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Dear Dr. Fixler and Ms. Burrell,

As always, NASS is very appreciative of the continued support you and your Agency have shown us over the years. The Census of Horticulture is a vital component of the Census program. The detailed data that is collected for the nursery, floriculture and specialty crops included in this survey cannot be found any place else.

Thus far, only minor changes to the questionnaire have been discussed involving a few of the varieties of plants listed in the questionnaire. Some plants that may have fallen out of favor with the consumers will be replaced by more popular plants. In addition some additional screening questions are being tested that may help respondents skip over questions that do not pertain to their particular operation and reduce the respondent burden.

We will keep you and other data users informed of any future modifications.

Again, many thanks!

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