

Citrus Survey - Information

Overview

- Project code: 133 – Citrus Fruit Survey
 - Mailed out: 7-10 days before the 1st of each survey month
- Data Release: Crop Production – from the 8th to 12th of Oct, Jan, Apr, Jul at Noon Est
- Reference Period: 2021 – 2022 Season
- Purpose: To collect acreage and expected production for citrus crops in Arizona, California, and Texas. Collecting this data provides the industry with a reliable source of information, and growers can use this data to help make informed decisions for their operations.

Screening:

- During the 2021 – 2022 season, any acres of: oranges, lemons, mandarins, mandarin hybrids, grapefruit, or pummelos?
 - If “No”, Will this operation plant any citrus fruit in the future?
 - Yes/Don’t Know
 - Do you make any day-to-day decisions for another farm or ranch?
 - No
 - Has the operation been sold, rented, or turned over to someone else?
- There will be an additional screening question for each citrus fruit crop asking if the operation had any acres of that type of fruit. If the answer is No, we ask if they plan to have any of that type of citrus in the future.

This is all of the screening there is for the Citrus Survey so you will need to leave plenty of notes to explain what the current status of the operation is.

If the operation is completely out of business please leave notes as to what happened to the operation, new operator contact information, etc. This information is needed to update our records.

Survey Questions:

- Survey questions are generally identical for all citrus crops. For some citrus varieties in some states, only total acres are collected.
- We will ask for total acres of the citrus variety.
- Then, of these total acres, how many are of bearing age?
 - All acres of bearing age should be recorded even if they did not produce a crop during the 2021 – 2022 season due to freeze damage, disease, drought, etc.
- A wide variety of units can be reported for expected production. If a unit other than tons or pounds are reported, we then need the weight of one of the units reported so we can calculate total production.
 - For example: an operator may report that he harvested 4000 boxes. We then need to know how much one of those boxes weighed so we can calculate the total production.

Some things to keep in mind:

- Looking for 2021 – 2022 season **expected** production – not actual production from previous crop year
- Watch your decimal points on acres and pounds per unit
- There could be a wide range of yields across your area
- Please leave plenty of notes explaining anything you think the statisticians may need to know