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USDA Mails 2019 Organic Survey to Nevada Farmers and Ranchers

Online survey available at www.agcounts.usda.gov

SACRAMENTO, California – December 17, 2019 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will mail the 2019 Organic Survey this week to approximately 100 producers involved in organic farming across Nevada. Each producer who self-reported organic farming in the 2017 Census of Agriculture will receive a unique survey code to respond online or by mail.

"In Nevada and throughout the nation, the 2017 Census of Agriculture data show continued growth in organic sectors," said Gary R. Keough, Director, USDA NASS Pacific Region. "NASS produces accurate and unbiased data for U.S. agriculture. For organic programs and services for farmers and ranchers in The Silver State and everywhere, quality data is vital. I encourage everyone who receives the survey to fill it out either online or by mail."

The 2019 Organic Survey results will expand on the 2017 Census of Agriculture data by looking at several aspects of organic agriculture during the 2019 calendar year, including production, marketing practices, income, expenses and more. Producers who receive the 2019 Organic Survey are required to respond by federal law (Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113), as this survey is part of the Census of Agriculture Program. The same federal law that requires response also requires NASS to keep all individual information confidential.

Farmers and ranchers are asked to complete their surveys online via NASS' secure website. The online questionnaire is user friendly, accessible on most electronic devices, and saves producers valuable time by calculating totals and automatically skipping questions not applicable to their operations. Additionally, responding online improves data quality and saves resources.

The deadline for response is January 10, 2020. Results will be available October 2020. For more information about the Organic Survey, visit www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus.

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