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Acres

Productive acres include those already producing a crop or intended for seeding a crop that would be harvested in the program year. A crop that cannot normally be harvested in the program year will not be deemed to contribute to the farm's productive capacity.

Report the crop or forage (including grade) with the expectation to be harvested in this program year. Choose the unit of measure you prefer and state the acres and the quantity produced.

Breeding Stock

The productive capacity of a breeding operation is determined by the number of breeding females intended to give birth in the program year. Breeding animals purchased but not intended to give birth in the program year should not be included in the farm's productive capacity.

For example:

- **Cattle: Code 104 Cows**: Report the number of cows that calved or are expected to calve in the fiscal year.

- **Hogs: Code 123 Farrow-to-finish**: Report the number of sows that farrowed or are expected to farrow and the piglets raised to finished weight.

- **Hogs: Code 145 Farrowing up to 50 lbs**: Report the number of sows that farrowed or are expected to farrow and the piglets raised up to 50 lbs before sale.

Feeder Operations

The productive capacity of purchased livestock feeder operations is determined by the number of sales in the fiscal year. This is the period where contribution to the growth and maturity of the livestock occurred. Animals born in the program year are not included as feeder units. They are already accounted for under the productive units for births.

For example,

- **Cattle: Codes 105 Feeder Cattle** and **106 Finished Cattle:** Report the number of feeder cattle you had on hand at the start of the year or purchased and fed for an appreciable gain of at least 200 lbs or a minimum of 60 days in the fiscal period. Choose the productive capacity that represents the feeder weight at the time of the sale.

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- **Cattle: Code 141 Custom Fed Cattle**: For an operation that custom feeds cattle for other producers, report the number of animals fed per day during the fiscal year (number of head × days fed). The animals must be fed for a minimum of 60 days in the fiscal period.
e.g. 100 animals fed for 3 months = 100 × 90 = 9,000 feed days.

Bee Operations

The productive capacity for Bee operations is based on the following:
- **Code 126 Honey Bees**: Report the number of producing hives.
- **Code 129 Leaf Cutter Bees**: Report the number of gallons of bees pollinating.

Greenhouse and Nursery Operation

The productive capacity for greenhouses and nursery operations is determined by the number of square meters for commodities harvested and sold in the fiscal period.

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