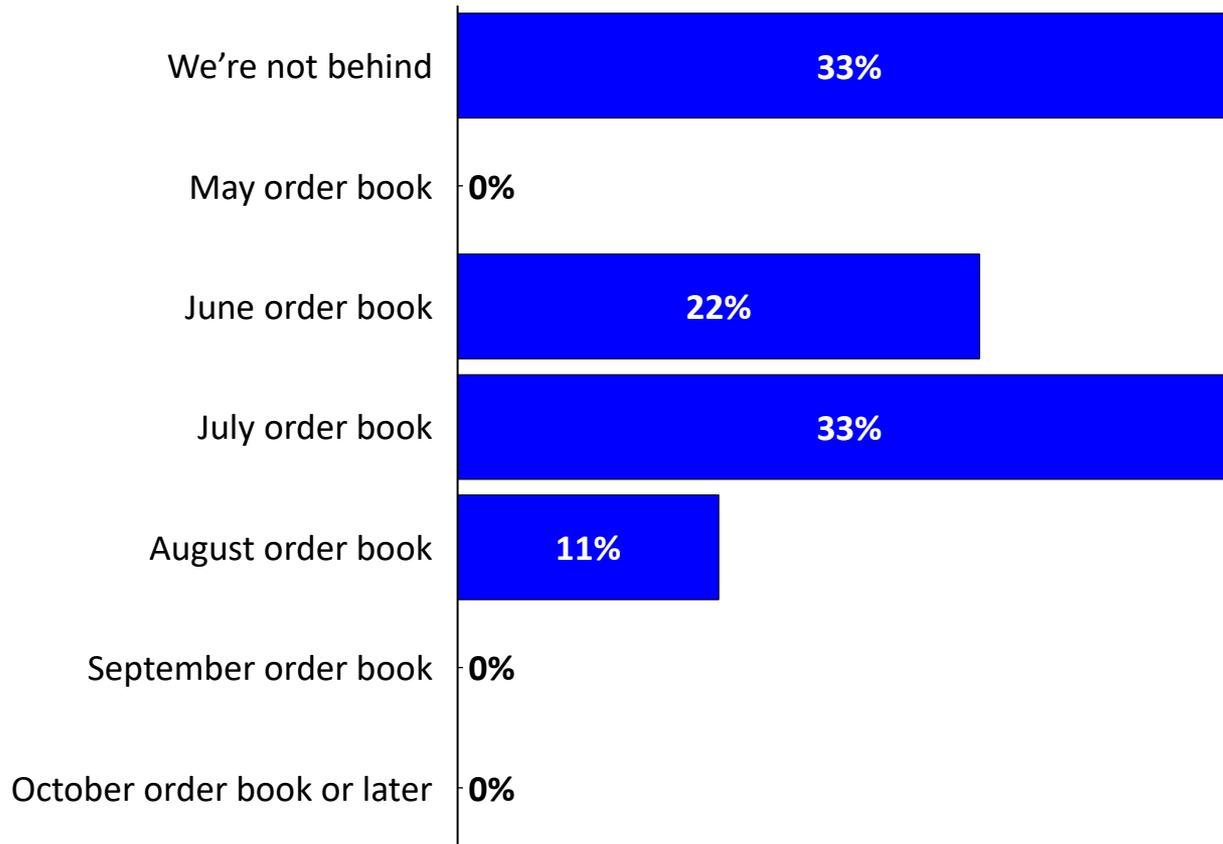


Will restarts of blast furnaces at the integrated mills add enough supply to affect steel prices this year?

