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Dear Dr. Fixler and Ms. Reed,

Thank you for the letter of support and sharing the specific uses that BEA has for the NASS Census of Agriculture data. Following the completion of each census, NASS conducts a careful evaluation of the data and looks for ways to improve or enhance the data and the collection process. NASS does not currently have any major modifications planned for the 2027 Census of Agriculture aside from updates to how we collect race and ethnicity information, to comply with Statistical Policy Directive 15 (SPD15) (<https://spd15revision.gov/>).

We will keep you informed of any future modifications. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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