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USDA measures Oregon and Washington chemical uses on fruit crops

OLYMPIA, WA – September 2023 – Representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct interviews with more than 1,400 Oregon and Washington fruit growers to gather information for the 2023 Fruit Chemical Use Survey this fall.

The survey will collect information on fertilizer and pesticide applications to bearing fruit acreage. Acres treated and application rates will be collected for seven target fruit crops in Oregon and Washington. Questions will be asked on several areas of pest management practices. In addition to Northwest producers, fruit growers in ten 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 summarized 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 Dennis Koong, Northwest Regional Director. “I encourage every grower to take the time to respond, if they receive this survey.”

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 for personal interviews. Survey respondents are encouraged to have their spray records available for reference. If these services were contracted, growers will be asked to give the interviewer consent to access these records.

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

The data from this survey will be published online in NASS’s Quick Stats database next year. This database and all NASS reports are available at 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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