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CENSUS *OF*
AGRICULTURE

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Why is Census of Ag Important?

- Basis of how Farm Bill is written
- Allocation of programs administered by FSA, RD, and NRCS
- Justify UH-CTAHR programs
- Provides information of net farm income for decision making.
- HI: 36 % of farm expenses is hired labor
- US: 9.1% of farm expenses is hired labor

Importance of Census of AG (cont)

- State acreage numbers for Mangos, Passion Fruit, Persimmons, Grapefruit, Lemons, Limes, Oranges, Tangelos, Tangerines
- County level for above mentioned crops along with Banana, Guava, Papaya, and Macadamia Nuts unless confidentially calls for suppressing publication.

Codes Guiding NASS

- Census of Agriculture :Data is collected under the authority of Title 7 of US Code, Chapter 55 Section 2204g
- Confidentiality: Title 7 Chapter 55, Sec 2276
- Ag Statistics Board: Department Regulation DR1042-042 (which due diligence in preventing unauthorized access to confidential information)

Did you know?

- Which USDA Agency that currently operates in Hawaii has been carrying out its mission the longest?
- (ARS) Agricultural Research Service
- (FS) Forrest Service
- (FSA) Farm Service Agency
- (NASS) National Agricultural Statistics Service
- (NRCS) National Resource and Conservation Service
- (RD) Rural Development

Did you guess correctly?

- FS in 1905
- FSA 1930's during the Depression
- NRCS in the 1935 due to dust bowl
- RD also in 1935 to help struggling farmers
- ARS traced back to early 19th Century to seed collection efforts of Patent Office (50th an as ARS
- NASS in 1862 by President Abraham Lincoln

Current Fruit Estimating Program

- Avocado
- Banana
- Guava
- Papaya

Milestones

- 150th Anniversary of USDA and USDA Statistics and Research which was created in 1862
- Agricultural Statistics Board was established in 1905.
- 50th Anniversary of the cooperative agreement between NASS and HDOA 1962