

**U.S. Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
Audio Recording Consent Form**

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) routinely tests products used for collecting data or disseminating data in order to produce the best products possible. You are volunteering to be interviewed for a study to evaluate the <survey and/or project name>. The interview will last approximately <number of minutes>. Your participation is voluntary and you may stop at any time.

We will use your interview to improve the current survey and to conduct additional research on how respondents interpret and answer survey questions. In order to have a complete record of your comments and to be able to study your comments more carefully, we would like to audio record your interview. We may also use the recording to train staff.

You will be asked below to consent to the audio-recording. You may ask to stop the recording at any time, and we will turn off the recorder. If you decide to stop recording, we will ask your consent to retain the portion already recorded. If you do not wish to be audio-recorded, you may still participate in this research.

Your interview and the recording will be used only as described above. They will be kept confidential. They will be used only by persons working for or cooperating with NASS who have signed a confidentiality form that states that no confidentially reported information will be compromised. All information collected by NASS under a pledge of confidentiality is protected by law. Any person who willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your operation is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both. This study is conducted in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws. For more information on how we protect your information please visit: <https://www.nass.usda.gov/confidentiality>.

Please Read and Sign Below if You Agree

- I have volunteered to participate in this National Agricultural Statistics Service study, and I give permission for this study interview to be audio recorded and used for the purposes described above.
- I do not wish to have the interview audio-recorded for any purpose, but will participate in the study.

Participant's Signature

Researcher/Interviewer's Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Date

Date