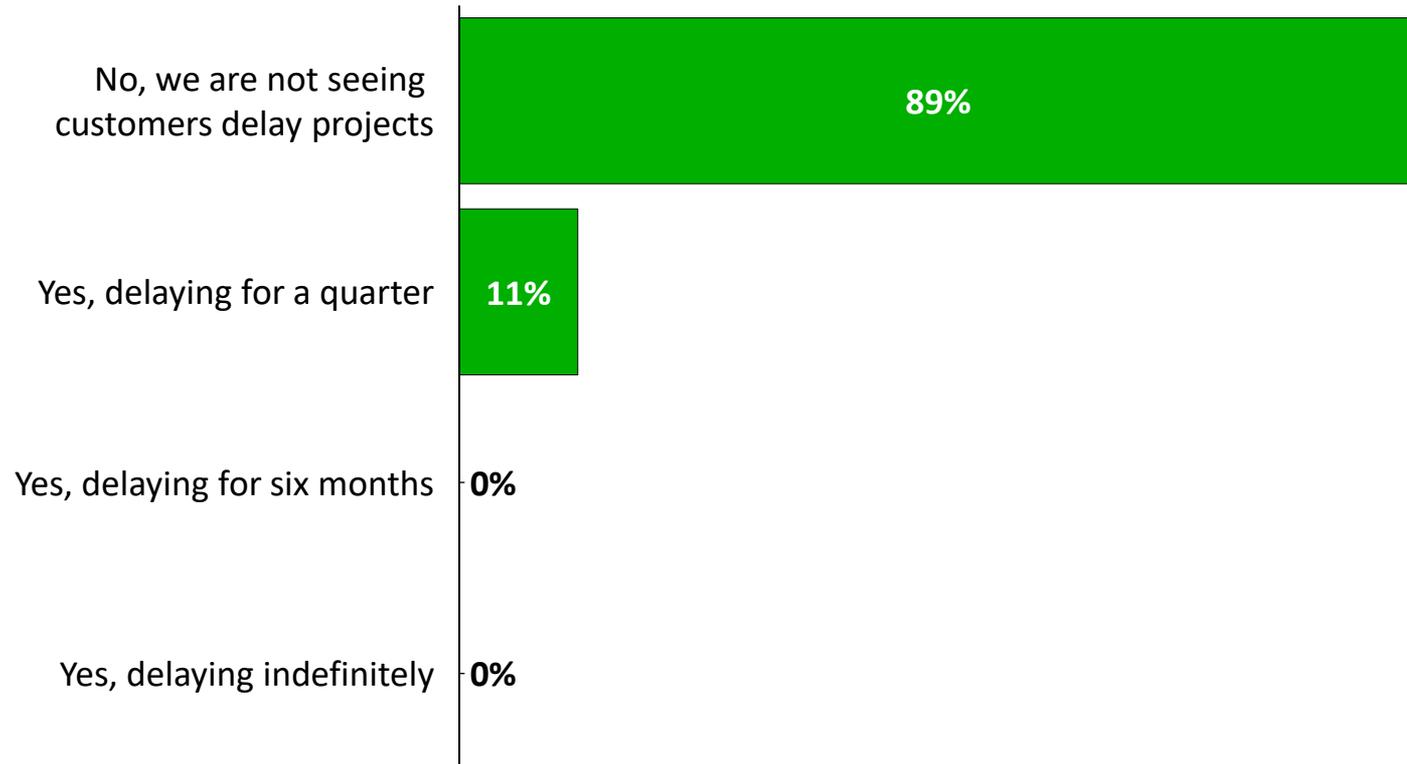
■ Yes ■ No



If you are behind on orders, how long do you think it will take you to catch up?

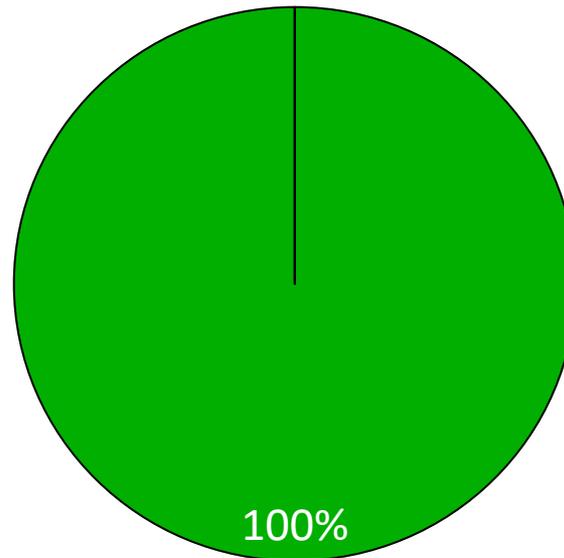


Are you seeing customers delay projects because of high prices? And, if yes, for how long?



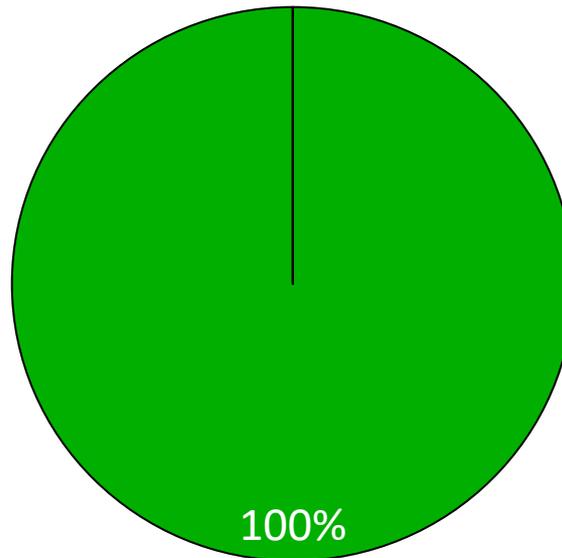
At this time, are you seeing an increase or decrease in orders from your North American buyers?

