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Dear Citrus Grower:

In October, 2009, the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services' Division of Plant Industry, in cooperation with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the National Agricultural Statistics Service and Florida Department of Citrus distributed a, "Citrus Greening Survey," to be completed by Florida citrus growers. The survey is the second in a series designed to help assess where the industry stands in its battle against citrus greening and to help guide and support decisions by citrus growers as well as researchers, regulators and other decision makers.

The data that is being gathered will provide valuable statistics for evaluating rate of disease spread, fruit production trends and pricing forecasts. While there has been a good response so far and many surveys have been returned, we need more responses from additional growers in order to have meaningful results from this survey. In consideration of growers' busy schedules and the recent freezes endured by our citrus industry, our January 29, 2010 deadline to submit the surveys is now extended through March 15, 2010.

Here are a few things to keep in mind when completing your survey: We need all the data we can get on commercial citrus groves in all areas of the state and in all conditions, including healthy groves with no known diseases, and those with any level of greening (or other) disease incidence, along with any abandoned grove blocks you may have. Please fill in the number of net tree acres (as of September 1, 2008) on your form. If you don't have a reasonably accurate count of the total numbers of trees in your groves, please leave, "Total Trees," blank.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Estes at either [estesm@doacs.state.fl.us](mailto:estesm@doacs.state.fl.us) or telephone number (863) 298-7723, or call the Division's helpline at (800) 282-5153.

Sincerely,

**CHARLES H. BRONSON**  
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