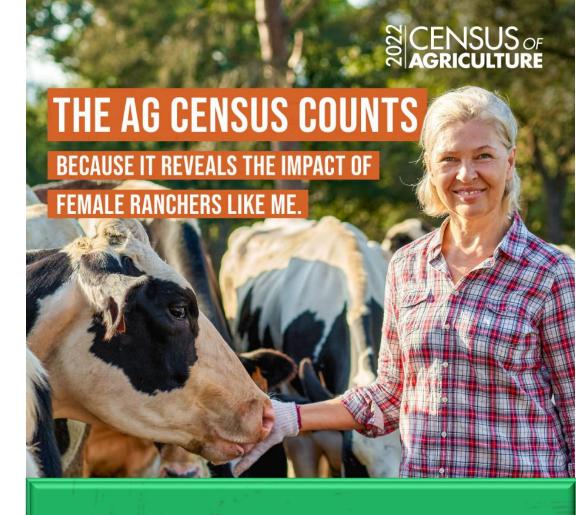
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This section is designed to be read with your blank questionnaire open! Major highlights are the most essential part of each section.

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### Section 1: Acreage

- Acres during 2022 by operation on the form
  - record all land (acreage) owned, rented, or used by the addressee, spouse, or by the partnership, corporation, or organization
    - Must add up
- Record the county with the largest value of your agricultural products raised or produced
  - Try to ask for accurate acres because Census will be summarized at the county level





- Record:
  - Cropland (harvested or not)
  - Pasture
  - Woodland not pastured
  - All other land
    - Waste, gardens, farmsteads, home, buildings, roads, livestock facilities
- Remember: Box E should equal Box D from Section 1



### Section 3: Land Rented or Leased from Others for Cash

- Do not report the same land multiple times
- Report the land in the category by the primary purpose in which it was rented.
- Total should reflect amounts recorded in Section 1
- If the operator has a modified cash rent agreement, such as a fixed dollar amount plus a percent of the crop/sales, then we do not consider it cash rents.



Section 4: Land Use Practices & Section 5: Irrigation

- Land Use Practices:
  - Report land practices like no-till farming and conversation practices
- Irrigation:
  - Report how many acres of the land in Section 2 were equipped for irrigation and how many acres received irrigation in 2022.
  - Exclude home garden irrigation



Section 6: Crop Insurance, Conservation Reserve Program and Other Government Programs

- Operation that were covered under federal, private, or other forms of crop insurance during 2022 for cropland and grazing land.
- Payments for Federal programs such as CRP and WRP
- Do not forget:
  - The appeal question about the decisions made by USDA's National Appeals Division

#### Section 7: Type of Organization

- The key to this section is more that **50%** of the operation owned by an operator's household and/or extended family
- Record if the business is under state law
  - Types of businesses:
    - LLC
    - Family- held corporation
    - Partnership



### Section 8: Personal Characteristics

- Demographics must be as accurate as possible
- Ensure you record the count of people making decisions as of December 31, 2022
- Some of the census forms will indicate if there is a partnership on the front page. Please check on this when recording all of the operators in the forms.
- Days worked on the Farm are important to monitor emerging trends in Ag

Section 9: Hay and Forage Crops & Section 10: Cultivated Christmas Trees, Short Rotation Woody Crops, and Maple Syrup

- Hay or forage crops cut or harvested from this operation in 2022
  - Type of hay
  - Total Tons or Total number of bales
- Christmas trees or woodland crops grown, harvested, or tapped on this operation in 2022.
  - Include your landlord's share and crops grown under contract



Section 10: Cultivated Christmas Trees, Short Rotation Woody Crops, and Maple Syrup

*Trees & Woody Crop cont:* 

- Only record Cut Christmas Trees in this section. Any trees sold live (balled and burlapped) go with the Nursery Crops in Section 12.
- Nursery trees go in Section 12. Timber/firewood goes counts as "woods" in Section 2
- Review the definition of Short Rotation Woody Crops.
- Record only maple taps, not maple trees or acres of sugarbush.



### Section 11: Field Crops

- Please double check Crop Codes
  - Ex. Hemp for fiber (2615), Hemp for floral (2620)
- Verify grass and alfalfa harvested for seed and leave a comment.
- Write clear and legible
  - Avoid notes written in the border Use extra paper
- Record: Acres harvested, Yield, Irrigated and Gross Value of Sales in dollars
  - Irrigated acres should not be more than recorded in Irrigation section



Section 12: Nursery, Greenhouse, Floriculture, SOD, Mushrooms, Vegetable Seeds, and Propagative

- Record:
  - Acres protected and Open
    - Total area and Irrigated Area
  - Acres harvested, and Gross Value of Sales in dollars
    - Irrigated acres should not be more than recorded in Irrigation section
- Write clear and legible
  - Avoid notes written in the border Use extra paper
  - Make sure your codes are correct



Section 12: Nursery, Greenhouse, Floriculture, SOD, Mushrooms, Vegetable Seeds, and Propagative

- Remember:
  - Don't code Vegetables grown in the open in this section.
    - Use Section 13 instead.
  - If crops are being started in greenhouses, then transplanted to the operator's own fields (thinking tobacco and tomatoes in particular) then they should not be counted in this section.
    - If you are SELLING tobacco or vegetable plants started in greenhouses to others who will then transplant them into their fields, then include them here.



