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Subject: The need for comprehensive organic data. – Docket Number 0535 – 0249

Dear Jamie,

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the renewal of the Organic Survey. The content of the Organic Survey has been developed over the years at the request of numerous data users, including, but not limited to: Risk Management Agency, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Agricultural Marketing Service, Economic Research Service, Natural Resource and Conservation Service and many others. The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be conducting cognitive interviews in the upcoming months to improve the questionnaire. NASS is also looking for ways to streamline the questionnaire while still providing data users with the data they need.

The Organic Survey is extremely important to our data users.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Again, many thanks!

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