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Dear Producer,

The Agricultural Yield Survey is the primary tool used by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to measure crop production throughout the growing season. Your operation was selected to participate in this program for 2020. Depending on which crops are surveyed, you may be contacted between now and November at the beginning of each month by a NASS representative to collect important crop information.

During the first month for each crop, we will ask for acres planted, acreage for harvest, and expected yield per acre. In the following months, we will ask for your current expected yield per acre. In May we will ask about winter wheat and hay. Your response is still important if you are not growing these commodities this year.

Please give us your best estimate of expected acreages and yields or if you do not expect to grow these crops.

For your convenience, there are two reporting options:

- **Online** at www.agcounts.usda.gov. **Online reporting is fast, cost-effective and secure.**
 - o All you need is the **17-digit survey code** on the address label above to begin.
- **Telephone Follow Up:**
 - o We will follow up by telephone if we do not hear from you, or if you would like assistance.

All responses provided are **voluntary and confidential**, and your crop information is used only in combination with reports from other farmers.

We will publish the survey findings for May through November 2020 in the monthly *Crop Production* report. Final yield and production are published in the annual *Crop Production* report in January 2021. These reports will be available on the internet at www.nass.usda.gov under Today's Reports.

Thank you in advance for your participation and for your support of U.S. agriculture and statistics.

Sincerely,

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The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your responses will be kept confidential and any person who willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your operation is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both. This survey 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>. Response is voluntary.

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