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USDA measures damage from wildfires and high winds on Hawaii ag producers

HONOLULU, HI – November 17, 2023 – The USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is surveying Hawaii farmers and ranchers to measure the economic losses and physical damage caused by the August 2023 wildfires and high winds. Data collected from this survey will provide the first indication of impact these events had on Hawaii agriculture.

"We understand the last few months have been difficult for those impacted," said NASS Pacific Regional Director Gary Keough. "This includes farmers and ranchers who received damage to crops, livestock, buildings, and equipment as well as those who experienced reduced income due to lack of market sales and agritourism. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture, other USDA agencies, and organization supporting Hawaii farmers will use the data to guide relief efforts." In accordance with federal law, NASS keeps survey responses confidential. The data will be available in aggregate form only to ensure that no individual producer or operation can be identified.

NASS will release the results of the survey in late January 2024. For more information, call the NASS Hawaii Field Office at (808) 522-8080.

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