



December 20, 2019

## Why am I getting this letter?

We at the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are asking you and other beekeepers to fill out the 2019 *Bee and Honey Production, Disposition and Income Inquiry*. Please complete your questionnaire online or by mail at your earliest convenience.

As one of only 9,300 beekeepers selected for this survey, your participation is vital to ensure accurate data are available. The survey results provide a statistical benchmark on U.S. honey production and value. The information will allow the U.S. Department of Agriculture, beekeepers and any other interested parties to analyze data on a state-by-state basis, and monitor changes in honey production and value.

## What should I do next?



Complete your survey in one of the following ways:



Online at <u>www.agcounts.usda.gov</u>. Online reporting is fast, cost-effective, and secure. All you need is the 17-digit survey code on the enclosed form to begin.



By **mail or fax**. Complete the survey questionnaire and mail it back in the return envelope provided or fax it to (855) 415-3687.

If you do not respond by January 16, a representative from our office may contact you to arrange a telephone or personal interview.

The results of this survey will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. We plan to publish the results in the annual *Honey* Report on March 19, 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 contact us at (888) 424-7828.

Sincerely,

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Joseph L. Parsons Chairman, Agricultural Statistics Board

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