

USDA/NASS Letterhead

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The United States Department of Agriculture is conducting a critical test on the updated content of the 2022 Census of Agriculture. The changes to this once-every-five-year questionnaire will mean a more complete picture of all U.S. agriculture. This test will help determine whether the updates are easy to understand, and if response remains a smooth process before the new form is mailed across the nation.

You are part of a small group that has been selected to test this questionnaire. Your participation is vital in our efforts to improve the upcoming census. We appreciate your time and assistance.

Please complete the test questionnaire by [date] either:

- **Online** – Fast and secure. Go to www.agcounts.usda.gov, enter your 17-digit survey code, then click “Continue” to begin.
- **By mail** – Complete the census form and return it in the prepaid envelope provided.

If you do not have information available for 2020, estimates are acceptable for this test. If you are not currently farming, the online questionnaire will take you through a few quick questions then straight to the end. If you’re responding by mail, please make a note on the front of the questionnaire and mail it back to us. We will update our records accordingly. Please respond promptly to avoid follow-up contacts.

All information you provide is confidential, protected by federal law (Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347). If you need assistance completing the test, call toll-free (888) 424-7828. For more information about the Census of Agriculture, visit www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus.

The Census of Agriculture is the only source of comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the nation. The data are widely used to inform decisions that benefit you and your community – from decisions guiding succession planning and new and beginning farmer programs to decisions impacting agriculture practices, land stewardship, and sustainability.

The Census of Agriculture is ***Your Voice. Your Future. Your Opportunity.*** Thank you for participating.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures