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Dear Sir/Madam,

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is conducting the 2020 Local Foods Market Practices Survey to gather detailed statistics on the local and regional food systems.

The 2020 Local Foods Market Practices Survey is part of the Census of Agriculture Program, and as such is **required** and protected by law (Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113). These federal laws require your response and the USDA to keep your identity and answers **confidential**.

Your response is critical, especially given this challenging time. When agricultural stakeholders, local and federal decision-makers, and other data users want to know how this pandemic affected producers and the agricultural industry, it will also help to increase the understanding of this type of business and help evaluate and inform many of the USDA programs that support local food systems,

You will soon receive a questionnaire in the mail but you may **respond on-line today**:

1. Go to: **www.agcounts.usda.gov**
2. Enter your 17-digit Survey Code: <<Survey\_code>>

For more information about the Local Foods Market Practices Survey, visit: <https://www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus>

If you have questions or have difficulty completing your survey, please call toll-free 1-888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

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

### To respond to the 2020 Local Foods Marketing Practices Survey now, follow these steps:

1. Go to: **www.agcounts.usda.gov**
2. Enter your 17-digit survey code: <<Survey\_code>>
3. Select *Continue*
4. Verify the contact information is correct and select *ADDRESS VERIFIED – NEXT*, or make corrections by selecting *MAKE CORRECTIONS*
  - a. If you made Operation, Operator, or Contact Information corrections, select *SAVE CHANGES – NEXT*
5. Complete the survey through the Conclusion section and select *Submit Survey*

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