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Dear Ms. Elias,

Thank you for your supporting comments regarding Federal Register Notice of the proposed Current Agricultural Industrial Reports (CAIR). This proposed program name is intended to reflect the agricultural emphasis of the former Current Industrial Reports (CIR) that were discontinued by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2012.

The proposed CAIR program will produce four separate publications generated from nine data collection instruments previously used by the Census Bureau. This data will supply data users with important information on the utilization of many of the crops, livestock and poultry produced in the United States. This information will provide a more complete picture of the importance of agriculture to the American population.

These surveys will be conducted as a part of the Census of Agriculture and are mandatory as defined under Title 7, Sec. 2204(g).

We appreciate your interest and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renee Picanso". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Renee Picanso  
Director