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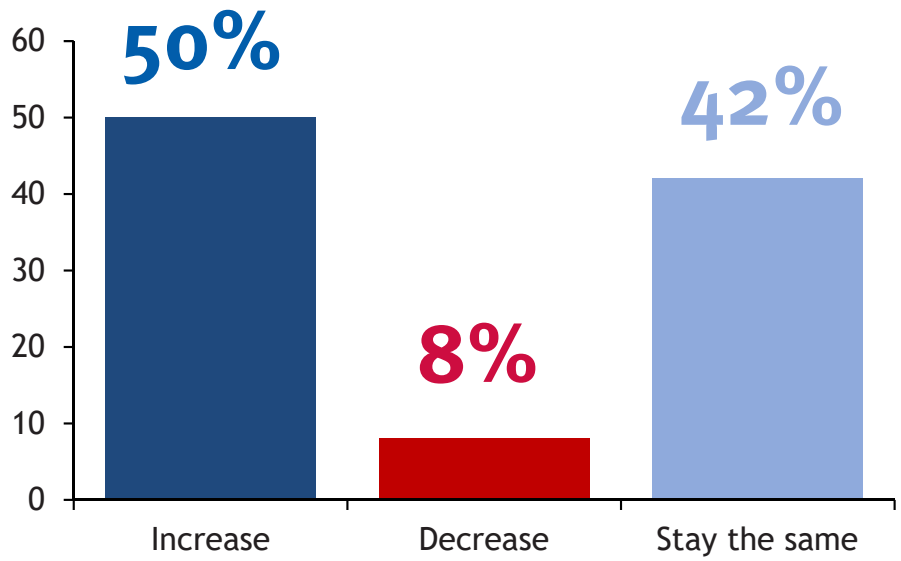
Q1 How many different sources of asphalt have you used in the last 12 months?

1-2 41%

3-4 26%

5+ 33%

Q2 Do you expect to increase or decrease your number of asphalt sources in 2020?



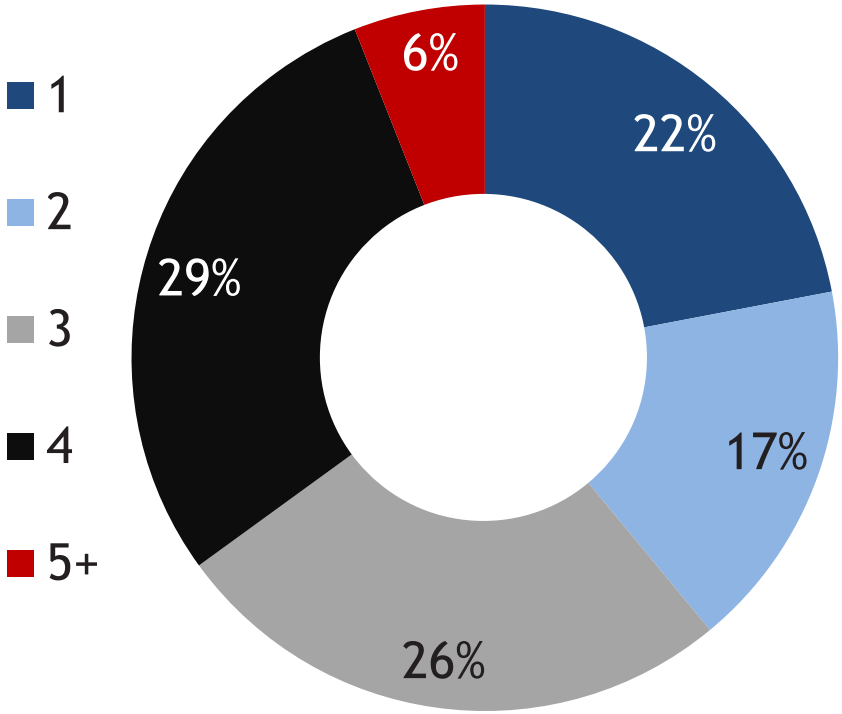
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Q3 How many different types or grades of asphalt do you purchase and store at your facility?



Q4 How does changing asphalt quality impact your business?

Nominal

Impacts compaction and revenue

Haven't seen too much change

The degraded AC quality has greatly impacted our emulsion business

When the quality changes, our blends have to change.

