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Dear Sir/Madam,

OMB No. XXX-XXXX Exp. Date

You should have recently received your Hemp Acreage and Production Survey. **Thank you if you have already responded. If not, there's still time.** You are encouraged to respond online at <u>agcounts.usda.gov</u>, or by phone or mail. To protect the health and safety of producers, partners, and employees, NASS has suspended in-person data collection until further notice.

The data for this first-ever Hemp Acreage and Production Survey will be collected under the authority of the Domestic Hemp Production Program, which is mandated by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill). Hemp is a commodity that can be used for numerous industrial and horticultural purposes including fabric, paper, construction materials, food products, cosmetics, production of cannabinoids (such as cannabidiol or CBD), and other products. Accurate information is essential to make informed decisions about this up-and-coming industry.

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, your responses will be kept confidential, and the survey results will be available in aggregate form only to ensure that no individual producer or operation can be identified. For more information about this survey, visit <a href="mass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide\_to\_NASS\_Surveys/Hemp">nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide\_to\_NASS\_Surveys/Hemp</a>. If you have questions or difficulty completing your survey, please call toll-free 1-888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

**Hubert Hamer** 

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Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service

Online reporting is fast and secure. All you need is the unique survey code to begin. To complete your survey, follow these steps:

- 1. Go to: agcounts.usda.gov
- 2. Enter your unique Survey Code:
- 3. Complete the survey through the Conclusion section and select Submit Survey

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB number is 0535-0020. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 30 minutes, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering, and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.