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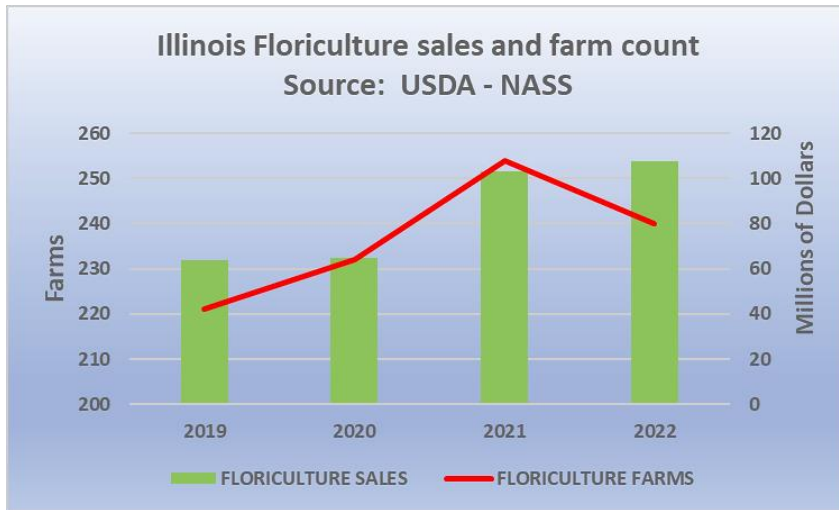
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## USDA to conduct Commercial Floriculture survey

Springfield, IL – December 2023 – Beginning in late December, the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the 2024 Commercial Floriculture Survey (2023 production year) with approximately 263 producers throughout Illinois. Growers will be asked to provide information on production area, sales of floriculture commodities, and the number of agricultural workers on their operations.

Growers can complete the survey online at [agcounts.usda.gov](https://agcounts.usda.gov), by mail, or phone. If NASS does not receive a grower’s completed questionnaire by Dec. 29, a representative may reach out to arrange an interview.



“Floriculture has become a \$100 million dollar industry in Illinois. I would like to thank all the producers that have responded to this survey in the past and helped us to measure its growth. NASS reports help growers, buyers, government agencies, and others use the data to identify state and national

trends, make plans, and determine the industry’s impact on farm income and the economy,” said Mark Schleusener, IL State Statistician. “By participating in the survey, floriculture growers ensure that NASS can provide accurate data on floriculture production, thereby enabling USDA and the industry to be more responsive to domestic and international markets and consumer needs.”

This floriculture survey is a census of commercial floriculture operations that annually produce and sell at least \$10,000 worth of fresh cut flowers, potted flowering plants, foliage

plants, annual bedding and garden plants, herbaceous perennials, cut cultivated florist greens, propagative floriculture material and unfinished plants.

The survey includes all 50 states, with the top 28 (AL, AK, CA, CT, CO, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, IA, MD, MA, MI, MN, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI) published individually and the remaining states combined into an “other states” total.

**In accordance with federal law, survey responses are kept confidential.** Survey data will be available in aggregate form only to ensure that no individual producer or operation can be identified. NASS will publish the survey data May 16, 2024, in its Quick Stats database only at [quickstats.nass.usda.gov](https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov). Find previous Floriculture Crops reports at [nass.usda.gov/go/floriculture](https://nass.usda.gov/go/floriculture).

For assistance with the survey, or for more information, contact the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at (800) 551-1014 or [nassrfohlr@usda.gov](mailto:nassrfohlr@usda.gov).

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