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USDA Continues to Seek Input for the 2017 Census of Agriculture

Washington, **August 18, 2014** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) continues to seek input for the 2017 Census of Agriculture. Conducted only once every five years by USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the Census provides detailed data covering nearly every facet of U.S. agriculture down to the county level.

NASS released the complete 2012 Census of Agriculture results on May 2, 2014. In June, the agency began asking for content suggestions for the 2017 Agriculture Census and is accepting suggestions from the public. Any individual or organization may ask to add or delete items on questionnaire, as well as send any other ideas about the Census.

“Many industries want data that we currently don’t collect,” said NASS Associate Administrator Renee Picanso. “There are also some data that people think are no longer relevant with changing trends in agriculture. This is the time to express those ideas and concerns.”

Comments can be submitted online at www.agcensus.usda.gov/Contact_Us/Census_Program_Input_Form/. Written suggestions may be mailed to: Census Content Team, Room 6451, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20250. NASS will notify the public before the comment period ends.

To learn more and to access the complete 2012 Census of Agriculture results, including State and County Profiles and all the other Census data and tools, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov.

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