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### **Penny Jordan of Springfield and Bunny Cramer-Carter of Stayton to be honored for outstanding contributions to USDA/NASS and the Oregon Agricultural Community.**

The Northwest Region of USDA – National Agricultural Statistics Service is proud to announce Penny Jordan of Springfield and Bunny Cramer-Carter of Stayton will both be awarded the Supervisory Enumerator of the Year Award.

Each year, outstanding National Association of State Departments of Agriculture enumerators and supervisors from across the U.S. are recognized for their contribution to NASS and the Agricultural community. NASS honors these enumerators and supervisors with the NASDA Enumerator of the Year Award. Nationally there are 3,000 NASDA enumerators and Penny and Bunny are two of twelve supervisors and enumerators to be honored this year. Recognition is given for outstanding efforts which resulted in Agency-wide impact in the areas of survey quality, response rates, efficiency, enumerator training and development, enhancing respondent relations, and forging relationships within the agricultural community. Each NASDA award recipient is recognized during the Agency's Awards for Excellence ceremony. This year's ceremony will be held Thursday, December 8.

The key leadership role that Penny and Bunny are being recognized for is The Hazelnut Objective Yield Survey which is conducted as a cooperative project with the Oregon Hazelnut Marketing Board. They oversee hiring, managing, and sample collection to produce an unbiased estimate of hazelnut production in Oregon.

Dave Losh, Oregon State Statistician, stated that faced with challenges such as reinstituting a survey, which was not conducted in 2021 and a late 2022 growing season, the teamwork and dedication exhibited by Penny and Bunny led to the successful completion of the project.

The grassroots data collection and public relations work performed by NASDA enumerators is key to NASS's ability to perform its mission of serving the Nation's agriculture through the dissemination of timely, accurate, and useful information. Congratulations to Penny and Bunny!