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Dear Aquaculture Producer,

The National Agricultural Statistics Service is conducting 2023 Census of Aquaculture and I invite you take part in this important study. This Survey is the only source of comparable and consistent data at the national and state levels for the U.S. aquaculture industry. Your accurate response will ensure that policy makers and aquaculture organizations and businesses have reliable information to make decisions that affect the sustainability and growth of your industry.

Everyone who receives a questionnaire is **required by law** (Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113) to respond. If you are not farming or ranching, please reply promptly so we can update our records. Please respond in one of the following ways by **Date**:

- Online – Some questions in your online report form may be pre-filled with information from previous NASS surveys of your operation, helping to make online reporting faster and easier. Go to [www.agcounts.usda.gov](http://www.agcounts.usda.gov) and enter your unique survey code found on the front of the enclosed census form.
- By mail – Complete the paper census form and return it in the prepaid envelope provided.

If you need assistance completing your Census of Aquaculture, call toll free 888-424-7828. For more information, visit [www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus](http://www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus).

Managing your participation in this survey is easier than ever thanks to the USDA NASS Online Respondent Portal where you can view and complete NASS surveys, view historical reports, and access other resources. Go to [www.agcounts.usda.gov](http://www.agcounts.usda.gov) to access the portal.

Thank you for responding. The 2023 Census of Aquaculture is *Your Voice. Your Future. Your Opportunity*.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

