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## **USDA Measures Oregon and Washington Fruit Chemical Usage**

OLYMPIA, WA – September 2021 – Interviewers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will interview more than 1400 of Oregon and Washington fruit growers to gather information for the 2021 Fruit Chemical Use Survey this fall.

The survey will collect information on bearing acreage, pest management practices, and pesticide applications applied to 8 fruit crops in the region. In addition to Oregon and Washington, fruit growers in 10 other states will also hear from NASS as the agency collects comprehensive U.S. fruit production practices information.

“Growers benefit from providing their information because the resultant data are used to re-register products they use; the data also illustrate the industry’s environmental practices and assure the quality of U.S. food to consumers here and around the world,” said Christopher Mertz, NW Regional Director. “I encourage every grower to take the time to respond, if they receive this survey.” “The Northwest Horticultural Council (NHC) strongly encourages tree fruit growers in the Pacific Northwest to participate in the upcoming NASS Chemical Use Survey,” stated Mark Powers, President of the NHC.

Results from this survey will paint a detailed picture of pesticide use and other pest management practices used by the fruit growers across the nation. To conduct the survey, NASS representatives will call growers to arrange phone interviews. Survey respondents are encouraged to have their spray records available for reference. If these services were contracted, growers should be prepared to give consent to access these records.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form.

Survey results will be published online in NASS’s Quick Stats database next year. This database and all NASS reports are available on [nass.usda.gov](http://nass.usda.gov). For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Northwest Regional Field Office at 1-800-435-5883.

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