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Why am I getting this letter?

Beginning next month, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will collect cotton gin data throughout the ginning season – generally every two weeks. Your information is important, and we know your time is valuable, so we offer several options to respond.

How will the data be used?

Cotton Ginnings reports provide a measure of the size of production or inventories so that prices can move in line with supply. Without good information, business risks and costs can increase. Once you and your fellow ginners respond, NASS will publish the combined results in *Cotton Ginnings* reports every two weeks during the survey season. All NASS reports are available online and free of charge at nass.usda.gov.

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.

Thank you for your participation and support of our programs and U.S. agriculture. If you have any questions, please contact us at 888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Parsons
Chair, Agricultural Statistics Board

Enclosure

What should I do when I receive my questionnaire?

Complete your survey in one of the following ways:



Online at agcounts.usda.gov.

Online reporting is fast and

secure. All you need is the 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.



We are once again offering free copies of the *Cotton Ginnings Record Book*. If you would like one or more copies, please use the enclosed "Cotton Ginnings Record Book Order" form and envelope to place your order. If you prefer to make your request by email, please send your mailing information to Kimberly Goeke at kimberly.goeke@usda.gov.

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 0535-0220. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 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.

COTTON GINNINGS RECORD BOOK ORDER

☐ **YES** - Please provide me with _____ copies of the *Cotton Ginnings Record Book*.

☐ **YES** - Please provide me with a digital copy of the *Cotton Ginnings 2021 Summary* by email.

Please enter the address where you would like the books sent:

Operation / Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: [_____] _____ - _____

Email: _____
