The National Agroforestry Survey collects information about the types of agroforestry practices used, how they are used, and the number of operations using them. The five agroforestry practices included on the survey are typically applied for conservation and production benefits. The practices include windbreaks, silvopasture, riparian forest buffers, alley cropping, as well as forest farming and multi-story cropping. This project is conducted as a cooperative effort with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agroforestry Center, which is a partnership between USDA’s Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The agroforestry survey gives ag producers a convenient and efficient opportunity to provide a more complete and accurate picture of the 21st century innovative practices they use on their lands and in their operations. Who better to describe such practices than the producers themselves? By documenting the significant efforts made by America’s ag producers to sustainably manage natural resources while producing the food, fuel and fiber the world requires, respondents help ensure continued support for and funding of programs that protect livelihoods and ensure resources for future generations.

The survey takes no longer than 50 minutes to complete if you have all five agroforestry practices on your operation. Response time will be less if only reporting information for one or a few agroforestry practices.