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## **Governor Proclaims January as Agriculture Census Month in Puerto Rico**

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO – January 12, 2023 – To celebrate the launch of the 2022 Census of Agriculture, Pedro Pierluisi, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, issued a proclamation last month establishing January 2023 as Agriculture Census Month.

“It is my honor to thank Governor Pierluisi for his support of the 2022 Census of Agriculture and the official proclamation of Agriculture Census Month,” said USDA NASS Administrator Hubert Hamer. “As we join Puerto Rico in celebration of Agriculture Census Month, I encourage everyone to respond to the survey when you receive it and make your voice heard.”

Agricultural producers can respond either online at [agcounts.usda.gov](http://agcounts.usda.gov) or by mail. Responses are due Feb. 6, 2023. The Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture and the Extension Service of the University of Puerto Rico are partnering with USDA in collecting data. Last month, the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) mailed the 2022 Puerto Rico Census of Agriculture to all known farmers in every municipio. Conducted once every five years in U.S. states and territories, the census is USDA’s largest data collection endeavor, providing some of the most widely used statistics in the industry.

“Census data are used to make important local and national decisions that will have a very real impact on Puerto Rico farmers and their communities,” said Hamer. “We need to hear from all of our farmers in Puerto Rico – no matter how big or how small the operation. Every response matters.” The data are used by farmers, researchers, and others in making decisions about individual operations, farm assistance programs, community planning, farm advocacy, technology development, rural development, and more.

To learn more about the Census of Agriculture, visit [www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus](http://www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus). On the website, producers and other data users can access frequently asked questions, past ag census data, special study information, and more. Follow [@usda\\_nass](https://twitter.com/usda_nass) on Twitter for the latest updates.

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