

April 5, 2024

Mr. Richard Hopper  
NASS Clearance Officer  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336  
1400 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20250–2024

RE: *Federal Register notice of March 7, 2024, for the National Agriculture Statistics Service's (NASS) Tenure, Ownership and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL) Survey (OMB Number: 0535–0240)*

Dear Mr. Hopper,

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the reinstatement of data collection for the National Agriculture Statistics Service's (NASS) 2024 Tenure, Ownership and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL) survey. The data collected in this survey would be crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA will indirectly use the information from the TOTAL survey to update the farm sector estimates in the regional accounts. Information from this survey will be used by the Economic Research Service (ERS) in preparing estimates of farm income and expenses for the states. BEA uses these ERS estimates to prepare its state estimates of farm gross product and farm proprietors' income. Although farm income and product are small shares of most states' income and product, their volatility must be accurately measured to identify the sources of change in the overall economy.

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Sincerely,

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