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Dear Producer:

The Objective Yield Survey plays an important part in estimating U.S. crop production forecasts. USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) combines field measurements from Objective Yield plots with farmer-reported survey data and satellite-based vegetative information measurements to prepare monthly crop production estimates. Your cooperation is key to accurate crop production estimates.

Why am I getting this letter?

The Objective Yield Survey for corn and soybeans will begin this month. A NASS representative will call you and other selected producers to verify crop acreage reported on previous NASS surveys. The initial call will take 15 to 25 minutes of your time.

An aerial photo and county section map are enclosed.

- Please keep the map as a reference for your phone interview.
- The survey includes questions about the corn or soybean acreage you reported within the red boundaries on the map.

With your permission, we will then enter your field(s) at the end of each month during the growing season to collect plant and crop measurements. Monthly follow-up visits, if needed, will not require your time or personal contact.

How will the data be used?

NASS publishes the findings for these crops each month, September through December, in the monthly *Crop Production* report. All sectors of the agricultural industry rely on NASS yield and production estimates to help make sound business decisions. Thank you in advance for your support of our programs and U.S. agriculture. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

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