



United States Department of Agriculture
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Aloha Hawaii Producer,

Why am I getting this letter?

Enclosed is the Hawaii Commercial Agriculture Expansion Survey. Please complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience. The pandemic has renewed Hawaii's efforts to increase food self-sufficiency and improve its current level of food security. The goal of this survey is to assess Hawaii agricultural producers' interest in expanding their commercial production and identify barriers to expansion.

Your information is important to the Hawaii agriculture industry and in growing the State's economy. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture will utilize the results in guiding government policies and developing financial assistance programs to assist commercial producers in expanding agriculture production.

What should I do next?

Please respond to the survey in one of the following ways:

- Online** at www.agcounts.usda.gov. *Online reporting is fast, cost-effective, and secure.*
All you need is the 12-digit survey code on the enclosed form to begin.
- By mail** – Fill out the survey questionnaire and return it in the envelope provided.
- By fax** – Fill out the survey questionnaire and fax it to 855-415-3687.

If we do not receive a response from you by XXXX XX, 2021, a representative from our office will contact you to arrange a telephone interview.

The results of this survey will be kept confidential and will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. We will publish the survey findings in the *Hawaii Commercial Agriculture Expansion* report, to be released XXXX XX, 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (800) 804-9514, or, if calling from Oahu, at (808) 522-8080.

Sincerely,

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