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USDA MEASURES VEGETABLE CHEMICAL USAGE

Olympia, Washington – October 13, 2020 -- Interviewers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will interview more than 160 Washington and Oregon 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 seven targeted vegetable crops. In addition to Northwest producers, vegetable growers in 14 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 Christopher Mertz, director of the Northwest Regional Office. "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. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Northwest Regional Office at 1-800-435-5883.

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