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2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE DATA RELEASED

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – April 11, 2019 – Today the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the 2017 Census of Agriculture results sharing a wide-range of information about what agricultural products were raised in the United States in 2017, as well as where, how and by whom they were grown. The data, which is reported at the national, state and county level, will help farmers, ranchers, local officials, agribusiness and others make decisions for the future.

“The 2017 Census of Agriculture provides a wide range of demographic, economic, land, and crop and livestock production information as well as first-time or expanded data,” said Bill Meyer, Director, Mountain Regional Field Office. “Many of these data about the states in our Region and our counties are only collected and reported as part of the every-five-year census.”

“The Census shows new data that can be compared to previous censuses for insights into agricultural trends and changes down to the county level,” said NASS Administrator Hubert Hamer. “We are pleased to share first-time data on topics such as military status and on-farm decision making. To make it easier to delve into the data, we are pleased to make the results available in many online formats including a new data query interface, as well as traditional data tables.”

To provide easier access to the data, NASS created a number of online tools for people to find and use Census data, including:

- [Census Data Query Tools](#) – Use this application to query Census data from 1997 through 2017. Data are searchable by Census table and are downloadable as PDF files.
- [Quick Stats 2.0](#) – Query the 2017 Census of Agriculture database to retrieve customized tables with Census data at the national, state, and county levels.
- [Agricultural Atlas Maps](#) – View profiles of the nation’s agriculture at the county-level in a series of multicolor pattern and dot maps.
- [Ag Census Highlights](#) – A series of topical fact sheets about the characteristics, conditions and trends among U.S. farms and farmers.
- [2017 Census Volume 1](#) - State Level Data.
- [2017 Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Section 2](#) - County Level Data.

As well as the tools noted above, NASS will be address questions on Twitter (@USDA_NASS) with a live “Ask the Census Experts” #StatChat on Friday, April 12 at 1 p.m. ET about the 2017 Census of Agriculture

The Census tells the story of American agriculture and is an important part of our history. First conducted in 1840 in conjunction with the decennial Census, the Census of Agriculture accounts for all U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. After 1920, the Census happened every four to five years. By 1982, it was regularly conducted once every five years. Today, NASS sends questionnaires to nearly 3 million potential U.S. farms and ranches. Nearly 25 percent of those who responded did so online. Conducted since 1997 by USDA NASS – the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture – it remains the only source of comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the nation and is invaluable for planning the future.

For more information about the Census of Agriculture including all the 2017 Census of Agriculture results, and tools to access and share the data, visit <https://www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus/>.

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