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Alaska ag producers near February 6 deadline for 2022 Census of Agriculture

Olympia, WA – February 3, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reminds Alaska farmers and ranchers that the deadline to respond to the 2022 Census of Agriculture is next week, February 6. Producers can respond online at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail.

In December, NASS mailed the Census of Agriculture questionnaires to every known ag producer in Alaska, the U.S., and Puerto Rico. Conducted just once every five years, the ag census provides a complete account of the nation's farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Responding to the Census of Agriculture is required by federal law under Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113. The same law requires NASS to keep all individual operations' information confidential, use the data for statistical purposes only, and publish the data in aggregate form to prevent disclosing the identity of any individual producer or farm operation.

“No matter how large or small your operation, your voice is vitally important in establishing a complete and accurate representation of Alaska agriculture,” says Dennis Koong, Regional Director, Northwest Regional Field Office. “For those of you who have already responded, I want to express my gratitude for the time you took out of your busy schedules to complete the report.”

The Census of Agriculture remains the only source of uniform, comprehensive, and impartial agriculture data for every state, county, borough, and U.S. territory. U.S. farm operations of all sizes, urban and rural, which produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in 2022, are included as well as Puerto Rico farm operations which produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$500 or more of agricultural products in the ag census year.

Producers who have submitted their completed ag censuses may disregard any additional ag census letters and forms. Whether producers responded online or by mail, they can verify their reports were received by going to agcounts.usda.gov, entering their survey code, and checking the submitted date under the status column of the “My Surveys” tab. The status update is not always immediate. The update can take a few minutes up to several days, especially if the questionnaire was returned by mail.

NASS will release the results of the ag census in 2024. Visit nass.usda.gov/agcensus, for more information.

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