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NY1/YNN-Marist Poll

Corn Crowned King of Vegetables by More Than Seven in Ten in NYS

*** Complete Tables for Poll Appended ***

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This NY1/YNN-Marist Poll Reports:

Legislators in New York State have a very important task at hand -- deciding the state vegetable. The contenders are corn and the onion. Which do New Yorkers want to represent the state? According to this NY1/YNN-Marist Poll, corn reigns supreme.

71% of adults statewide want corn to be the state vegetable while one in four -- 25% -- prefer the onion. Only 4% are unsure.

"Like New York, onions have many layers. But, residents aren't willing to peel back the onion and examine its many attributes," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "For most, it's corn all the way."

This vegetable preference crosses party lines. And, while corn is the top pick regardless of region, some in New York City have a more pungent taste. While 64% select corn, 32% pick the onion.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: New York State Poll of 941 Adults

This survey of 941 New York State adults was conducted on April 25th through April 29th, 2011. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in New York State were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the state. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each county was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. There are 758 registered voters. The sample of registered voters was adjusted for turnout in statewide elections. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 4.0 percentage points. There are 526 employed adults and 248 adults who plan to move out of New York State. The results for these subsets are statistically significant at ± 4.5 percentage points and ± 6.5 percentage points, respectively. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample: Adults

Nature of the Sample - NYS Adults		
		NYS Adults
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NYS Adults		100%
Registered Voters		81%
Region	New York City	43%
	Suburbs	21%
	Upstate	36%
Income	Less than \$50,000	48%
	\$50,000 or more	52%
Race	White	57%
	African American	14%
	Latino	14%
	Other	16%
Race	White	57%
	Non White	43%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	23%
	Gen X (31-46)	25%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	34%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	19%
Age	Under 45	43%
	45 or older	57%
Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%
Employment Status	Employed	56%
	Not employed	32%
Union Member in Household	Yes	34%
Own or Rent Home	Own	63%
	Rent	35%
Interview Type	Landline	73%
	Cell Phone	27%

NY1/YNN-Marist Poll NYS Adults: Interviews conducted April 25th through 29th, 2011, N=941 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Nature of the Sample: Registered Voters

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NYS Registered Voters		100%
Party Registration	Democrat	44%
	Republican	28%
	Non-enrolled	25%
	Other	2%
Support Tea Party	Yes	21%
Political Ideology	Liberal	28%
	Moderate	42%
	Conservative	30%
Region	New York City	30%
	Suburbs	24%
	Upstate	46%
Income	Less than \$50,000	45%
	\$50,000 or more	55%
Race	White	66%
	African American	10%
	Latino	12%
	Other	13%
Race	White	66%
	Non White	34%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	17%
	Gen X (31-46)	25%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	37%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	22%
Age	Under 45	37%
	45 or older	63%
Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%
Employment Status	Employed	58%
	Not employed	29%
Union Member in Household	Yes	36%
Own or Rent Home	Own	72%
	Rent	28%
Interview Type	Landline	75%
	Cell Phone	25%

NY1/YNN-Marist Poll NYS Registered Voters: Interviews conducted April 25th through 29th, 2011, N=758 MOE +/- 4%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

New York State Vegetable

Asked of NYS Adults Split Sample:

Question Wording: Two bills have been introduced in the New York State Senate to decide the New York State vegetable. Would you prefer the state vegetable be:

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NYS Adults		71%	25%	4%
NYS Registered Voters		73%	24%	4%
Party Registration	Democrat	72%	24%	4%
	Republican	76%	21%	4%
	Non-enrolled	73%	24%	3%
Region	New York City	64%	32%	4%
	Suburbs	78%	19%	3%
	Upstate	74%	22%	3%
Income	Less than \$50,000	70%	25%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	72%	25%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	71%	26%	3%
	College graduate	72%	24%	4%
Age	Under 45	73%	25%	2%
	45 or older	68%	26%	6%
Race	White	70%	27%	4%
	Non White	77%	22%	1%
Gender	Men	72%	25%	3%
	Women	70%	26%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	73%	23%	4%
	Cell Phone	64%	34%	2%

NY1/YNN-Marist Poll NYS Adults Split Sample: Interviews conducted April 25th through 29th, 2011, N=439 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.