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2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE UNDERWAY IN THE MOUNTAIN REGION

LAKESWOOD, Colo. – December 27, 2022 – Last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) mailed the 2022 Census of Agriculture paper questionnaires to all known agriculture producers across the nation and Puerto Rico. Last month, producers received a survey code with an invitation to respond online. Any producer in the Mountain Region states of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming who did not respond online now has the option to complete the ag census at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail. Producers who have already responded to the 2022 Census of Agriculture online do not need to respond again. The deadline for response is February 6, 2023.

“The Census of Agriculture is farmers and ranchers opportunity to tell how American agriculture provides food, fuel, and fiber to the world,” said Rodger Ott, Director of the NASS Mountain Regional Field Office. “All producers that received the Census of Agriculture are encouraged to respond, either online or by mail.”

The Census of Agriculture remains the nation’s only comprehensive and impartial agriculture data for every state, county, and U.S. territory. Farm operations of all sizes, urban and rural, which produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in 2022, are included in the ag census. The data inform decisions about policy, programs, rural development, research, and more. The Census of Agriculture is the producer’s voice in the future of American agriculture.

Responding to the Census of Agriculture is required by law under Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113. The same law requires NASS to keep all information confidential, to use the data only for statistical purposes, and only publish in aggregate form to prevent disclosing the identity of any individual producer or farm operation. NASS will release the results of the ag census in 2024.

To learn more about the Census of Agriculture, visit www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus. For state specific questions, please contact the following State Statisticians at 1-800-392-3202:

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