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## USDA Measures North Carolina Vegetable Chemical Usage

Raleigh, NC, August 19, 2020 - Interviewers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will interview 145 of North Carolina vegetable growers in order to gather information for the Vegetable Chemical Use Survey this fall.

The survey will collect information on pesticides used, acres treated and rates applied to North Carolina cucumbers, bell peppers, pumpkins, squash and watermelon vegetable crops. In addition to North Carolina vegetable growers, 17 other states will also hear from NASS, as the agency collects comprehensive U.S. vegetable production practices information.

"Participation in the Vegetable Chemical Use Survey is vital to all participants in this key agricultural sector," said Dee Webb, North Carolina State Statistician. "Responses from vegetable growers will help ensure that chemicals critical to crop production remain available on the market."

Survey response is protected by federal law (Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347), which keeps respondent identity and answers confidential.

Survey results will be published online in NASS's Quick Stats database next year. This database and all NASS reports are available on the agency's website: [nass.usda.gov](http://nass.usda.gov). For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS North Carolina Field Office at (919)707-3328.

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