



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Why am I getting this letter?

Enclosed is your biennial Cold Storage Capacity Survey. Your participation is important. The information collected is needed to accurately tabulate the number of refrigerated plants (public and private) and the storage capacity of these facilities. Please complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

You may receive an email reminder to complete your survey.

**If we do not receive your completed questionnaire by Thursday, November 9, 2023, we may contact you for an interview.** For your convenience, some previously reported data may be prefilled on the online report form.

### How will the data be used?

The information collected will show the growth and locations of the cold storage warehouse industry. The data are used by warehouse operators, food processors, people servicing the warehouse, and food processing industries. Government agencies also use the report to determine the number of plants, locations, and amount of refrigerated space on a state and national basis.

We recommend you respond online. On the Respondent Portal, you can complete your surveys, track upcoming surveys, access data visualizations and reports of interest, link to other USDA agencies, and more.

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form. We will publish the data in January 2024 in the *Capacity of Refrigerated Warehouses* report at [nass.usda.gov/publications](https://nass.usda.gov/publications) and in NASS's searchable database, Quick Stats, at [quickstats.nass.usda.gov](https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov).

Thank you for your participation and support of U.S. agriculture. For more information about this survey, visit [nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide\\_to\\_NASS\\_Surveys/Cold\\_Storage](https://nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide_to_NASS_Surveys/Cold_Storage). If you need assistance, please contact us at 888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Parsons  
Chair, Agricultural Statistics Board  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

### What should I do next?

Complete your survey in one of the following ways:



**Online** at [www.agcounts.usda.gov](https://www.agcounts.usda.gov). **Online reporting is fast and secure.** All you need is the unique survey code on the enclosed form to begin.



By **mail or fax**. Complete the questionnaire and mail it back in the prepaid envelope provided or fax it to 855-415-3687.