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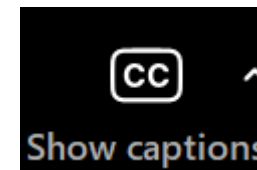
April 22, 2026

Joseph Parsons
Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service



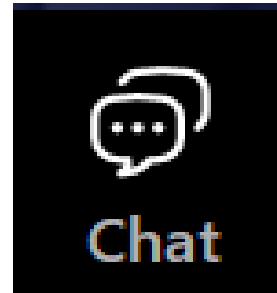
Housekeeping

- Closed captioning available through the Closed Caption button in Zoom.
- The meeting will be recorded and available on our website:
https://www.nass.usda.gov/go/data_users
- Slides and transcript of Q&A with any additional questions we don't have time to answer will be available on our website after the meeting.





Questions/Issues



Q&A – Questions will be answered live during Open Forum

Chat – Technical Issues

Email – Vincent.Davis@usda.gov



Agenda

All Times Central

1:00pm Welcome and Overview

1:15pm Agency Reviews

2:00pm Remarks

Deputy Secretary Vaden, USDA

REE Undersecretary Dr. Scott Hutchins, USDA

2:10pm Request for Information (RFI) updates

2:30pm Break

3:00pm Open Forum – Questions and comments from participants

4:30pm Concluding Comments



Panelists

- Birgit Meade, Foreign Agricultural Service
- Tim Gravlin, Farm Service Agency
- Mark Jekanowski, World Agricultural Outlook Board
- Lance Honig, National Agricultural Statistics Service
- Jennifer Bond, Economic Research Service
- Kole Swanser, Agricultural Marketing Service
- Joseph DeCampo, U.S. Census Bureau (Virtual)



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Foreign Agricultural Service

Birgit Meade

Managing Director

Global Market Analysis



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Farm Service Agency

Tim Gravlin

Data & Analytics Officer

FSA

FARM SERVICE AGENCY

April 2026



What's New at FSA?

- **Supplemental Disaster Relief Program**
- **Farmers Bridge Assistance**
- **Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmer**
- **Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act**
- **One Farmer One File**

