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Dear Minnesota Producer:

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is collecting data to better understand nitrogen and pesticide use on corn and soybean acres in Minnesota. This *2020 Minnesota Best Management Practices Survey* is an important step to gather facts about corn and soybean production practices directly from farmers. The MDA actively promotes Best Management Practices (BMP) that protect water quality while at the same time maintaining efficiency and farm profitability. It's critical that all recommendations and policy decisions are rooted in real-world Minnesota data, so please take a few minutes to fill this form out and send it in. We want your real-world experiences represented.

Minnesota farmers often implement the most current technology, research, and products. With that in mind, a random sample of 7,600 Minnesota farms, which normally have corn and/or soybean acres, were included in this project. That is roughly 1 out of every 4 corn/soybean farms, so a cross section of farms by size, location, and adoption of different technologies are given the opportunity to be included.

Better Response = Better Data = Better Decisions

All your farm's info will be kept strictly confidential and only used for statistical purposes. As you can see, the enclosed form does not include your name, so the farm information you send back will be anonymous and only combined with all other reports to create district and state level data tables. No individual farms will be identified in the results.

Minnesota rules and statutes require MDA to measure the adoption rates for the Best Management Practices. This project helps us do that. You can review the previous reports by going to the MDA website at www.mda.state.mn.us and search "farmers surveys."

If you have questions or for more information, please call 651-261-1993.

Thank you for your help with this effort and for all you do to produce an abundant and safe food supply for all of us.

Sincerely,



Thom Petersen, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Cooperating with the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) for data collection services.