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Why am I getting this packet?

You have been selected to participate in the 2023 Fruit Chemical Use Survey. You will be asked about chemical use as well as pest management practices for your fruit acreage.

What is in this packet and what do I need to do?

A USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) representative will call you to set up an interview to assist in the completion of your questionnaire. A respondent booklet is enclosed to guide you through the survey with assistance from our interviewer. During the interview, our representative will ask you detailed questions about the types of applications you use on your crops.

To make the interview faster, it will be helpful to have the following types of records or information available:

- nutrient and/or fertilizers used
- pest management practices
- biocontrols and/or pesticides used
- machinery and other equipment used

If you used a commercial chemical company, please help our NASDA representative by giving them your consent to contact the commercial sprayer to collect these data.

How will the survey data be used?

Your response will help illustrate the industry's fertilizer and pesticide practices and assure the quality of U.S. food to consumers here and around the world. It is important that real-world information from you and your fellow growers are used to produce these statistics.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form. For more information on this survey, visit: www.nass.usda.gov/go/chemuse/.

Thank you for your partnership and support of U.S. agriculture. If you have any questions, please call us at 888-424-7828.