

## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

## WASHINGTON, DC 20436

## Dear U.S. Strawberry Producer:

At the request of the United States Trade Representative, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) instituted a monitoring investigation on fresh or chilled strawberries under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1332(g)) for the purpose collecting and analyzing information that would expedite an investigation under section 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. § 2252(b)) (the U.S. global safeguard law). The purpose of the investigation is to collect and analyze information with respect to fresh or chilled strawberries so that the Commission might expedite an investigation regarding imports of strawberries if a petition regarding strawberries is filed with the Commission under section 202(b) of the Trade Act.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is assisting the USITC by forwarding this letter to notify you of your eligibility to participate in the USITC's brief survey of strawberry producers. NASS has not and will not provide any details about you or your operation to the USITC. If you choose to participate in the USITC inquiry, any information shared will be between you and the USITC. Your response will be consolidated by the USITC with the responses of other strawberry producers. Your operation is not under investigation.

Please follow these steps to access the survey and submit a response:

- 1. Go to www.usitc.gov/strawberries;
- 2. Download the U.S. producers' questionnaire;
- 3. Complete the questionnaire electronically; and
- 4. Submit your response electronically directly to the USITC (detailed instructions are on the last page of the questionnaire).

**Your response is very important** to ensure a comprehensive monitoring data set for the USITC to prepare for possible U.S. industry petition. Your response is requested by **no later than February 16, 2021**. The USITC's website (<a href="www.usitc.gov">www.usitc.gov</a>) provides additional information.

Sincerely.

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