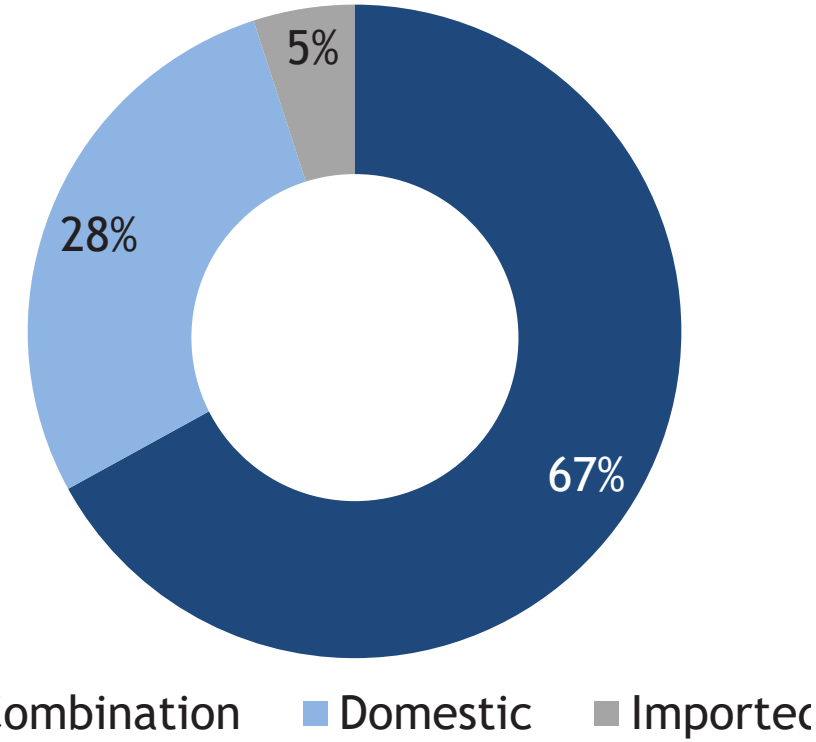
Big impact on resources necessary to maintain supply

We have not seen an impact

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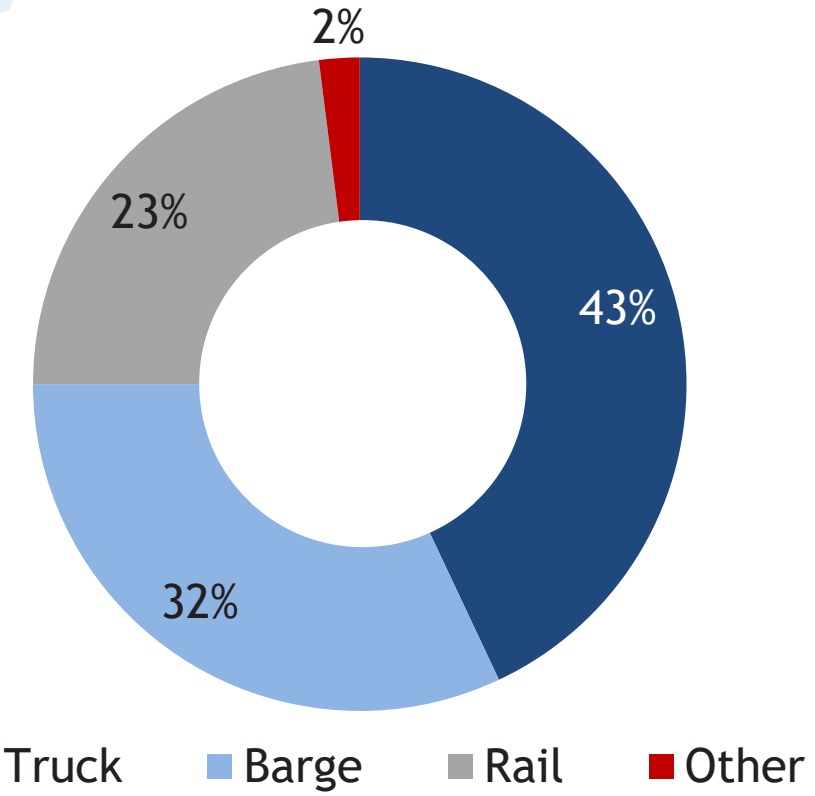


Q5 Do you use only domestic asphalt, imported asphalt or a combination?



Of those using combination, the given range was 60-90% domestic (North American) to 10-30% imported.

Q6 Do you transport your purchased asphalt by truck, rail or barge?



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Q7 What kind of impact to your business have you seen from IMO 2020 regulations, if any?

"High impact - lower sulphur asphalt blending components are going into the high price low sulphur bunker blend. "

"To early to say; refineries seemed to have bottomed out their inventories which has created tight supply and higher prices. I'm thinking it will clear up by mid-summer."

"Higher prices"

"Has a direct impact on barge freights. On our first cargo of the year (January) the freight was the same, but I'm expecting to pay a higher price on the next cargo, maybe about a 20% increase."

"No impact on the asphalt side, other than concerns that overall inventories (EIA) are low and we anticipate having to complete for wholesale supply. On the refining side, bunker prices have fallen off significantly."

"No impact for the time being"

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