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- [Check Out the New Online Form For the 2017 Census of Agriculture](#)

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The Census of Agriculture takes place once every five years -- and this year, the big innovation is with the online questionnaire. Stephanie Ho urges you to check it out. PARTICIPANTS: Stephanie Ho. USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue. Agricultural Statistics Board Chair Joe Parsons.

Agriculture Census

Coming this December is the 2017 [Census of Agriculture](#). This census is the only complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Census data are used to shape farm policies and programs and to help make decisions about the future of farming operations.

Are you a young farmer, beginning farmer, or a farmer who has never participated in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Census of Agriculture before? Organic farmers, farmers that sell directly to consumers, urban farmers, and beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers are all typically under-counted in USDA's census. By participating in this annual process you can ensure that your farm is counted, thereby strengthening the USDA programs and policies that farmers rely upon.

Please complete the survey by mail or online. Producers or farmers who did not receive the 2012 census may sign up [here](#). Census is

Chicken-Wings Face Tough Season

Wholesale prices of chicken wings are hitting record highs, leaving restaurants to choose between raising prices, or cutting portions. The Wall Street Journal reports that Americans ate more than one billion restaurant orders of chicken wings in the 12 months that ended in June, and that's not even counting the wings eaten at home. America's appetite for chicken wings has been a bright spot for casual-dining restaurants, but wholesale prices for chicken wings have climbed by almost 20 percent, to a record \$2.09 a pound in

August for jumbo whole wings. Buffalo Wild Wings says costs are at a "historic high" and the company's earnings have dropped 60 percent while menu prices remain steady. Demand for chicken wings usually takes off in fall and doesn't let up until spring, after college basketball's March Madness ends. Restaurants like Buffalo Wild Wings are encouraging consumers to opt for cheaper boneless wings, because they are actually made from chicken breast.