

Objective Yield Survey for Florida Citrus

Phone Script for Initial Telephone Contact -

Good morning, afternoon or evening.

My name is _____ and I am collecting data for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). The FDACS is working in a cooperative agreement with the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The FDACS forecasts and estimates the Florida citrus crop on a periodic basis, before and during the harvest season. This process can only be accomplished through site visits to the State's commercial groves for objective fruit measurements and counts. This authority is enumerated in Chapter 601.29(2), Florida Statutes, the Florida Citrus Code.

An enumerator will enter the grove in the near future to collect the necessary data to estimate the Florida citrus crop. The landowner and/or caretaker does not need to be present for this data collection, measurements, or counts. The information collected will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2018, Title III of Pub. L. No. 115-435, codified in 44 U.S.C. Ch. 35 and other applicable Federal laws, the collected data will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than employees or agents. By law, every employee and agent has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your operation without your consent.

Are there any considerations such as dogs on the property or chemical spraying that need to be taken into account when determining when to collect the data?

(Respondent burden is estimated at approximately 2 minutes to notify the respondent that a NASS representative will be entering the respondent's field to collect data.)