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Professor Robert Earle Buchanan, Professor of Bacteriology
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Dear Ms. Beattie and Dr. Buchanan,

Thank you for your letter of support and sharing the specific uses that the American Phytopathological Society (APS) has for the NASS Agricultural Surveys Program (0535-0213) data. NASS takes a great deal of pride in providing timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture. In your comments you wrote "The APS encourages strong support for NASS and its work, which is of critical importance and value to U.S. farmers, and requests that the NASS budget be maintained, and if at all possible, increased to ensure the continuation of these vital surveys." We are very appreciative of your support."

In addition to this OMB renewal request, NASS will be renewing our Agricultural Resource Management Surveys (ARMS) and our Chemical Use Surveys (0535-0218) beginning this fall. This group of surveys will expire on July 31, 2018.

We will keep you informed any future modifications to these survey programs.

Again, many thanks!

Joe Parsons
Agricultural Statistics Board, Chairman
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