Section 13: Vegetables, Potatoes, and Melons, Section 14: Fruit, Nuts, and Berries

- Record: Acres harvested, Yield, Irrigated and Gross Value of Sales in dollars for Vegetables, Fruits & Nuts, and Berries.
  - Be careful to keep Berry acres and sales separate
  - Irrigated acres should not be more than recorded in Irrigation section
- Please double check Crop Codes
  - Ex. Sweet (345) and Cherries, Tart (587)
  - Write clear and legible
  - Avoid notes written in the border Use extra paper



### Livestock Sections: Section 15 – Section 19

- Record: Number on this operations, Total number sold or moved in 2022, Gross values of Sales (dollars), Products produced (wool, milk sales)
  - Breakdown by type Cattle and Calves, Hogs and Pigs, Horses, Ponies, Mules, Burros, and Donkeys, Sheep and Goats, & Aquaculture
    - Exclude pets.
- Write clear and legible
  - Avoid notes written in the border Use extra paper
- Remember: Milk sales are marketing contracts, not production contracts.



*Livestock Sections: Section 15 – Section 19* 

- Record the type of operation for Hogs:
  - Independent, Contractee, or Contractor or Integrator.
- Remember the Hogs Section is unique during Census:
  - Quarterly Hog Report: We are asking about hogs owned, regardless of location, hog contractees are excluded.
  - Census: We are asking about hogs on the operation, regardless of ownership. Hog contractees are contacted. Hog contractors may also be contacted as well, but they'll need to be reminded to only report the number of hogs on their own operation and to exclude any being raised by contractees.

#### Section 20: Poultry

- Value of sales & type of poultry hatched in the operation's hatcheries in 2022
- Record type of Poultry
  - Type of Chickens
    - Broilers, Table egg layers, Hatching Layers meat-type, Pullets,
  - Turkeys
    - Meat (exclude breeders), Hens and toms for breeding, Brooders, etc.
  - Other meat
    - Make sure code is neat and legible



Section 21: Colonies of Honey Bees, Section 22: Other Livestock, & Section 23: Livestock Products

- Record: Number on this operations, Total number sold or moved in 2022, Gross values of Sales (dollars), Products produced (honey, quantity produced)
- Write clear and legible
  - Avoid notes written in the border Use extra paper
  - Please double check Crop Codes

Section 24: Production Contracts and Custom Feeding

- Make sure the operator understands the nature of the question
  - Report number of head, bushels, etc.
    - Total quantity moved
    - Total dollar amount
- Mark all inputs that were partially or completely paid or provided by contractor
- Name of the contractor
  - Write legible



Section 25: Organic, Section 26: Practices

- Organic products produced according to USDA's National Organic Program (NOP) in 2022
  - Mark everything that applies
  - Gross Value of Sales
- Practices
  - Internet Usage and Value-added products
    - Clarify questions if needed as these help NASS determine current/future trends in Ag

### Section 27: Food Marketing Practices

- Includes processed food products (value added)
  - Those who report data here will be included in the Local Foods survey as a census follow-on
- Excludes non-edible products
- Gross Value of Sales from
  - Consumers, Retail markets, Institutions, Intermediate markets, etc.



Section 28: Fertilizers, Chemicals, and Soil Conditioners Applied

- Acres with fertilizers, manure, herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, nematicides, other pesticides, growth regulators, or other chemicals
  - Include rock phosphate, lime, and gypsum
  - Exclude pretreated seeds
- Acres of crops treated to control growth, thin fruit, ripen, or defoliate
- Acres can exceed cropland totals in Section 2 if pastures or other land were chemigated, but acres cannot exceed total acres operated (Box D, Section 1)

Section 29: Renewable Energy & Section 30: Machinery and Equipment,

- Type of equipment and product check all that apply
  - None is an answer
  - If someone reports having a methane digester and doesn't have livestock, please ask what the deal is.
- For Machinery
  - Number manufactured in the last 5 years (2018 2022)
  - Products should match type of farm

Section 31: Farm Labor

- Farm labor
  - Number of workers
    - Migrant & Unpaid
- Answers are confidential and will not be shared on the producer level.
  - Clarify questions if needed as these help NASS determine current/future trends in Ag

Section 32: Production Expenses

- Include
  - Paid by you or landlord & Cost connected with performing customwork for others
- Exclude
  - Expenses not related to the farm business; expenses paid by the contractor, and capital expenses
- Dollars should be rounded up
- Encourage producers to use their bookkeeping notes



Section 33: Market Value of Land, Buildings, Machinery, and Equipment; Section 34: Income from Farm-Related Sources

- Market Value
  - Estimated market value by producer's land, buildings, rented land, and equipment (used for farm-related activities, regardless of ownership)
- Income
  - Farm related sources is key, read question carefully

Section 35: Agricultural Activity within the borders of American Indian Reservations, Pueblos and Service Areas; Section 36: Conclusion

- American Indian Reservation
  - Operator will know this answer (Operator does not need to be Native American to operate land on a reservation.)
    - Record the percent
- Conclusion
  - · Check for duplication, day-to-day decisions for another farm or ranch,
  - Remember this is the mail in version, if operator asked to mail in questionnaire.

#### Questionnaire Review

- The questionnaire tells the story of the operation
  - Make sure acreage, land usage, crops, livestock, expenses, and income are inline.
    - Ex. Contractee adding contractor expenses.
      - Leave good notes if the operator would like it recorded.
    - Ex. Drought affecting crop yields & sales or livestock movement
- None boxes/buttons should be checked when applicable
- Yes/No Screening questions should be marked at the top of each section