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Dear Sir/Madam,

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You should have recently received your Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL) survey. **Thank you if you have already responded. If not, there is still time.** You are encouraged to respond online at <u>agcounts.usda.gov</u>, by phone, or mail.

This year, the TOTAL survey replaced the final phase of the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), which you are a part of. The data are used to accurately assess U.S. agricultural resource use, costs, and farm sector financial conditions. The information you provide on land tenure and ownership as part of the TOTAL survey will help shape economic policy on both federal and local levels. Your response is critical to help support future success for you and other farmers like you.

Participation in all Census of Agriculture surveys is both required by law and protected by law (Title 7, U.S. Code). **NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents, ensuring that no individual respondent or operation can be identified**. Be assured that your responses will be kept *completely confidential*, as required by federal law.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Agricultural Statistics Board

Online reporting is fast and secure. All you need is your survey code to begin. To complete your survey, follow these steps:

- 1. Go to: agcounts.usda.gov
- 2. Enter your Survey Code:
- 3. Select Submit & Get Survey(s).
- 4. Find the **Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agricultural Land** survey and select **Start Survey**.
- 5. Follow the survey prompts.
- 6. Complete the survey through the conclusion section and select Submit Survey.

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