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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BE COUNTED

Cheyenne, WY - As we are sure you are aware, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is conducting the 2007 Census of Agriculture. Many of you have already completed your Census forms and we thank you. If you have not, it is still not too late to fill out your form and send it back in.

We strongly encourage you to stand up and be counted in the 2007 Census. The Census of Agriculture, conducted every five years, is the only source of consistent and comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the nation. By participating, you provide vital information national and local leaders need to make decisions about economic development, funding availability, farm policy and other key issues that affect Wyoming's agricultural producers and rural communities.

As a reminder, your response to the Census is required by Federal law (Title 7, U.S. Code). USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is required under that same law to keep your individual answers completely confidential.

You can still complete and return your Census form by mail or online. We need to receive a response from every farmer and rancher across the State to help show the nation the importance of Wyoming agriculture. Because NASS is nearing the end of its data collection for the Census, staff from the NASS office will also begin calling producers across the State to collect this important information. A prompt mail response will prevent you from getting that phone call and will also help reduce data collection costs.

For more information, or for assistance with completing the Census, call toll-free (888) 424-7828. Or you can contact the NASS Wyoming Field Office at (800) 892-1660.

Remember, whether your operation is large or small, the Census of Agriculture is your voice, your future and your responsibility. Please respond today!

