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The individuals and organizations who make up the Florida agricultural industry need reliable and accurate estimates of production to make informed and knowledgeable decisions. Increasing unpredictability of commodity prices and competition from global markets, make accurate and unbiased estimates even more important. Farmers, agribusinesses, producers groups, educators, researchers, legislators and the media all need these estimates to develop sound policies and to promote Florida agricultural products.

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