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Dear Sir/Madam, OMB No. 0535-0240 Exp. Date xx/xx/20xx

As part of our Census of Agriculture program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and the Economic Research Service (ERS) are conducting the Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL) survey and we need your input.

You should have recently received your 2024 Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL) Survey. **Thank you if you have already responded. If not, there is still time.** You are encouraged to respond online at <u>agcounts.usda.gov</u>, by phone, or mail.

This survey measures the economic well-being of U.S. farms, focusing on farm finances, farm households, and costs associated with producing agricultural commodities. Data from the survey help evaluate the financial impacts of numerous programs, including crop insurance, dairy margin protection, and local payments.

Participation in all Census of Agriculture surveys is both required by law and protected by law (Title 7, U.S. Code). **NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents, ensuring that no individual respondent or operation can be identified**. Be assured that your responses will be kept *completely confidential*, as required by federal law. If you have questions or difficulty completing your survey, please call toll-free 888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service

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

- 1. Go to: agcounts.usda.gov
- 2. Enter your Survey Code:
- 3. Select Submit & Get Survey(s).
- 4. Find the XXXX SURVEY and select **Start Survey**.
- 5. Follow the survey prompts.
- 6. 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 0535-0218. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 100 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.