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Dr. Dennis J. Fixler  
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Dear Dr. Fixler and Ms. Burrell,

Thank you for the letter of support and sharing the specific uses the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) has for the data from the Objective Yield Surveys. NASS evaluates our programs on a regular basis to see what changes can be made to improve and strengthen our data in order to better serve the needs of our data users.

I will share that the notice seen in the Federal Register has an error that will be corrected in the supporting statements and 30-day public comment period. The notice mentions that “The Objective Yield Surveys objectively predict yields for corn, cotton, potatoes, soybeans, wheat, citrus, almonds, walnuts, and hazelnuts.” Potatoes was left in erroneously. Potatoes were removed from the Objective Yield ICR from the substantive change request on February, 2020 (<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/DownloadDocument?objectID=100742601>). The estimated burden reported in the 60-day notice is accurate and does not include potatoes.

We will keep you informed of any other modifications through Federal Register Notices.

Again, many thanks!

Sincerely,

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