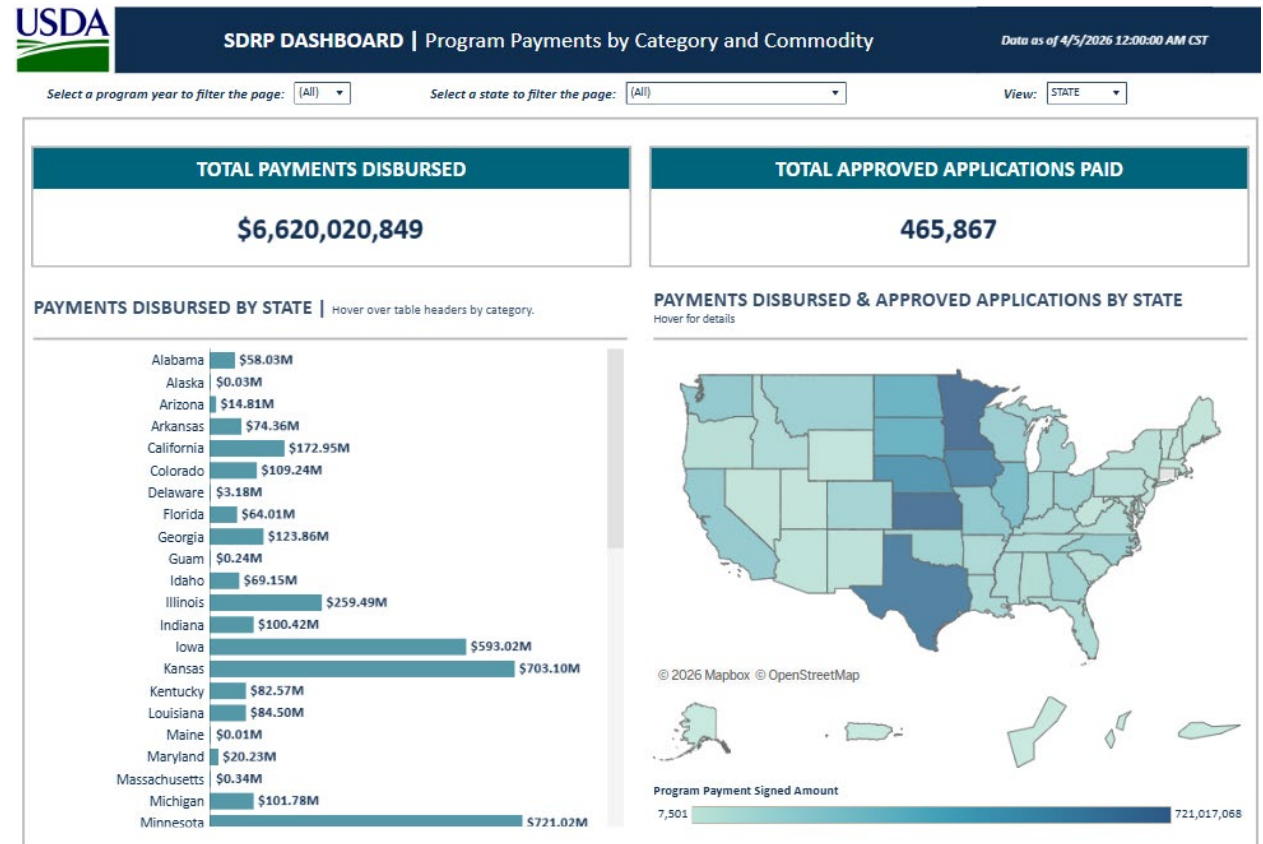
Supplemental Disaster Relief Program

Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP)

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is delivering SDRP assistance to eligible producers in two stages. Producers can receive payments in both stages, if applicable, and for one or both years, depending on losses

Public Dashboard for SDRP is online at:

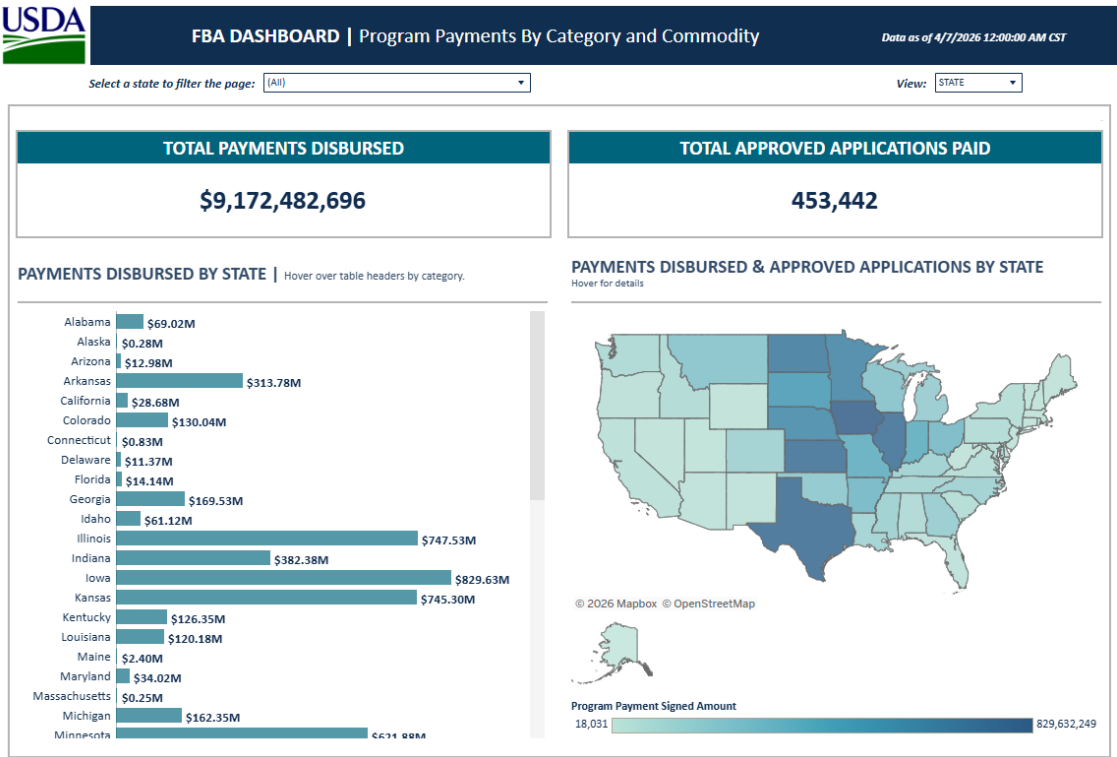
<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/programs/supplemental-disaster-relief-program-sdrp/dashboard>



