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Dear Farm Supplier:

Each year, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) collects data from agricultural suppliers to estimate the average prices producers pay for farming inputs. USDA uses this data to determine program support prices for farmers and to calculate the indexes that are used to compute parity prices.

As farm production costs rise, accurate information on what farmers pay for agricultural chemicals, fuels, feed, fertilizer, new machinery and seed is extremely important. So please support the producers who support your business by responding to the Agricultural Prices Paid Survey.

Because we want to make it as simple as possible for you to participate, we are offering you a number of options:

- You can respond online, using our secure online response system
- You can fill out and mail back the enclosed survey form by [Date].
- Or, if you prefer to provide the information by phone or in person, a NASS representative will contact you between [Month & Day] and [Month & Day].

Be assured that your responses to this survey will be kept completely confidential, as required by federal law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents ensuring that no individual person or business can be identified.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this survey and for your support of [State] agriculture. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact [Firstname Lastname] at (800) XXX-XXXX.

Sincerely,

[Director's Name]

Director

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