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Census Results Impact Farming Across Indiana

TERRE HAUTE (March 18, 2010) – A third-generation Hoosier farmer voiced support for the 2010 census during a press conference Thursday, March 18.

“The 10-year census gathers information that is critical to understanding farming trends and requirements,” said Terry Hayhurst, third-generation owner with his wife Susan of Hayhurst Farms, Terre Haute. “As farmers, we participate in the census and I hope everyone else will too,” added Susan Hayhurst.

Census results impact agriculture in a variety of ways. Indiana received \$451 million in Department of Agriculture grants in 2007. Census results impact agricultural planning ranging from helping local county extension offices deliver needed services to obtaining operational loans for agricultural programs.

“Farming has been a foundational element of our country since the first census was conducted in 1790,” said Joe Kelsay, director of the Indiana Department of Agriculture. “Agriculture is vital thread in the fabric of our rural communities and it is important everyone be counted.”

The event was the third in a series of 10 press conferences that call attention to the impact of census population counts on federal programs.

“We’re asking every Hoosier household to promptly complete and return their census form,” said Mark W. Everson, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Administration and the official who is directing outreach efforts for the State of Indiana. “The 2010 census will have a real impact on counties, cities and towns across Indiana for years to come.”

For more information about the census 2010 count, visit www.census.indiana.edu.

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