 Increase
 Decrease



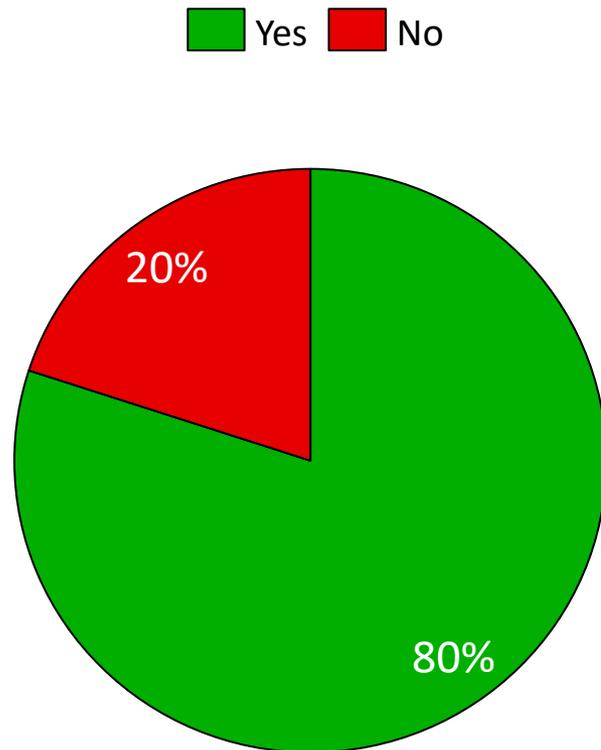
With prices so high out of the domestic steel mills,
are foreign products now attractive to U.S. steel buyers?

■ Yes ■ No

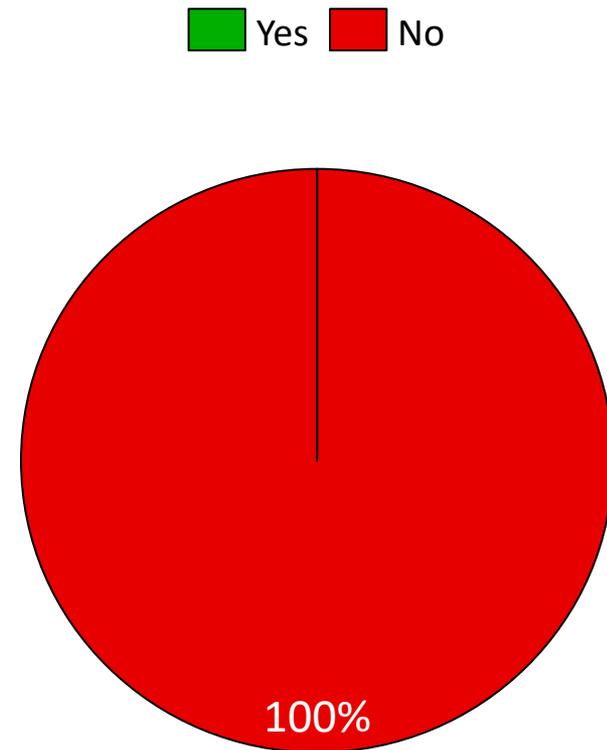


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Are you able to offer hot rolled pricing that is attractive to buyers right now?



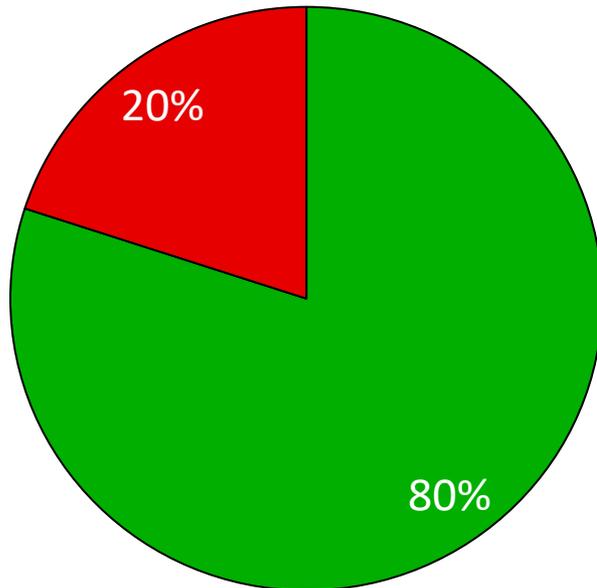
Are you able to offer plate pricing that is attractive to buyers right now?



