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## USDA extends response deadline for 2024 Census of Horticultural Specialties

Jackson, Mississippi – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will continue to collect the 2024 Census of Horticultural Specialties through April 18, 2025. Conducted just once every five years, the Census of Horticultural Specialties is the only source of detailed production and sales data for U.S. floriculture, nursery, and specialty crop industries, including greenhouse food crops.

Growers are encouraged to complete their survey either online at <u>agcounts.usda.gov</u> or by mail as soon as possible. The online questionnaire is user friendly, accessible on most electronic devices, and saves producers time by calculating totals and automatically skipping questions that do not apply to their operations. A NASS representative from the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) will also continue gathering data and ask that respondents complete and return their survey form as soon as possible. If those who have received the form are no longer involved in horticultural operations, or need assistance completing the questionnaire, they can call toll free at 888-424-7828 so their record can be updated.

The 2024 Census of Horticultural Specialties data will expand on the 2022 Census of Agriculture data with information on horticultural crop production, value of products, square footage used for growing crops, production expenses, and more. Producers who receive the 2024 Census of Horticultural Specialties are required to respond by federal law (Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113), as it is part of the Census of Agriculture program. The same federal law that requires producers to respond also requires NASS to keep all individual information confidential.

The 2024 Census of Horticultural Specialties results will be available on December 16, 2025, at <a href="mass.usda.gov/AgCensus">nass.usda.gov/AgCensus</a> and in the Quick Stats database at <a href="mailto:quickstats.nass.usda.gov">quickstats.nass.usda.gov</a>. For more information about the 2024 Census of Horticultural Specialties, visit nass.usda.gov/go/hort.

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NASS is the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture and is committed to providing timely, accurate and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.