Farmers Bridge Assistance

Farmers Bridge Assistance (FBA)

Washington, D.C., February 20, 2026 – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins today announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is opening the enrollment period for the Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) program, providing \$11 billion in one-time bridge payments to row crop producers in response to temporary trade market disruptions and increased production costs. The FBA enrollment period opens Feb. 23 and closes April 17, 2026.



Public Dashboard for FBA is online at:

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/farmers.gov/viz/FSA-FarmerBridgeAssistanceFBA/ProgramPaymentsbyCategoryandCommodity>

Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers (ASCF)

(Washington, D.C., February 13, 2026) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is providing \$1 billion in Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers (ASCF) Program assistance for specialty crops and sugar, commodities not covered through the previously announced Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) program. These one-time bridge payments will help address market disruptions, elevated input costs, persistent inflation, and market losses from foreign competitors engaging in unfair trade practices that impede exports.

(Washington, D.C., March 31, 2026) – The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced the agency is reopening the 2025 crop acreage reporting period required for specialty crop producers who want to apply for the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers (ASCF) program. Announced by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins on Feb. 13, the ASCF program is designed to help address market disruptions, elevated input costs, persistent inflation, and market losses from foreign competitors engaging in unfair trade practices that impede exports. Specialty crop producers now have until April 24, 2026, to report 2025 acres to FSA.

Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act

Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is launching a [new online portal](#) to streamline reporting of transactions involving U.S. agricultural land by foreign persons, which can include businesses and governments, under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (AFIDA). The new online portal is part of a broader effort to strengthen enforcement and protect American farmland as USDA continues its implementation of the [National Farm Security Action Plan](#).

AFIDA is online at:

afida.landmark.usda.gov

 U.S. Department of Agriculture

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AFIDA Filing

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Complete all sections of the form below. Optional fields will be marked as such. For the best experience, please complete this form on a desktop or laptop computer. A green check in the left navigation panel denotes a completed section.

NOTE: This information will be used to ensure that a foreign person who acquires, disposes of, or holds an interest in United States agricultural land discloses such transactions and holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture and to determine the effects of such transactions and holdings on family farms and rural communities. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is mandatory. Failure to furnish the requested information or falsification of reporting will result in a determination of non-compliance with the program which is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed 25 percent of the fair market value, as determined by the Farm Service Agency on the date of the assessment of such penalty, of the foreign person's interest in the agricultural land with respect to which such violation occurred. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0097. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided.

Form Progress

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1. Activity

2. Land Location

3. Land Use

4. Person Information

5. Interest Type

6. Acquisition

7. Value

8. Intended Use

9. Relationship

10. Producer

12. Representative Information

13. Signature

14. Comments

1. Type Activity

☐ Land Holding

☐ Land Acquisition

☐ Land Disposition

☐ Land Use Change to Agriculture

☐ Land Use Change to Non-Agriculture

2. Land Location and Description

Date of Acquisition or Transfer

mm/dd/yyyy

State or Territory

Select state...

County, Parish, or County-Level Governance

Select county or parish...

Legal Description

Provide a complete legal description of the property as it appears on the recorded deed, including county, state, acreage, parcel number(s), and if applicable section-township-range, lots and blocks or public land survey system reference. Ensure the description is consistent with the local property records and sufficient to uniquely identify the land.

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Farm Service Agency (FSA) Tract Number(s)

- **One Farmer One File**

(San Antonio, TX, February 26, 2026) – Today at the Commodity Classic Convention in San Antonio, Texas, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced the “One Farmer, One File” modernization, another action putting Farmers First with sweeping technological improvements at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Through “One Farmer, One File,” USDA’s mission is to create a single, streamlined record that follows the farmer — no matter where they go in the USDA system.

