

February 10, 2026

Dr. Struther Van Horn
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National Agricultural Statistics Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-2024

RE: Federal Register notice of January 14, 2026, on Intent to Request Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection, the Census of Agriculture (OMB Control Number: 0535-0088)

Dear Dr. Van Horn:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of information on the 2027 Census of Agriculture (COA). The data from the COA are critical for several key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses information collected in the COA to prepare the national income and product, input-output, and regional economic accounts. The data items from the 2022 form that we will use directly in our estimates are attached. In addition, we use many of the items indirectly through the national and state estimates of farm income prepared by the Economic Research Service (ERS) which are used to prepare the national and state estimates of farm income. These estimates are the principal basis for BEA's estimates of farm income and product. Although farm income and product are small shares of national income and product, their volatility must be accurately measured to identify the sources of change in the overall economy.

Please include BEA on the future call for content suggestions for 2027. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator, on 301-278- 9618, or by email at Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov. If you need assistance in justifying this form to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,

Dennis Fixler
Chief Economist

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2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE ITEMS TO BE USED BY BEA

I. Items used to estimate the proprietors' share of U.S. net farm income	
Section 5	CCC Loans and Federal Farm Programs Payments
Section 10-21	Value of Sales (by commodity)
Section 30	Production Expenses
Section 31	Market Value of Land and Buildings
II. Items used to estimate the county distribution of farm proprietors' income	
Section 1	Acreage in 2022; number of acres
	Item 1. Number of acres owned
	Item 3. Number of acres rented or leased to others
Section 5	Crop Insurance and Government Payments
	Question 3 : Other Federal agricultural program payments received in 2022
	Questions 4 : State and local government agricultural program payments
Section 10	Field Crops
	<i>Field crops - Total Production Harvested, Gross Value of Sales</i>
	Com for grain or seed; Oats for grain or seed; Soybeans for beans; Winter wheat for grain or seed harvested in 2017; Barley for grain; Beans, dry edible, excluding limas; Canola, edible; Cotton, Pima; Cotton, Upland; Flaxseed; Rice; Rye for grain; Safflower; Sorghum for grain or seed, including milo; Sunflower seed, non-oil variety; Sunflower seed, oil variety; Tobacco (all); Wheat, Durum; Wheat, Spring
Section 8	Hay and Forage Crops
	<i>Hay and Forage Crops - Total Tons Harvested, Total Sales (all items)</i>
Section 12	Vegetables, Potatoes, and Melons
	Vegetables, Potatoes, and Melons - Total Acres Harvested, Value of Sales Potatoes; Sweet Potatoes
Section 13	Fruit, Nuts and Berries - Total Acres, Values of Sales
	Fruit and Nuts - Total Acres, Values of Sales
	Apples
Section 14	Cattle and Calves
	Question 2. Total cattle and calves on hand December 31, 2022 – Add items 2a and 2b and 2c Value of Sales
Section 15	Hogs and Pigs
	Question 2. Total hogs and pigs on hand December 31, 2022

	Question 4. Value of Sales
Section 17	Sheep and Goats
	Question 2. Sheep and lambs owned or custom fed Dec. 31, 2022; Value of Sales
Section 19	Poultry
	Question 3 . Chickens; inventory on this operation December 31, 2022
	Question 2 . Value of Sales
Section 32	Income from Farm-related Sources
	Report amount received before taxes and expenses in 2022 (all items)
Section 29	Farm Labor
	Question 1. How many hired farm or ranch workers, including paid family members and office workers, worked on this operation in 2022
Section 30	Production Expenses, dollars (all items)
Section 31	Market value of Land, Buildings, Machinery, and Equipment
	Question 1. Estimated current market value of all land and buildings owned
	Question 2. Estimated current value of all machinery, equipment, and implements used for farm-related activities on this operation, regardless of ownership, on December 31, 2022
Section 6	Type of Organization (all items)
III. Items used to update the capital stock	
Section 31	Market Value of Land, Buildings, Machinery, and Equipment
	Question 1. Estimated current market value of all land and buildings owned
	Question 2. Estimated current value of all machinery, equipment, and implements used for farm-related activities on this operation, regardless of ownership, on December 31, 2022
	IV. Items Important for future Benchmark Input-Output Accounts
Details included in:	
Sections 10-21	Value of Sales, including items Sales by nursery and greenhouse crops, Sales by grain type, and Sales by livestock type
Section 32	Income from Farm-related sources, including Other Income
Section 30	Production expenses, including Fuel Type
Section 25	Food Marketing Practices