

Non-substantive Change Request

(0535-0093) Floriculture Survey – Hawaii Commercial Horticulture Survey

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture through a cooperative agreement with NASS would like to make several non-substantive changes to the Floriculture Survey questionnaire. Since miscellaneous crops (including floriculture and horticulture commodities) made up over fifty percent of Hawaii's cash receipts in 2016 (<https://data.ers.usda.gov/reports.aspx?ID=17843>), the Hawaii Department of Agriculture would like for NASS to collect some additional data with this survey.

The changes would allow inclusion of the following commodities previously missed on the commercial floriculture survey: food crops grown under cover, trees, and other kinds of nursery products. Renaming it as a horticulture survey will increase the likelihood of respondents reporting the additional information where it might have been missed before.

In addition to renaming the survey and making minor wording changes to some of the screening questions, NASS also included a question to obtain a value of sales for food crops grown under cover requested by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

NASS feels that these non-substantive changes will not increase the average burden minutes on the questionnaires.