

United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service



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Dear Aquaculture Producer,

A few weeks ago the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) mailed you the 2018 Census of Aquaculture. Thank you, if you have already responded to this survey. If not, there is still time to do so. Your response will help ensure that policymakers and industry leaders have reliable information to advocate for the U.S. aquaculture industry.

Please respond to this survey promptly in either of the following ways:

- Online at www.agcensus.usda.gov. You need the identification number on the enclosed Census form to begin. Complete instructions are on the reverse of this letter.
- By mail. Complete the enclosed form and mail it back in the return envelope provided.

Responding now will ensure that you do not receive telephone or personal contacts for this information.

The 2018 Census of Aquaculture 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**.

For more information about this survey, visit <u>www.agcensus.usda.gov</u>. If you have questions or need assistance, call (888) 424-7828.

Thank you once again, if you have already responded. If not, do not miss your chance to respond.

Sincerely,

Hubert Hamer Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service United States Department of Agriculture Enclosures

