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Still Time to Be Counted in the Hawaii Horticulture Survey

HONOLULU, HI, – August 6, 2021 – Hawaii producers still have time to respond to their Horticulture Survey, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). NASS will continue to accept responses through mid-October.

The Horticulture Survey is being conducted in cooperation with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture for crop year 2020 production. Over 800 Hawaii producers will be asked to provide information on production area, sales of horticulture and nursery commodities, food crops grown under cover, and the number of agricultural workers on their operation.

"This report can then be used to encourage increased support of the industry by the Federal and State Administration, Legislature, Counties, Congressional delegation, and the Universities serving Hawaii," said NASS Hawaii State Statistician Shawn Clark. "In 2019, the Census of Horticultural Specialties report showed that Hawaii operations sold a total of \$89.2 million in floriculture, nursery, and specialty crops. This survey will help determine the pandemics impact on the horticulture industry."

Over the next couple of months, NASS will follow-up with phone calls to Hawaii producers who have not yet responded. Survey participants are encouraged to complete their questionnaire online at <u>agcounts.usda.gov</u> or by mail.

In accordance with federal law, survey responses are kept confidential. Survey results will be available in aggregate form only to ensure that no individual producer or operation can be identified. NASS will compile, analyze, and publish survey results in the *Hawaii Horticulture and Nursery Products* report to be published in late November. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Hawaii Field Office at (808) 522-8080.

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