



September 1, 2019

Dear Grower,

Every two years USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts the *Fruit Chemical Use Survey*. This survey helps accurately gauge farm operators' use of chemicals on fruit crops. The survey will collect information on bearing acreage, pest management practices, pesticide application, acres treated and rates applied to more than 21 fruit crops in 12 states. Current data are essential to informed decision-making by and for the industry.

Between October 2, 2019 and February 3, 2020, a NASS representative will contact you to gather information on pesticide and fertilizer use. An interview typically lasts about 60 minutes. We recognize your time is valuable and our interviewers will schedule a time that is convenient for you. The information you provide helps show the great stewardship work of fruit growers and builds greater consumer confidence. Please plan to have your chemical use records available so that the meeting can go as quickly as possible.

Once you and your fellow fruit growers nationwide respond, NASS will publish the combined results on July 29, 2020. All NASS reports are available online free of charge at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

The results of this survey will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law.

Thank you once again for participating and for your support of our programs and U.S. agriculture.

Sincerely,

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