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USDA To Kick Off the National Agricultural Classification Survey

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7, 2026 – Already preparing for the 2027 Census of Agriculture, the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the National Agricultural Classification Survey (NACS) starting **Jan. 14**. The survey, an important step in determining who should receive a 2027 Census of Agriculture questionnaire, will ask approximately **700,000** recipients to report if they conduct agricultural activity. The results of the survey will ensure that every U.S. producer, no matter how large or small their operation, is counted in the highly anticipated and influential agricultural census data.

“NACS plays an integral role in getting a complete count of U.S. agriculture,” said NASS Administrator Joseph L. Parson. “We ask everyone who receives the survey to please respond by **February 15**, so that we can maintain an accurate and comprehensive census of agriculture mailing list. This is an important opportunity. The census of agriculture is the leading source of facts about American agriculture. Farm organizations, businesses, government decision-makers, commodity market analysts, news media, researchers and so many others use census of agriculture data. We are ensuring that every farm and ranch has a voice.”

NASS encourages recipients to respond securely online at www.agcounts.usda.gov, using the unique survey code mailed with the survey. Completed questionnaires may also be mailed back in the prepaid envelope provided. NASS requests that each person who receives the survey respond promptly.

Referenced by countless national, state, and local decision-makers, researchers, farm organizations, and more, the once-every-five-year Census of Agriculture remains the most comprehensive source of data on American agriculture.

“The NACS ensures that everyone who produces and sells, or normally would sell, \$1000 or more of agricultural products in a calendar year are represented in these vital data,” said Parsons.

If a producer did not receive the 2022 Census of Agriculture or the NACS, NASS encourages them to sign up to be counted at www.agcounts.usda.gov/getcounted. All information reported by individuals will be kept confidential, as required by federal law. For more information about the NACS, visit www.nass.usda.gov/go/nacs. For assistance with the survey, call 888-424-7828.

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