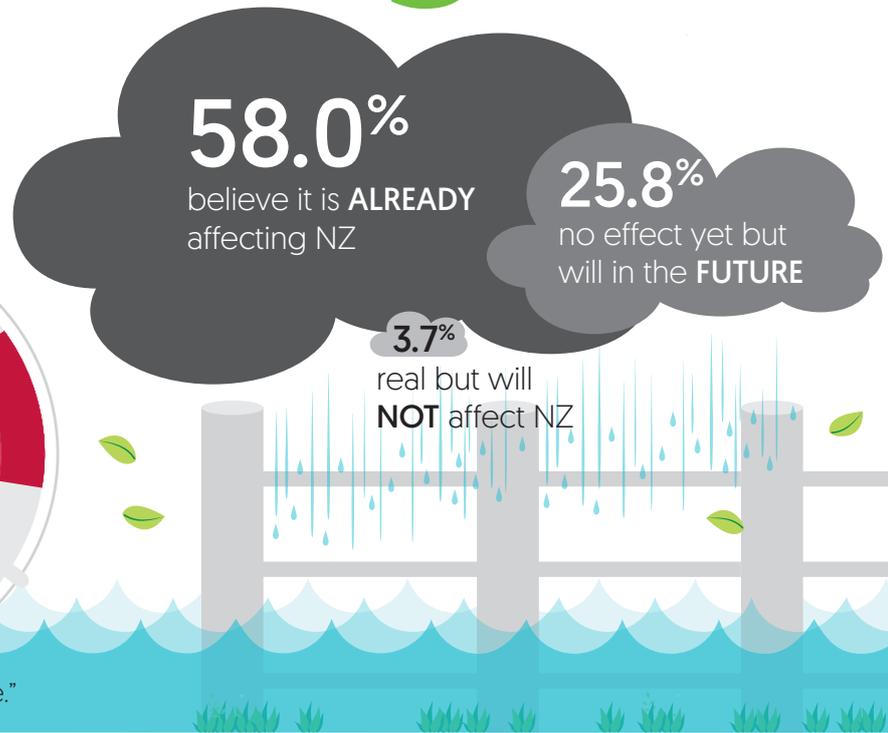
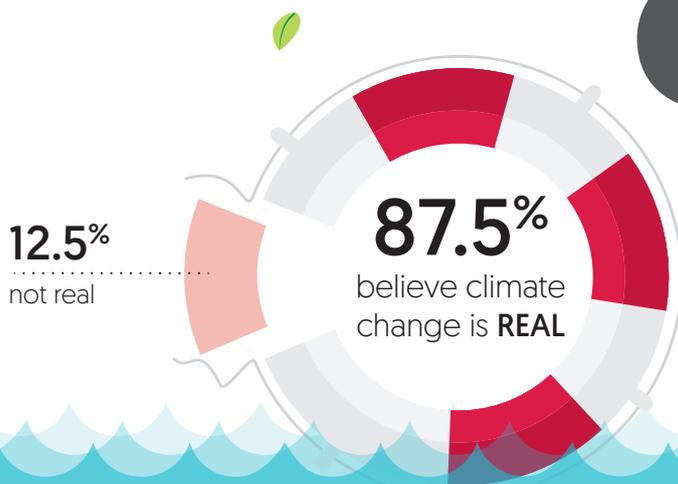


