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Dear Farmer, Rancher, or Grower:

Few issues are as important to agricultural sustainability as water use. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service is conducting the 2018 Irrigation and Water Management Survey to provide information on irrigation practices so that the U.S. can ensure long-term sustainability of water resources. The results of this survey will provide a single source of comprehensive, up-to-date information on irrigation and water use across the agricultural industry.

Please respond promptly in either of the following ways:

- **Online** at [www.agcounts.usda.gov](http://www.agcounts.usda.gov). You need the identification number of the enclosed form to begin. Instructions are on the reverse of this letter.
- **By mail**. Complete the enclosed form and mail it back in the return envelope provided.

The 2018 Irrigation and Water Management Survey is part of the Census of Agriculture Program which is required by law and protected by law (Title 7, U.S. Code and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act). These federal laws require that NASS keeps your identity and your answers **confidential**.

Please respond by **February XX, 2019**. For more information about this survey, visit [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov). If you have questions or need assistance, call (888) 424-7828.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the 2018 Irrigation and Water Management Survey. This is your chance to make your voice heard on the important issues of water use.

Sincerely,

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United States Department of Agriculture

Enclosures

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