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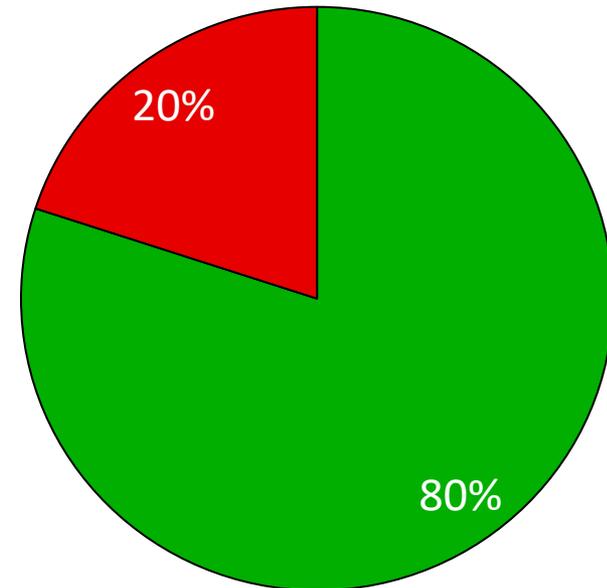
Are your galvanized prices competitive enough right now to get orders (including duties)?

Yes No



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Yes No

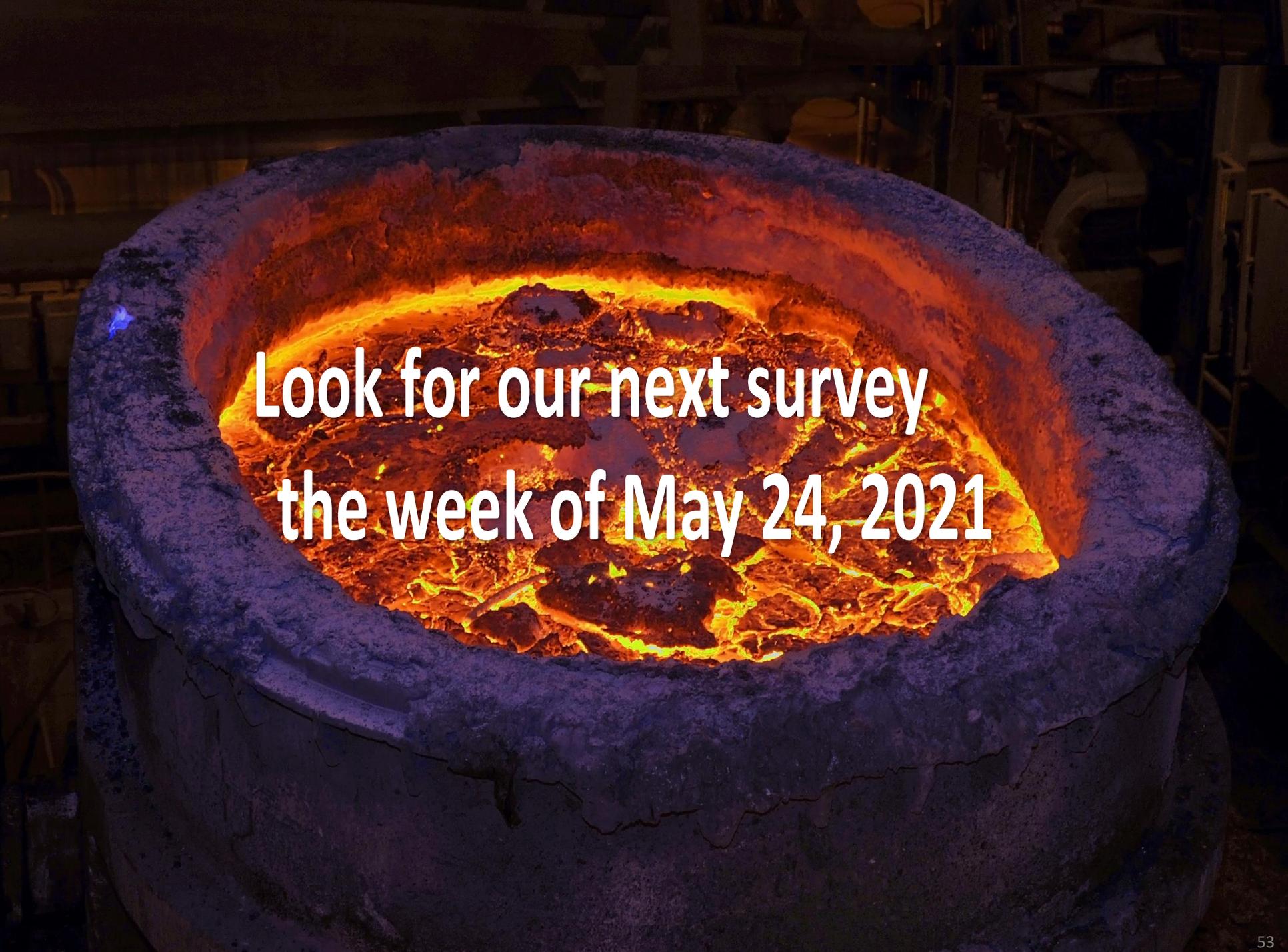


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