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USDA TO CONDUCT COMMERCIAL FLORICULTURE SURVEY

Baton Rouge, Louisiana – Beginning in late December, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the 2024 Commercial Floriculture Survey (2023 production year) with approximately 46 producers throughout Louisiana. Growers will be asked to provide information on production area, sales of floriculture commodities, and the number of agricultural workers on their operations. Growers can complete the survey online at agcounts.usda.gov, by mail, or by phone.

"This information helps growers, buyers, government agencies, and others who can use the data to identify state and national trends, make plans, and determine the industry's impact on farm income and the economy," said Kathy Broussard, NASS Louisiana State Statistician. "By participating in the survey, floriculture growers ensure that NASS can provide accurate data on floriculture production, thereby enabling USDA and the industry to be more responsive to domestic and international markets and consumer needs."

This floriculture survey is a census of commercial floriculture operations that annually produce and sell at least \$10,000 worth of fresh cut flowers, potted flowering plants, foliage plants, annual bedding and garden plants, herbaceous perennials, cut cultivated florist greens, propagative floriculture material and unfinished plants.

The survey includes all 50 states, with the top 28 (AL, AK, CA, CT, CO, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, IA, MD, MA, MI, MN, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI) published individually and the remaining states combined into an "other states" total.

In accordance with federal law, survey responses are kept confidential. Survey data will be available in aggregate form only to ensure that no individual producer or operation can be identified. NASS will publish the survey data May 16, 2024, in its Quick Stats database only at quickstats.nass.usda.gov. Previous Floriculture Crops reports can be found at www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide to NASS Surveys/Floriculture.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS call the NASS Delta Regional Field Office at (800) 327-2970.