

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****National Agricultural Statistics Service****Notice of Opportunity To Submit Content Request for the 2022 Census of Agriculture**

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for stakeholder input.

**SUMMARY:** The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is currently accepting stakeholder feedback in the form of content requests for the 2022 Census of Agriculture. This census is required by law under the Census of Agriculture Act of 1997.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by July 25, 2019 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests *must* address items listed in comments section below. Please submit requests online at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/aginput](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/aginput) or via mail to: USDA–NASS, Census of Agriculture Program, Room 6351, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250.

If you have any questions, send an email to [nass.aginputcounts@usda.gov](mailto:nass.aginputcounts@usda.gov) or call 1–800–727–9540.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hubert Hamer, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720–2707, Fax: (855) 493–0445, or email: [nass.aa@usda.gov](mailto:nass.aa@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The results of the 2017 Census of Agriculture were released on April 11, 2019. For more information, visit [www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus](http://www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus). While the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is completing the censuses in Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (which will be published in early 2020), plans are underway for the next census of agriculture, which will be conducted in 2023, referencing 2022.

In preparation for the 2017 Census of Agriculture, NASS made numerous changes to the content and layout of the questionnaire based on extensive testing and input from data users. NASS is looking to stabilize the questionnaire for the 2022 Census of Agriculture so that data series can be created to measure more accurately all changes in U.S. agriculture. NASS recognizes that timely, reliable, and detailed statistics help maintain a stable economic atmosphere and reduce risk for production, marketing, and distribution

operations. NASS is the primary data collection Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). NASS is looking for ways to streamline the questionnaire to reduce respondent burden and data collection costs, while still providing data users with the detailed data they need.

NASS is beginning the process of planning the content of the 2022 Census of Agriculture. We are seeking input on ways to improve the census of agriculture. Recommendations or any other ideas concerning the census would be greatly appreciated. The 2017 Census of Agriculture questionnaire may be viewed on-line at: [www.nass.usda.gov/go/censusform](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/censusform). The following justification categories should be addressed when proposing a new line of questioning for the 2022 Census of Agriculture:

1. What data are needed?
2. Why are the data needed?
3. At what geographic level are the data needed? (U.S., State, County, other)
4. Who will use these data?
5. What decisions will be influenced with these data?
6. What surveys have used the proposed question before; what testing has been done on the question; and what is known about its reliability and validity?
7. Draft of the recommended question.

All responses to this notice will become a matter of public record and be summarized and considered by NASS in preparing the 2022 Census of Agriculture questionnaire for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, May 29, 2019.

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*Associate Administrator.*

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS****Notice of Public Meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Illinois Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. Central Time for the purpose of discussing the Committee's report on fair housing issues.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. Central Time.

*Public Call Information:* Dial: 800–353–6461, Conference ID: 1125210.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alejandro Ventura, Designated Federal Official, at [aventura@usccr.gov](mailto:aventura@usccr.gov) or 213–894–3437.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the public may listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the call in information listed above. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement to the Committee as time allows. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Midwestern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 230 South Dearborn St., Suite 2120, Chicago, IL 60604. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353–8324, or emailed to Carolyn Allen at [callen@usccr.gov](mailto:callen@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Midwestern Regional Office at (312) 353–8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Midwestern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via [www.facadatabase.gov](http://www.facadatabase.gov) under the Commission on Civil Rights, Illinois Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Midwestern Regional Office at the above email or street address.