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Dear Producer,

Each year, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). This survey gathers information on production practices for different commodities selected each year. For 2022, ARMS focuses on potatoes & wheat grown in our region. Your operation has been selected to participate in this very important project.

Within the next few days, you will be receiving a package which will contain more information about the survey. Between October 1 and November 18, a NASS representative will contact you to schedule an interview to complete the ARMS. The interviewer will ask you about nutrient and fertilizer use, pest management practices, and field operations associated with a randomly selected potato or wheat field you operated in 2022. The results of this survey will help agricultural leaders and decision-makers better understand how producers cope with risk, adapt to policy changes, and make decisions about chemical use, new technologies, and other aspects of farming.

The value of your reported chemical use information cannot be over emphasized. By responding to this voluntary survey, you help ensure that decisions impacting the production practices and well-being of potato & wheat producers are based on accurate and timely information. You also represent and give voice to thousands of farmers like you across Ohio and the nation.

As with all of our surveys, NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents. The results of this survey will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual respondent or operation can be identified. Be assured that your responses to ARMS will be kept *completely confidential*, as required by Federal law.

Thank you in advance for investing in the future of U.S. agriculture. You are helping to ensure that decisions affecting you, your family, your business and your community are based on the facts. If you need additional information about this survey, please feel free to contact me or John Miyares at 800-453-7501.

Sincerely,

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