U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Agriculture Passenger Inspections and Penalties

The goal of this data dictionary is to provide insight into how users should read and analyze the raw data available for download.

I.   Tips when working with Agriculture Passenger Inspections and Penalties data:

1. Statistical information is subject to change due to corrections, systems' changes, change in data definition, additional information, or incidents pending final review.
2. Among other duties, CBP agriculture specialists perform passenger inspections to ensure the traveling public is complying with agriculture regulations; they have the authority to issue civil penalties to passengers for undeclared, prohibited agricultural items.
3. Counts are available for all agriculture and K-9 inspections and penalties in these datasets:
   a. ***Ag Passenger Inspections*:** the number of total agriculture passenger inspections.
   b. ***AK9 Passenger Inspections:*** the number of agriculture passenger inspections by Agriculture K-9 officers. This number is a subset of *Ag Passenger Inspections* and is not additive.
   c. ***Ag Passenger Penalties:*** the number of agriculture penalties issued to passengers.
   d. ***AK9 Passenger Penalties:*** the number of agriculture penalties issued to passengers based on inspections made by Agriculture K-9 officers. This number is a subset of *Ag Passenger Penalties* and is not additive.
   e. **Example of how to read data:**

Fiscal Year	Month (abbv)	Ag Passenger Inspections	AK9 Passenger Inspections	Ag Passenger Penalties	AK9 Passenger Penalties
2022	AUG	100,000	9,000	500	80

     i. *Inspections:* the data should be read as "100,000 total agriculture passenger inspections were made, of which 9,000 were by Agriculture K-9 officers." It should *not* be read as "109,000 total inspections were made."

     ii. *Penalties:* the data should be read as "500 total agriculture penalties were issued to passengers, of which 80 were based on inspections made by Agriculture K-9 officers." The data should *not* be read as "580 total agriculture penalties were issued to passengers".

II. Data Dictionary

1. Data Source: Unified Secondary (USEC)
2. Data Elements:

Data Variable	Description	Examples
FY	The fiscal year the inspection or penalty occurred	2021 2022
Month Grouping	Allows for comparisons between completed FY months vs. those remaining	FYTD Remaining
Month (abbv)	The month the inspection or penalty took place (abbreviated)	JAN FEB MAR
Count	*Ag Passenger Inspections:* The number of inspections made by CBP agriculture specialists	(Discrete variable)
Count	*AK9 Passenger Inspections:* The number of inspections made by Agriculture K-9 officers. This number is a subset of *Ag Passenger Inspections*.	(Discrete Variable)
Count	*Ag Passenger Penalties:* The number of penalties issued for undeclared, prohibited agricultural products	(Discrete Variable)
Count	*Ag Passenger Penalties:* The number of penalties issued for undeclared, prohibited agricultural products following an inspection made by Agriculture K-9 officers. This number is a subset of *Ag Passenger Penalties.*	(Discrete Variable)