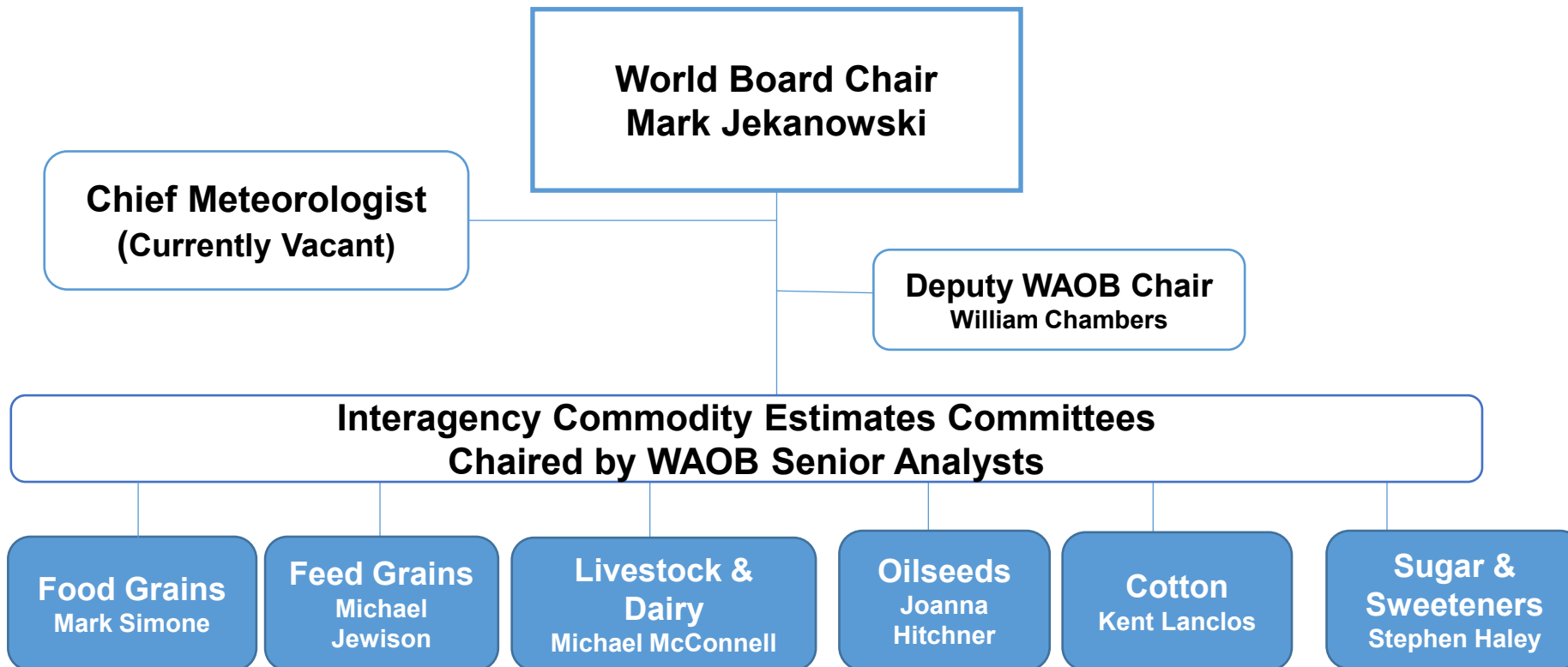
World Agricultural Outlook Board

Mark Jekanowski

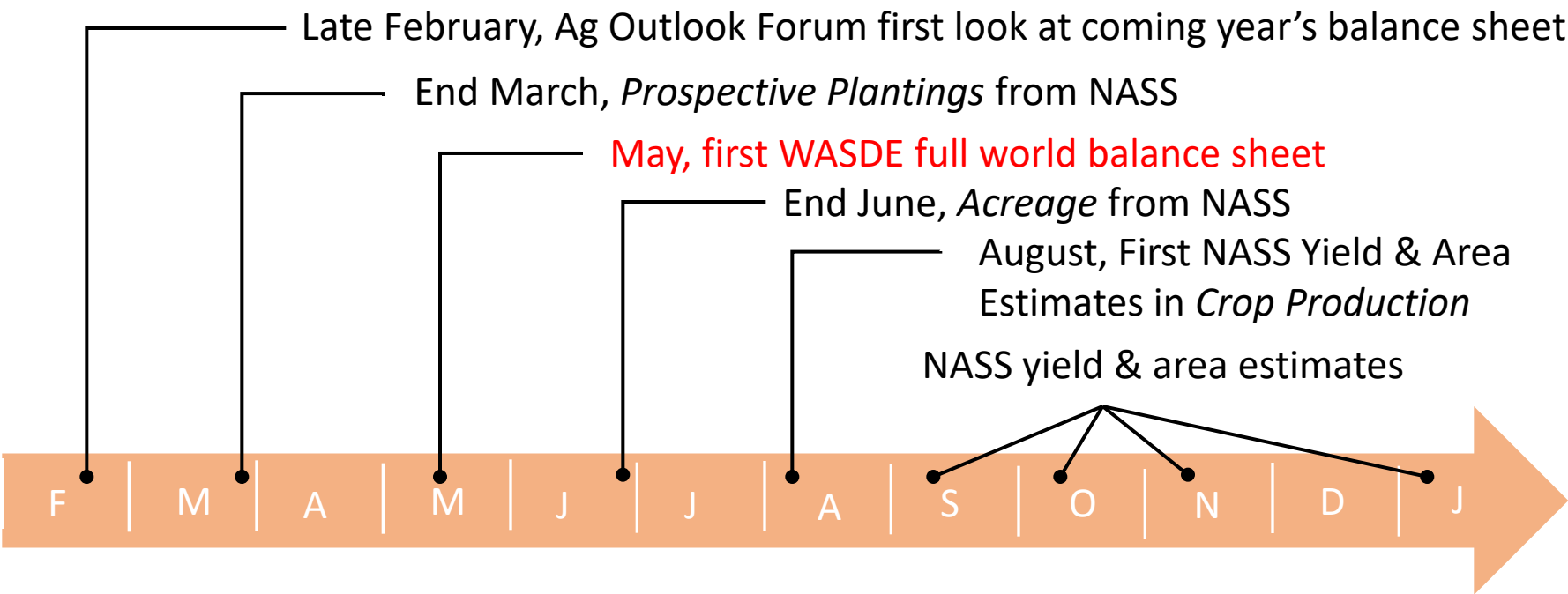
World Agricultural Outlook Board Chair

The World Agricultural Outlook Board (WOAB), housed within USDA's Office of the Chief Economist, WAOB serves as USDA's focal point for economic intelligence and the commodity outlook for U.S. and world agriculture:

- Coordinates, reviews, and approves the monthly *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates* (WASDE) report
- Coordinates USDA's Agricultural Outlook Forum



WASDE Timeline *Supply* - Corn and Soybean Example



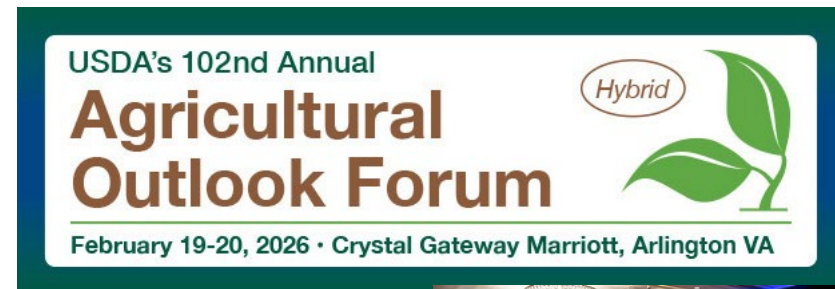
← Data on Demand and Trade (stocks, use, exports, imports) →

← Satellite imagery on world crop condition →

← Enhanced data on world weather →

USDA's 102nd Agricultural Outlook Forum

- The Forum was held February 19-20, 2026. Over 1,000 attended in person, with all sessions livestreamed to over 3,000 virtual participants.
- Included remarks by the Secretary of Agriculture, a presentation on agricultural markets and trade by USDA Chief Economist, and 24 breakout sessions addressing the agricultural economy, commodity markets, and AI applications in agriculture, among other topics.
- Onsite exhibit booths showcasing activities of various USDA agencies, along with recent USDA-funded innovations.
- All sessions remain available for viewing here: reg.eventmobi.com/USDAOutlookForum2026



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NASS Agency Update



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**Chair, Agricultural Statistics Board
Director, Methodology Division
Acting Director, Statistics Division**



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ABOUT NASS

NASS publishes ~450 reports annually.

