### **Key Dates**

### June 2017:

Deadline to sign up to be counted.

### December 2017:

Look for your 2017 Census of Agriculture form in the mail

### February 2018:

Deadline to complete your 2017 Census of Agriculture. Respond online at www.agcounts.usda.gov or mail your complete questionnaire.

### February 2019:

NASS will release 2017 Census of Agriculture data.

### **Who Should Report?**

If you produce or grow any agricultural products, including field crops, fruits, vegetables, floriculture and livestock, regardless of the size of your operation, you should fill out the 2017 Census of Agriculture form.

Remember the Census of Agriculture is Your Voice, Your Future, Your Opportunity.



# CENSUS FACTS

### For more information:

Call (888) 424-7828 Visit www.agcensus.usda.gov



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### **Benefits of the Census:**

## Responding to the Census benefits your operation, your community, and your future by:

- Strengthening farm and conservation programs.
- Improving infrastructure in your area.
- Helping create beginning farmer programs to protect the future of agriculture.

### FAQs:

### O: What is the Census of Agriculture?

A: Taken every 5 years, it's a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Even the smallest plots of land with vegetables, fruit, livestock, equine, or food animals are included.

## Q: Why is the Census of Agriculture important?

A: It's the only source of uniform, comprehensive and impartial agricultural data for every county in the nation. This information is used to make decisions that will help shape the future of agriculture.

### Q: Who uses Census of Agriculture data?

**A:** All those who serve farmers and rural communities – federal, state and local governments, agribusinesses, researchers, trade associations, and farmers themselves.

### Q: Must I respond to the Census of Agriculture?

A: Yes. If you receive a Census of Agriculture form in the mail, response is required by law.

#### O: What is a "Farm"?

A: A farm is any place (urban or rural) that produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during the Census of Agriculture year (2017).

### Q: Will my information be kept confidential?

A: Yes. The results of the Census of Agriculture will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified as required by federal law.