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Dear Dr. Fixler and Ms. Burrell,

As always, NASS is very appreciative of the continued support you and your Agency have shown us over the years. The Census of Horticulture is a vital component of the Census program. The detailed data that is collected for the nursery, floriculture and specialty crops included in this survey cannot be found any place else.

Thus far, there are two major changes and a few minor changes to the questionnaire that have been discussed. These major changes involve including Hemp and Mushrooms. The minor changes involve replacing some less popular plants with more popular ones. Additionally, we are testing some screening questions that may help reduce the burden on respondents by skipping irrelevant sections.

We will keep you and other data users informed of any future modifications.

Sincerely,

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