2022 Census of Agriculture, Itemized List of Changes

Content Change

* Section 4, Land Use Practices, Precision Ag – Question added. (Previously approved by SET)
  + Previously proposed in Section 25, Practices but space did not allow.
* Section 4, Land Use Practices, Irrigation
  + 5-year question removed.
  + Acres with irrigation systems or equipment question added.
  + Intention question added.
  + Irrigation questions slightly reworded and order changed.
* Section 7, Personal Characteristics
  + “Is the person completing the form?” removed.
  + Principal operator questions, removed. (Previously approved by SET)
    - Is this person a principal operator or senior partner?
    - Is this person the spouse of a principal operator or senior partner?
  + Item 3d, marketing decisions, added.
* Section 10, Field Crops
  + Hemp by utilization added.
  + Sugarcane for seed dropped. Sugarcane for sugar dropped. Sugarcane for sugar or seed added.
* Section 10, Field Crops; Section 11, Nursery; Section 12, Vegetables
  + Sweet corn for seed was removed from Field Crops.
  + Vegetable seeds grown in the open will not be valid in the Nursery Section.
  + Vegetable seeds grown in the open will be reported under a specific vegetable in the Vegetable Section.
* Section 11, Nursery
  + Hemp items added.
  + Sod harvested was changed to Sod harvested or intended for sale in future years.
* Section 12, Vegetables, added crops are gourds and parsnips. Squash categories were combined.
* Section 13, Fruit, Nuts, and Berries, added crops are longan, lychees, paw paws, rambutan, gooseberries, and mulberries. Raspberries were combined. Temple oranges were deleted as a separate item and will now be included with tangerines.
* Section 17, Sheep and Goats, Hair sheep or wool-hair crosses item added.
* Section 25, Practices, Types of internet access were updated.
* Section 26, Food Marketing Practices, Marketing channels were split into four categories.
  + In 2017, there were two (1. Consumers; 2. Retail Markets, Institutions, or Food Hubs for Local or Regionally Branded Products).
* Section 28, Renewable Energy, two categories were removed.
  + Biodiesel production system and Ethanol production system.

Data Collection Change

* Face Page
  + All boxes and/or item codes have changed.
  + Change “Your report is due by…” to “Your mandatory report is due by…”
* Section 4, Land Use Practices
  + Wording of 2b and 2c tillage questions have changed. The meanings remain as intended in 2017.
* Section 4, Irrigation
  + Recommended that Irrigation have a separate section if there is enough space on the page.
* Section 6, Type of Organization
  + Households sharing net farm income was moved up from the last question to the second question.
  + Separated Legal Status: Other into three categories. The breakouts will not be published.
* Section 9, Woodland Crops, Specify box added for short rotation woody crops.
* Section 10, Field Crops
  + Preprints added for corn for grain or seed, soybeans for beans, and winter wheat for grain or seed.
  + “All hay including alfalfa and other – report in SECTION 8” added
  + Hops changed to be collected to the tenth acre.
* Section 11, Nursery, Vegetable transplants to farm fields was moved from Propagative Materials Sold to Food Crops Grown Under Glass or Other Protection.
* Section 21, Other Livestock and Section 22, Livestock Products
  + These were one section in 2017 but were separated into two sections for the Content Test.
  + Slight rewording for mink and pelts.
* Section 23, Production Contracts, the Other Crops line was removed. There are now two lines for “Vegetables and other crops”. Vegetables previously had one line.
* Section 25, Practices, Internet access
  + Move the internet access questions to the first item in the section.
* Section 30, Labor, Changing the order of the questions was tested in the 2020 Content Test but not accepted (unpaid, hired, and migrant).
  + The order of labor questions for 2022 was changed to hired, migrant, then unpaid.