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Impacts from

Climate change

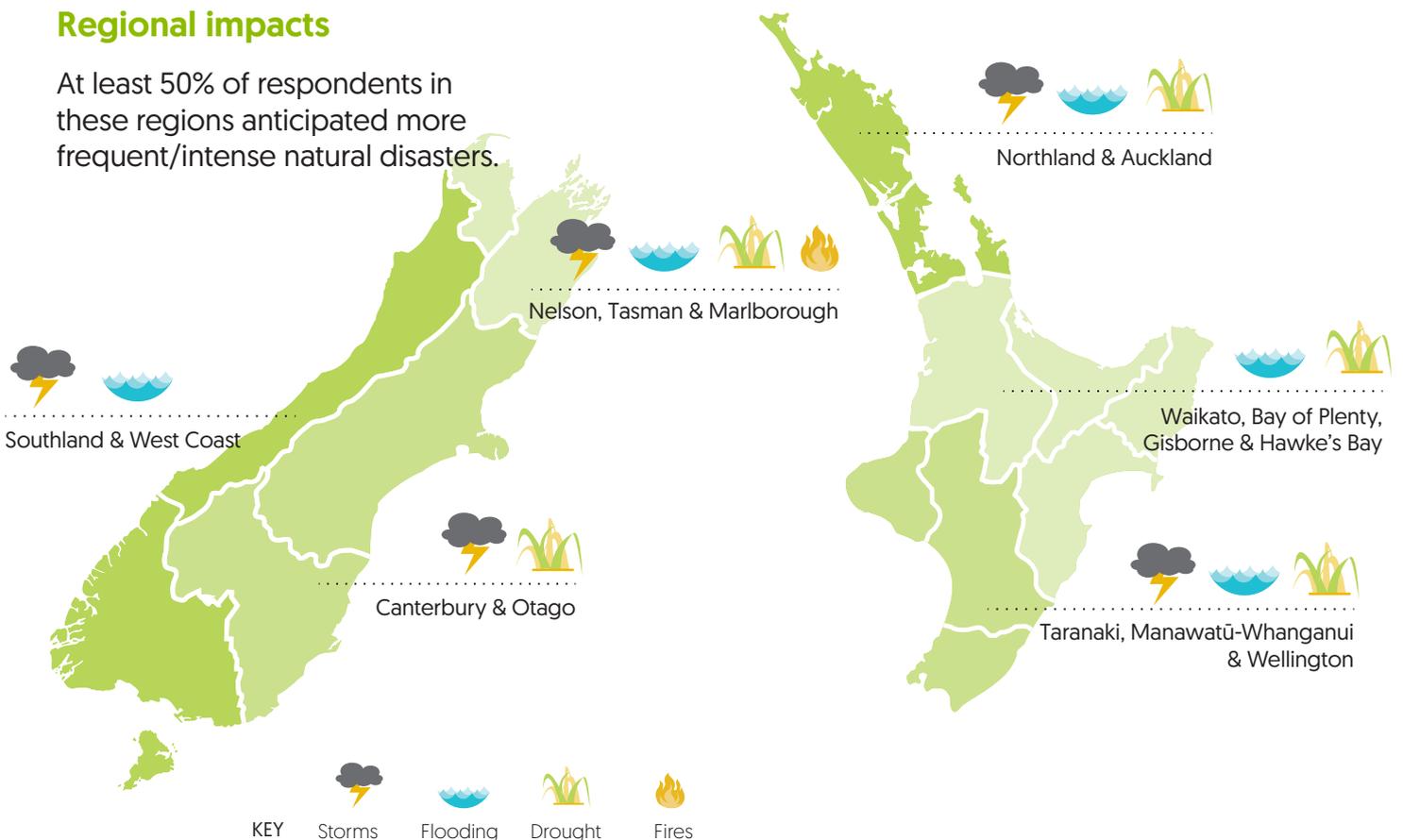
Most respondents* believe climate change is real and already affecting NZ.



* of those who had an opinion other than "unsure."

Regional impacts

At least 50% of respondents in these regions anticipated more frequent/intense natural disasters.



