



University of Arizona Consent to Participate in Research

Study Title: COVID-19 effects on farming activities in Arizona and how farmers are adjusting

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You are being asked to participate in a research study. Your participation in this research study is voluntary, and you do not have to participate. This document contains important information about this study and what to expect if you decide to participate. Please consider the information carefully. Feel free to ask questions before making your decision whether or not to participate.

This survey aims to determine the needs and challenges of farmers in Arizona and to understand adjustment made to ensure sustainable local food production during and beyond this pandemic.

It will take you about 15 minutes to complete this survey, and you must be at least 18 years old to complete this form. Please **do not** write your name or any confidential information in any part of this form.

There are no expected risks to you as a result of participating in this study. You will not benefit directly from participating in this study.

The information that you give in the study will be anonymous. Your name will not be collected or linked to your answers.

Your responses will be used for future research and may be shared with other researchers in the University of Arizona and Arizona department of Agriculture for research purposes only.

The information that you provide in the study will be handled confidentially. However, there may be circumstances where this information must be released or shared as required by law. The University of Arizona Institutional Review Board may review the research records for monitoring purposes.

For questions, concerns, or complaints about the study, you may contact **Isaac Mpanga by phone (9282744826) of email (mpangai@arizona.edu).**

For questions about your rights as a participant in this study or to discuss other study-related concerns or complaints with someone who is not part of the research team, you may contact the Human Subjects Protection Program at 520-626-6721 or online at <http://rgw.arizona.edu/compliance/human-subjects-protection-program>.

By completing the survey, I am aware that I am being asked to participate in a research study and that I am consenting to having my responses be used for research purposes.