USDA 2026 Agricultural Statistics Board Calendar



The calendar displays the schedule for NASS reports throughout 2026. It is organized by month (January to June) and day of the week. Each entry includes a date, a report number, and a brief description of the report. For example, in January, report 101 (Cattle and calves slaughtered for meat) is scheduled for January 1st. The calendar also includes a legend at the bottom indicating the time of publication for each report: 12:00 p.m. Principal Federal Economic Indicators Release, 12:00 p.m. Principal Federal Economic Indicators Release, 4:00 p.m. Principal Federal Economic Indicators Release, and 4:00 p.m. Principal Federal Economic Indicators Release. A note at the bottom states: 'Remaining reports are listed on page 2'.



~120 Crop Commodities



~40 Livestock Commodities

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To provide timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.



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PROGRAM REINSTATEMENTS

- **County Level Data**
 - Row Crops: Effective with 2024 crop season
 - Small Grain Crops: Effective with 2025 crop season
 - Cattle: Effective with January 1, 2025 estimates
- **July *Cattle* Report**
 - Effective with July 2025 Report
- **Cotton Objective Yield Survey**
 - Effective in 2026



FARMS & LAND IN FARMS

NEW MODEL

New Statistical Model for:

- Number of Farms
- Land in Farms (Acres)
- Implemented for February 13, 2026 report

ADDITIONAL DATA

ALMONDS

May Crop Production Report

- Beginning 2026
 - Add acreage & yield estimates
- Production already included

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SPECIAL STUDIES – RELEASED IN 2026

Census of Horticultural Specialties

- Released February 26, 2026 (every 5 years)
- Hemp collected & published for the first time

Tenure Ownership and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL)

- Released March 12, 2026 (last published in 2015)
- Data on all land rented out for agricultural purposes



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SPECIAL STUDIES – CONDUCTED IN 2026

2025 Certified Organic Survey

- Results to be released in late 2026
- Acreage, production, practices, value of sales for organic crop & livestock operations

2025 Local Food Marketing Practices Survey

- Results to be released in late 2026
- Data on marketing of locally & regionally produced agricultural food products



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AG INSIGHTS

ENHANCED DATA DISPLAY

NEW – Dynamic web-based platform to accompany data releases

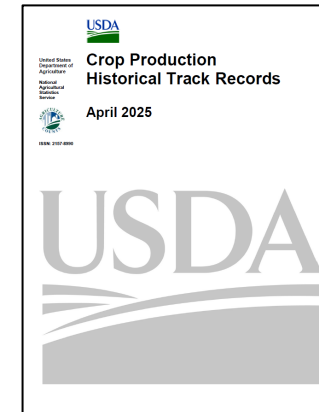
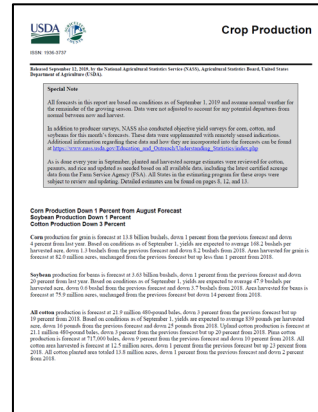
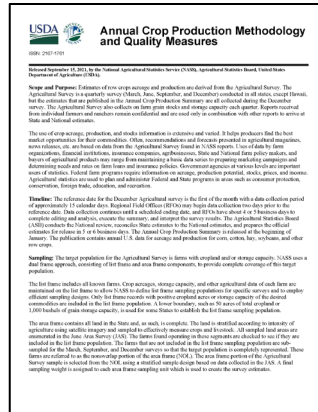
- Faster, more flexible, accessible experience
- Uses QuickStats database as backbone
- Combination of tabular data & visualizations
- “Release” oriented and driven

