



May 1, 2020

### Why am I getting this letter?

Enclosed is your Current Agricultural Industrial Reports (CAIR) Survey. Please complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience, via the Internet if possible, to avoid receiving follow-up contacts. Your information is important and crucial to U.S. economic policy. These reports help industries such as yours in analyzing markets, forecasting, and decision making. This survey is a census of the U.S. crushing, refining, or rendering operations. We ask that you provide information on consumption, production, or stocks.

### How will the data be used?

The results of this survey will be kept confidential and will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. We will publish the survey findings in the Fats & Oils report, to be released Monday, June 01, 2020.

Thank you for participating and for your support of our programs and U.S. agriculture. If you have any questions, please feel free to email David Ward, the CAIR survey administrator, at [david.o.ward@usda.gov](mailto:david.o.ward@usda.gov) or call our toll-free customer service number 1-888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Parsons  
Chair, Agricultural Statistics Board  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Enclosure

### What should I do next?

Complete your survey in one of the following ways:



**Online** at [agcounts.usda.gov](http://agcounts.usda.gov) beginning on Friday, May 01, 2020. **Online reporting is fast, convenient, and secure.** All you need is the 17-digit survey code on the enclosed form to begin.



**By mail.** Complete the survey questionnaire and mail it back in the return envelope provided.

Please respond by **May 15, 2020**