Background

In the 2017 USDA Census of Agriculture, producers were asked if they practiced at least one of the five common types of agroforestry on their operation (alley cropping, silvopasture, windbreaks, riparian forest buffers, or forest farming). Over 30,000 farm operations from across all fifty states responded yes to this question, representing 1.5% of all farming operations in the U.S.

Future Research: National Agroforestry Producer Survey

Building off the survey sample, the USDA National Agroforestry Center has developed a comprehensive follow up survey that will be sent to farms identified in the 2017 Census of Agriculture as using agroforestry. Questions in this national survey will investigate acreage, establishment methods, management practices, system benefits and challenges, and products sold for each agroforestry practice. This survey will be launched in 2022.