Development – Final Stages

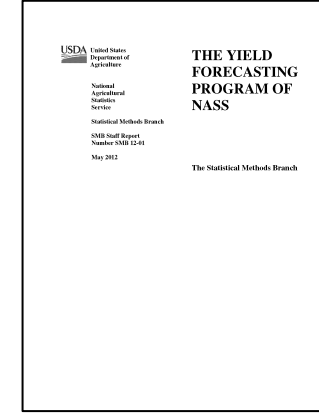
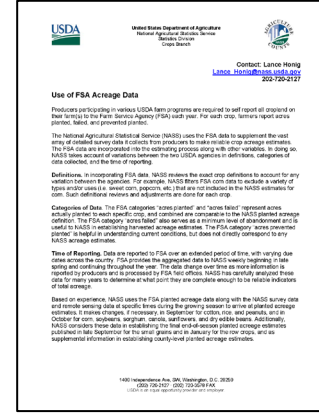
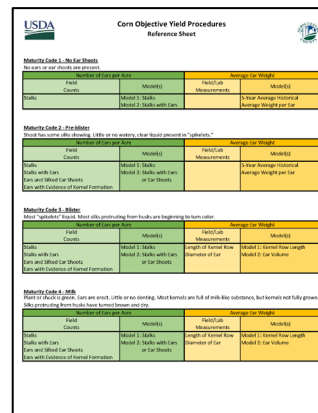
- Public testing period this summer
- Anticipating a full roll-out this fall

TRANSPARENCY DOCUMENTATION / INFORMATION

Enhanced release time information and communication.



Both quick reference and in-depth documentation of procedures.
https://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/Understanding_Statistics/index.php



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Board Briefing

Following major reports
beginning 5 minutes after release

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**All Reports/Data Available at
www.nass.usda.gov**



Join @usda_nass on X to discuss the **Prospective Plantings** and **Grain Stocks** reports with NASS Agricultural Statistics Board Chair, Lance Honig. Post questions ahead of time using #StatChat.

STAT CHAT SERIES

TUE, MAR 31 @ 1:30PM ET

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Lance Honig

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Drs. Kelly Maguire and Jennifer Bond
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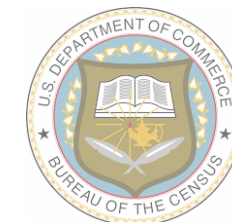




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Our Products

- In Fiscal Year 2025 ERS released:
 - Nearly **300 publications**, including...
 - 54 research reports
 - 92 outlook reports
 - 97 peer-reviewed journal articles
 - Roughly **100 data products and visualizations**
 - About 70 stand-alone data products
 - Many updated monthly, quarterly, and annually

