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Why am I getting this letter?

Enclosed is your Monthly Cold Storage questionnaire. Please complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience, via internet if possible, to avoid receiving follow-up contacts. Your information is important. We need your help to ensure the amount of food in warehouses is accounted for in the report.

How will the data be used?

The Monthly Cold Storage Report will ensure that accurate, reliable data are provided to your industry. The benefit of you reporting your cold storage data is so buyers and sellers will have equal access to cold storage food supply information. In addition, true pricing can be established when actual commodity supplies are known. Lastly, the latest cold storage report will be available, if needed, in the event of a national emergency.

If we do not hear from you by Wednesday, February 09, 2022, we will contact you to arrange a telephone interview.

Individual responses to this survey will be kept confidential and survey results will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. We will publish the survey findings in the *Cold Storage* report on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

Thank you for participating and for your support of our programs and U.S. agriculture. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Tucker Huffine or Darien Lee at (800) 253-4419.

Sincerely,

Anthony C. Prillaman
Director, Southern Regional Field Office

Enclosures

What should I do next?

Complete your survey in one of the following ways:



Online at agcounts.usda.gov beginning on Thursday, January 27, 2022. **Online reporting is fast, convenient, and secure.** All you need is the 12-digit survey code on the enclosed form to begin.



By **mail or fax**. Complete the survey and return it in the return envelope provided or fax it to (855) 271-9801.