



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service



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Dear Producer,

Your operation is one of approximately 10,000 selected to participate in the annual Bee and Honey Inquiry, conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

This national survey focuses on producers with 5 or more colonies and gathers information on number of colonies, honey production, stocks, and prices. NASS will publish the survey results in its annual *Honey* report, to be released on February 26, 2010.

For your convenience, we are offering you several reporting options:

- You can fill out and mail back the enclosed survey form.
- You can follow the instructions on the reverse side of this letter for using our secure online response system.

If we do not receive your response by December 28, a NASS representative will contact you by telephone and help you complete the survey at that time.

Please be assured that your response will be kept completely confidential, as required by federal law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support of our programs.

Sincerely,

Carol C. House
Deputy Administrator for Programs and Products


Enclosure



It's Convenient. It's Secure. Online Survey Response

Completing your survey online saves you time by allowing you to skip over questions that don't apply to you, by calculating totals automatically, and by providing drop-down menus for common answers. It also saves taxpayer dollars that would otherwise be spent on return postage and data entry.

To complete your survey online, just follow these steps:

1. Go to: www.agcounts.usda.gov
2. Read the warning message, then click "Next Page."
3. Enter the 17-digit SURVEY CODE found on your mailing label. 
4. Select your survey by clicking the "Click for Survey" button.
5. Answer the questions then click "Continue with Survey."

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Do not click the "Submit" button until you are sure you are finished with your survey. If you wish to save your form and return later, click "Save and Return Later." To return, just go back to step 1 above.

After you submit your survey, select the "click here" link to view your completed form. You may select the "Print" link to print a copy for your files.



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