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Dear Ms. Pryor:

Thank you for your letter pertaining to the National Agricultural Statistics Service' (NASS) intention to renew the surveys in the Agricultural Labor Information Collection Request (ICR). Your support of the Agricultural Labor Survey is appreciated. Your submitted letter included some recommendations for the upcoming Agricultural Labor Surveys and use of the summarized data from the survey, which will be addressed here.

NASS is transparent in our methodologies for data collection and estimation of the farm labor data. We have held meetings on the Agricultural Labor Survey with stakeholder groups when requested, including the Department of Labor.

The *Farm Labor Methodology and Quality Measures* documents response rates along with information how the surveys are conducted. The *Farm Labor Methodology and Quality Measures* documents and questionnaires used can be found at this link on NASS' public website:

[https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Methodology\\_and\\_Data\\_Quality/Farm\\_Labor/index.php](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Methodology_and_Data_Quality/Farm_Labor/index.php)

Hopefully, this answers your questions about how data are collected and summarized for the Agricultural Labor Survey.

The *Farm Labor Methodology and Quality Measures* and other documents pertaining to the Agricultural Labor Survey along with a proposed questionnaire and other comments NASS received will be made available later this summer for a 30-day public comment period. A Federal Register Notice (FRN) for OMB Control Number 0535-0109 will be published when that happens; the FRN will include instructions on how to review and comment further on the survey before official action is taken by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

As a reminder, the U.S. Department of Labor is responsible for all policy and implementation of the Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR). Federal Register Notices on AEWR provide a Department of Labor contact for more information about AEWR. Federal Register Notices may provide the public an opportunity to comment on proposed methodology changes for setting the AEWR.

We will keep you informed of the progression of the Agricultural Labor Survey through Federal Register Notices.

Sincerely,

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