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2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE DATA NOW AVAILABLE BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Profiles Provide Snapshot of California Agriculture

SACRAMENTO – Information from the 2007 Census of Agriculture is now available at the congressional district level in online profiles published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

“The new congressional district profiles provide a snapshot of agriculture at a local level,” explains Vic Tolomeo, Director of the USDA-NASS California Field Office. “The reports will help elected California officials make informed decisions based on current, accurate data. These are useful tools for farmers and others interested in California agriculture at the local level.”

The congressional district profiles show changes in key areas since the last census was taken in 2002. They include data on such things as the number of farms and acres in farmland, the demographics of local farmers, livestock inventory, crop production and total sales of agricultural products.

The Census of Agriculture, conducted every five years, is a complete count of the nation’s farms and ranches and the people who operate them. It provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation. For more information about the Census and to access the congressional district profiles, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov or call 1-800-727-9540.

“Once again, I want to thank California agricultural producers for doing their part in providing this important data,” said Tolomeo. “Together, we are offering a true picture of American agriculture and providing the resources needed to ensure its sustainability and growth.”

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