

Thank You For Participating

Your time is valuable, and we thank you for helping build a reliable picture of the fruit industry. This valuable information will help policy makers and producers make sound decisions that affect agriculture.

Participation is voluntary, but response to this survey is greatly appreciated.

Once the survey is tabulated, a publication will be prepared. Anyone receiving a questionnaire may request, upon submittal of the survey, a free copy of the publication. Others may contact the National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Office or our website at:

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New York **Fruit Tree and Vineyard Survey**

*Answering Questions
about the
Fruit Tree and Vineyard
Survey*

Your Response Is Important!

How Does This Survey Benefit the New York Fruit and Vineyard Industry?

The New York Fruit Tree and Vineyard Survey will be conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), New York Office. Apples, peaches, pears, cherries, and grapes significantly contribute to the agricultural economy and rural communities in New York. This report will serve as an excellent example of producers and government working together to help an industry with its data needs. The survey is to benefit New York's fruit industry by obtaining up-to-date state and county level information on the number of acres by variety for fruit trees and vineyards throughout New York.

This survey will be used by growers, the fruit industry, researchers, marketing and promotion associations, processors, and agricultural government agencies to assess changes occurring in the New York fruit industry.

Data you provide is vital to both the public and private sectors, so they can accurately evaluate the current fruit industry and appropriately plan for the future.

Why Should I Respond?

All known fruit tree and vineyard growers are being asked to respond to the 2007 Fruit Tree and Vineyard Survey. A response from everyone is crucial to show the magnitude of the fruit industry. Fruit and vineyard data will be merged with other respondent's information to be published at the State and county level. Individual responses are ***strictly confidential***.

NASS will publish survey results on the Fruit Tree and Vineyard Survey, a publication designed to inform fruit tree and vineyard growers, farm organizations, marketing specialists, policymakers, regulators and news media about the changes in the fruit industry.

Since 1972, NASS has collected fruit tree and vineyard statistics for New York. Responses to this survey on the fruit industry will help keep New York agriculture strong by ensuring accurate and up-to-date data.



How Do I Participate?

Complete the fruit tree and vineyard questionnaire and return promptly.

If you would like multiple copies of this brochure to distribute, we will be pleased to provide them to you.

Visit the National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office website for additional information.

Contact this office with any questions

Results Will Measure the:

- * Number of acres and trees of each major fruit, by county.
- * Obtain counts of commercial operations growing each fruit species.
- * Summarize apple acres by age, variety, and density
- * Establish the number of each major grape variety and rootstock, by county

