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Functions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Agricultural Statistics Service

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[Chapter 55 - Department of Agriculture \(https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/chapter-55\)](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/chapter-55)

[Sec. 2201. Establishment of Department \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/2201.html\)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/2201.html)

[Sec. 2202. Executive Department, Secretary of Agriculture supervision and control \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/2202.html\)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/2202.html)

[Sec. 2204. General duties of Secretary; advisory functions; research and development \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/2204.html\)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/2204.html)

U.S. Department of Agriculture Directives

[United States Department of Agriculture - Department Regulation \(http://www.ocio.usda.gov/policy-directives-records-forms/directives-categories\)](http://www.ocio.usda.gov/policy-directives-records-forms/directives-categories)

[Agriculture Statistics Board - DR1042-042 \(http://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/departmental-regulation-1042-042\)](http://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/departmental-regulation-1042-042)

Conduct the Census of Agriculture

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[Sec. 2204g. Authority of Secretary of Agriculture to conduct Census of Agriculture \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/2204g.html\)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/2204g.html)

Confidentiality of Information and Data Security

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[Sec. 2276. Confidentiality of information \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/2276.html\)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/2276.html)

[United States Department of Agriculture - Department Regulation \(http://www.ocio.usda.gov/policy-directives-records-forms/directives-categories\)](http://www.ocio.usda.gov/policy-directives-records-forms/directives-categories)

[Agricultural Statistics Board - DR1042-042](#)

http://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/DR1042-042_0.pdf

[Federal Register Notice: June 27, 1997 \(Volume 62, Number 124\) Order Providing for the Confidentiality of Statistical Information \(/About_NASS/Regulations_Guiding_NASS/conf-order.pdf\)](#)

Collection of Agricultural Production and Price Data

[Title 7 - AGRICULTURE \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode07/usc_sup_01_7.html\)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode07/usc_sup_01_7.html)

[Chapter 17 - Miscellaneous Matters \(https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/chapter-17\)](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/chapter-17)

[Chapter 25, Sec. 590a. Estimates of apple production](#)

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[Sec. 473. Persons required to furnish information; request; failure to furnish; false information \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/473.html\)](#)

[Sec. 476. Cotton Acreage reports -- issued a report on or before the 12th \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/476.html\)](#)

[Chapter 32 - Peanut Statistics \(https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/chapter-32\)](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/chapter-32)

[Sec. 951. Collection and publication; facts required; submission of report \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/951.html\)](#)

[Chapter 35A - Price Support of Agricultural Commodities Subchapter I - General Provisions \(https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/chapter-35A\)](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/chapter-35A)

[Sec. 1421d. Commodity reports \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/1421d.html\)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/1421d.html)

[Chapter 38 - Distribution and Marketing of Agricultural Products](#)

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[Sec. 1626. Definitions \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/1626.html\)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/1626.html)

[Subchapter III - Dairy Product Mandatory Reporting](#)

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/1637b.html>

[Sec. 1637b. Mandatory Reporting for Dairy Products](#)

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[Title 13 - CENSUS \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode13/usc_sup_01_13.html\)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode13/usc_sup_01_13.html)

[Chapter 3 - Collection and Publication of Statistics - Subchapter I - Cotton](#)

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/13/ch3.html>

[Sec. 41. Collection and publication \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/13/41.html\)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/13/41.html)

[Sec. 42. Contents of reports; number of bales of linter; distribution; publication by Department of Agriculture \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/13/42.html\)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/13/42.html)

Collection of Environmental and Water Quality Data

[Title 7 - AGRICULTURE \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode07/usc_sup_01_7.html\)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode07/usc_sup_01_7.html)

Chapter 6 - Insecticides and Environmental Pesticide Control

(<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/chapter-6>)

Sec. 136i-2. Collection of pesticide use information

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Research and International Programs

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Chapter 64 - Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching

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Subchapter VIII - International Research, Extension, and Teaching

(<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/chapter-64/subchapter-VIII>)

Sec. 3291. International agricultural research, extension, and teaching

(<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/3291>)

Cooperative Agreements

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Subchapter X - Funding and Miscellaneous Provisions

(<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/chapter-64/subchapter-X>)

Sec. 3318. Contract, grant, and cooperative agreement authorities

(<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/3318.html>)

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Sec. 2242a. User fees for reports, publications, and software

(<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/2242a.html>)

Title 44 - PUBLIC PRINTING AND DOCUMENTS (<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/44>)

Chapter 13 - Particular Reports and Documents

(<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/44/ch13.html>)

Sec. 1302. Agriculture, Department of: monthly crop report and other publications

(<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/44/1302.html>)

(<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/7/3318.html>)

Penalties for Disclosure and False Reports

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Chapter 93 - Public Officers and Employees

(<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/part-1/chapter-93>)

Sec. 1905. Disclosure of confidential information generally
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([/About_NASS/Regulations_Guiding_NASS/nass_foia.pdf](#)) - addresses concerns raised about disclosures of producer-level information collected by NASS on its surveys and censuses.

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