NASS Survey Training

Apricot Production Inquiry
(APRICOT AP)

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

NOD-Training Group
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General Survey Information

• Project Code: **134-Noncitrus Fruit and Nut Surveys**

• Questionnaires:
  – Mailed out around June 23rd
  – Web reporting option available

• Release:
  – *Crop Production*
  – July 12, noon (ET)
Apricot Production Information

• In 2020
  – 33,400 tons were produced
  – 8,860 bearing acres
  – 3.77 tons per acre
    • Or 7540 lbs. per acre

• Most US Apricots are in CA and WA
  – 54% go to fresh market
  – 45% for processing
Survey Information

• Looking for 2021 *expected* production of Apricots

• Like with most fruits and vegetables:
  – A wide variety of units may be reported
  – Sometimes with varying weights
Screening for Apricot Tree Acres

• Any apricot tree acres in 2021?
  – If “No”, will you have any in the future?
    • No additional screening questions at this point, so good notes about the operation’s status are **vital**
      – Any other fruits? Other crops? Livestock?
    • Leave good notes if the operation is completely out of business (no agricultural activity)
    • New operator? Try to collect contact info for that operator.

• Conclusion: Comments related to report – particularly in relation to Apricot industry in their locality
Survey Questions

• Total acres of apricots
  – Of these, how many were *bearing age* this year
    • Even if limited or no production
• Expected *total* production for 2021
• Quantity, unit, pounds per unit
  – Total production, *not* average per acre
• Comments related to the survey
Things to Watch Out For

• Current total and/or bearing acres differs from previous
• Bearing acres greater than total acres
• Low bearing to total acres ratio
• Bearing acres reported but no production reported
• Yield seems high or low
  – Total production / bearing acres (in pounds)
Things to remember

- Referring to 2021 crop year expected production
- Watch the decimal points: acres, pounds per unit
- Be sure to leave a comment explaining any unusual situations
  - The more you can tell us, the more useful the data will be.
Did you Know?

• Apricots are a type of stone fruit that belong to the rose family
• An apricot tree must be at least 3 to 4 years of age to bear fruit
• Apricots require between 600 and 900 hours below 45 degrees Fahrenheit (chill hours) during the winter to properly produce blooms and fruit
• Apricot trees can live between 40 and 150 years, but consistently only produce fruit for 20 to 25 years
Apricot Production Inquiry

• Call your supervisor or Regional Field Office with any questions or concerns.
• Thank you, and have a fruitful survey!