Future impacts

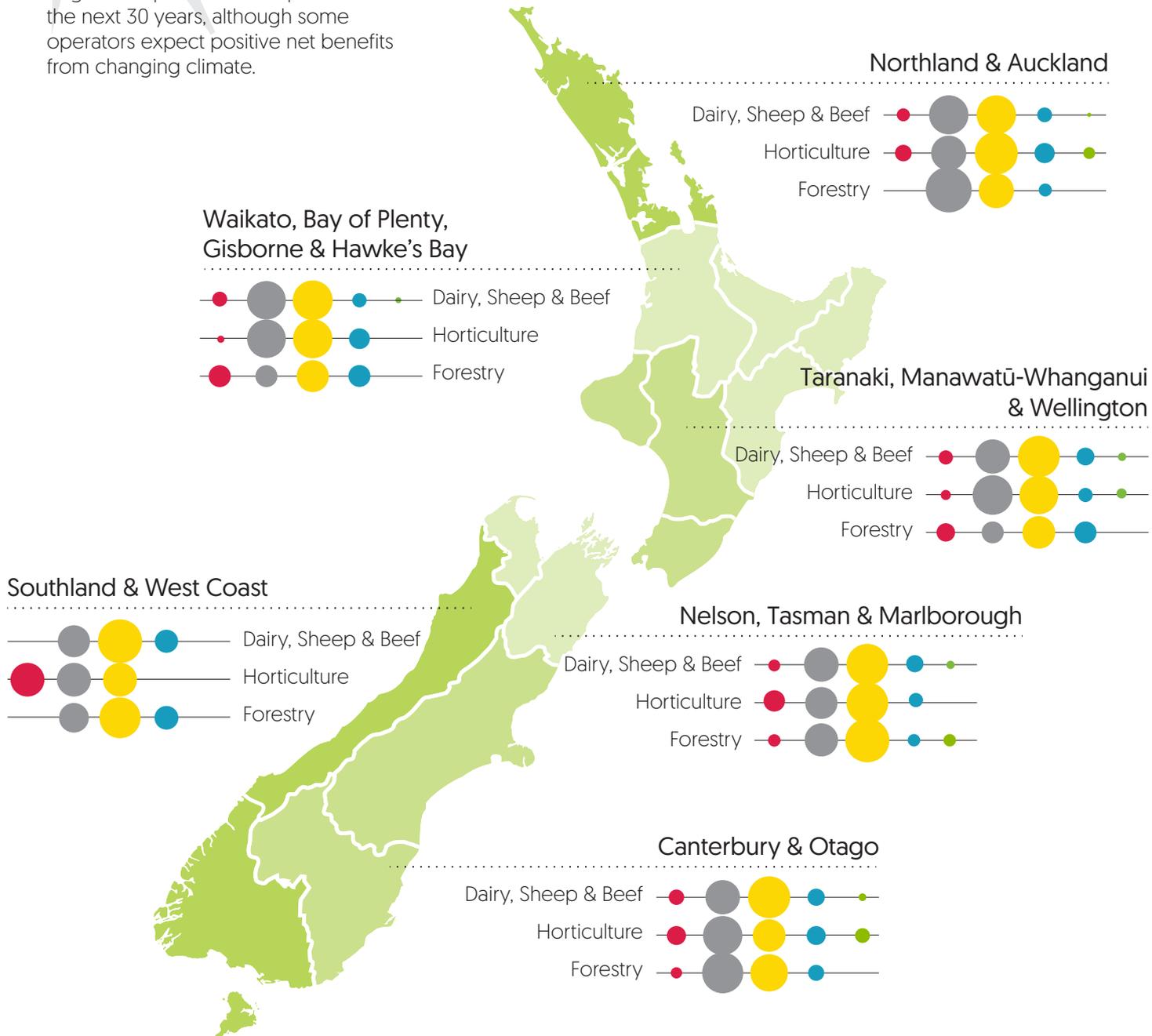
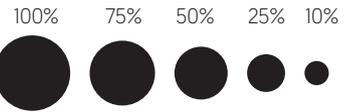
What will climate change mean for farmers, foresters and growers?

Across NZ, most commercial farmers, foresters and growers expect climate change to have a balanced or somewhat negative impact on their operations over the next 30 years, although some operators expect positive net benefits from changing climate.

Impact of climate change on my operation will be:



SIZE KEY



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