



## NASS Topics for Media

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### **#1 Census of Aquaculture** - [www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus](http://www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus)

- NASS is concluding the data collection for the Census of Aquaculture. The questionnaire was mailed to almost 4,000 producers across the U.S. that reported any amount of aquaculture activity during the 2022 Census of Agriculture.
- The data collected during this Special Study, will expand on the limited data collected during the 2022 Ag Census and provide detailed information relating to production volume and methods, surface water acres and sources, sales, point of first sale outlets and aquaculture distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes.

### **#2 Irrigation and Water Management Survey** - [www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus](http://www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus)

- NASS is currently collecting data for the 2023 Irrigation and Water Management Survey. The survey is a follow-on study to the 2022 Census of Agriculture and provides the only comprehensive information on irrigation activities and water use across American farms, ranches, and horticultural operations.
- The results will aid efforts to promote efficient irrigation practices and long-term sustainability of water resources across the United States. All responses are due Feb. 15, 2024.

### **#3 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS)** - [nass.usda.gov/go/ARMS](http://nass.usda.gov/go/ARMS)

- USDA's primary source of information on the production practices, resource use, and economic well-being of America's farms and ranches. The data from this annual survey, often used by policymakers, are the only source of information available for objective evaluation of many critical issues related to agriculture and the rural economy.
- We are surveying about farm costs of production and expenditures for peanut, oat, and soybean producers this month.
- Data from ARMS are used in the following reports: Farm Production Expenditures (NASS); Farm Household Income and Characteristics (ERS); Farm Income and Financial Forecast (ERS), among others. The next Farm Production Expenditures report is scheduled for July 26, 2024.

### **#4 Cash Rents & Leases** -

[nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide\\_to\\_NASS\\_Surveys/Cash\\_Rents\\_by\\_County/index.php](http://nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide_to_NASS_Surveys/Cash_Rents_by_County/index.php)

- Mailed to producers on Feb. 5, the data from the survey help calculate rental rates and are useful in negotiating rental agreements and financial planning for farm operations.
- They also provide the basis for county estimates of the cash rent paid for irrigated cropland, non-irrigated cropland, and pasture.
- State data will be released Aug. 2 and county-level data Aug. 23 at [quickstats.nass.usda.gov](http://quickstats.nass.usda.gov).

### **#5 Hemp Production, Disposition, and Income** - [nass.usda.gov/go/hemp](http://nass.usda.gov/go/hemp)

- Conducted annually, this relatively new survey is now in its third year. NASS gathers information on the acreage, yield, production, price, and value of hemp in the United States.
- The next release is scheduled for April 17, 2024.



**#6 National Agricultural Classification Survey** - [www.nass.usda.gov/go/nacs](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/nacs)

- NASS has already begun preparing for the 2027 Census of Agriculture by conducting the National Agricultural Classification Survey (NACS). The survey, an important step in determining who should receive an ag census questionnaire, will ask approximately 250,000 recipients to report if they conduct agricultural activity.
- The NACS ensures that everyone who produces and sells, or normally would sell, \$1000 or more of agricultural products in a calendar year are represented in these vital data. The results of the survey will ensure that every U.S. producer, no matter how large or small their operation, has a voice and is counted in the highly anticipated and influential agricultural census data.

**#7 Prospective Plantings** - [usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/x633f100h](http://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/x633f100h)

- The highly anticipated Prospective Plantings report is scheduled to publish on March 28, 2024.
- This report contains the expected plantings and last year's harvest for principal crops and tobacco presented on a state basis. Principal crops are as follows: corn, all wheat, winter wheat, durum wheat, other spring wheat, oats, barley, flaxseed, cotton, rice, all sorghum, sweet potatoes, dry edible beans, soybeans, sunflower, peanuts, sugarbeets, canola, and proso millet.
- Interact with NASS about the findings of this report on its [X Stat Chat](#).

**#8 Crop Sequence Boundaries** - [www.nass.usda.gov/Research\\_and\\_Science](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Research_and_Science)

- NASS released a new geospatial, field-based data product, Crop Sequence Boundaries (CSB). Developed by NASS with the Economic Research Service (ERS), CSB estimates crop boundaries, field acreage, and cropping rotations across the contiguous United States over eight-year timeframes.
- CSB can help farmers make informed planting and practice decisions by accessing crop history that may not be well documented and/or plan their next crop based on crops planted in the area or on prior rotations.
- In addition to CSB, NASS has developed other publicly available geospatial tools available on the NASS website.

**#9 Census of Agriculture for Puerto Rico and Outlying Areas -**

[www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide to NASS Surveys/Census for Outlying Areas](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide_to_NASS_Surveys/Census_for_Outlying_Areas)

- NASS, in cooperation with the University of the Virgin Islands School of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service, University of Guam College of Natural and Applied Sciences, American Samoa Department of Commerce, and Department of Commerce of the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands will start farm visits to collect Census of Agriculture data this spring.
- Data collection for the Puerto Rico Census of Agriculture has concluded and NASS anticipates releasing the finding in July 2024. [www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus](http://www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus)

**#10 2024 Report Calendar** - [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Reports\\_By\\_Date](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Reports_By_Date)

- [2024 Agricultural Statistic Board livestream schedule](#) and [2024 X Stat Chat calendar](#) are available. Follow us on X [@usda\\_nass](#) and subscribe to our [YouTube](#) /usdanass and be notified on briefings and new videos.

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