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

HONOLULU, HI – December 18, 2023 – Farmers and ranchers in Hawaii still have time to be counted in Hawaii Agricultural Disaster Survey, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). "I'd like to thank all who have responded," said Gary Keough, Director of the NASS Pacific Regional Field Office. The more reports, the better results. I encourage others not to miss their chance to be represented." Data collected from this survey will provide the first indication of impact these August wildfires and high winds had on Hawaii agriculture.

"We understand the last few months have been difficult for those impacted," said Director 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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