



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20436

Dear U.S. Bell Pepper 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 bell peppers 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 bell peppers so that the Commission might expedite an investigation regarding imports of bell peppers if a petition regarding bell peppers 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 bell pepper 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 bell pepper 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/bellpeppers;
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 (www.usitc.gov) provides additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nannette Christ".

Nannette Christ
Director, Office of Investigations
U.S. International Trade Commission