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Dear Horticultural Specialist:

Every 10 years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture conducts the Census of Horticultural Specialties. This census provides the only complete, consistent data on floriculture, nursery, and specialty crop production in the United States. Government and industry rely on this information to develop technologies and programs that impact your life and your community. Your participation is vitally important.

All operations who receive this census are required by law (Title 7, U.S. Code) to complete and return it. This same law protects the confidentiality of your responses. Results are reported in summary form, ensuring no individual information is shared.

Please respond by **February 5, 2010**. If you have questions or need assistance, call (888) 424-7828. You may need to provide your Census Identification number that is printed on the mailing label of your report form.

Thank you in advance for your participation. This is your opportunity to provide information that will help ensure the growth and sustainability of the U.S. horticulture industry. The 2009 Horticulture Census is your voice, your future, and your responsibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia Clark".

Cynthia Clark
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