Major Data Suites and Themes

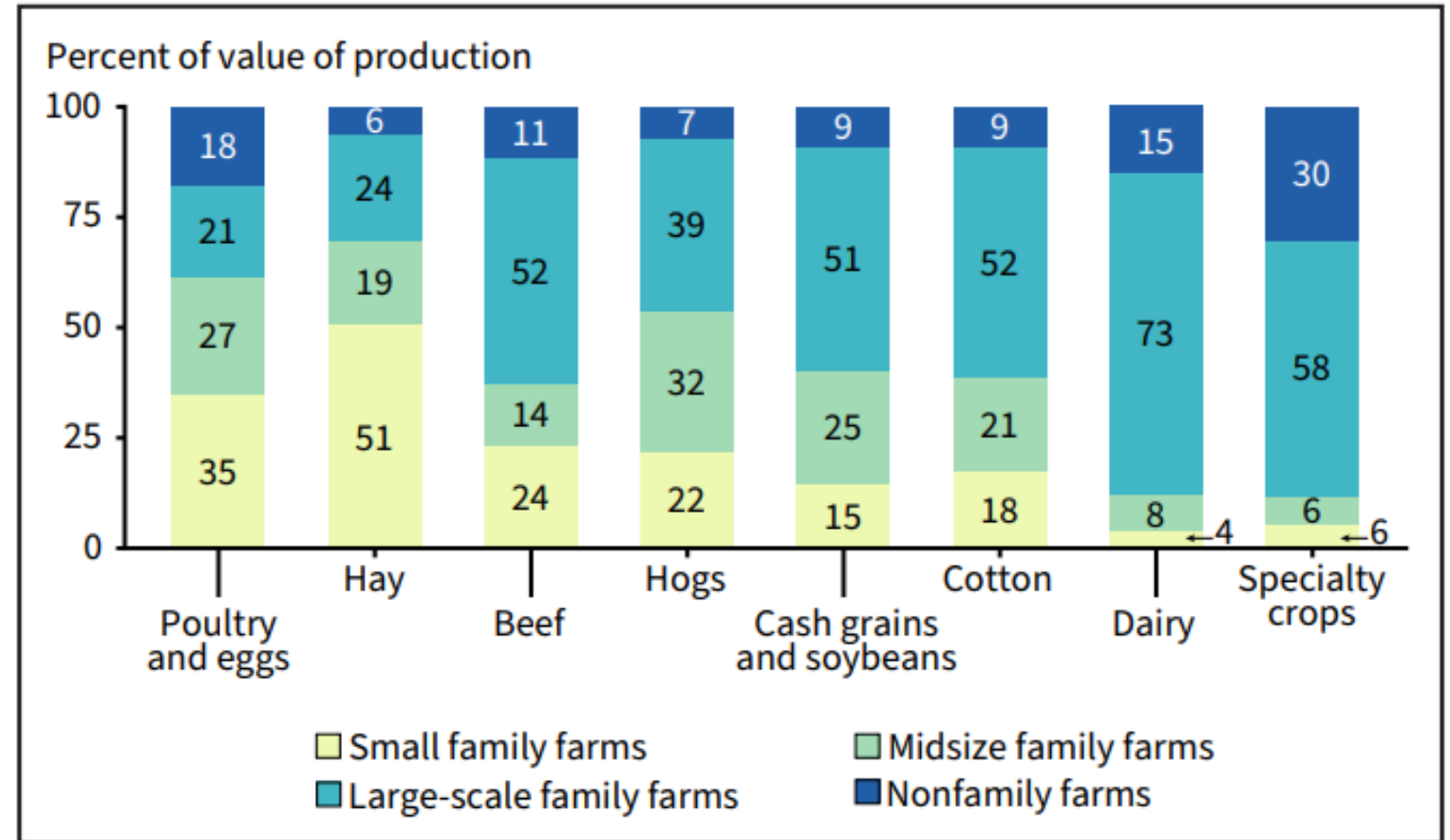
- WASDE and Specialty Crops
- Animal Products
- Farm Income
- Food Security
- Cost and Returns
- Food Choices & Health
- Bioenergy Statistics
- Farm Practices & Management
- Food Markets, Prices, & Spreads
- U.S. & State-level Agricultural Trade
- Exchange Rates & Trade Multipliers
- Rural Economy, Geography, & Population



Issues at the Forefront

- Food Prices and Inflation
- Farm Income
- Farm Input Prices, Fertilizer
- Farm Labor Availability
- Animal Disease and Invasive Species
- U.S. Farm Bill
- Trade Policy and U.S. Competitiveness
- Supply Chain Resilience
- Risk Management
- And Much More...

Value of production of selected commodities by farm type, 2024

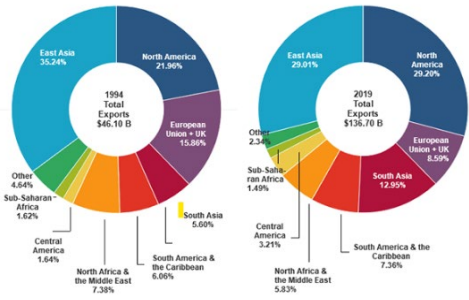


Note: Cash grains include barley, corn, rice, sorghum, wheat, and oats. Specialty crops is a broad term that includes fresh or dried fruits, tree nuts, vegetables, beans (pulses), and horticulture nursery crops. Due to rounding, numbers within the columns may not add to 100 percent.

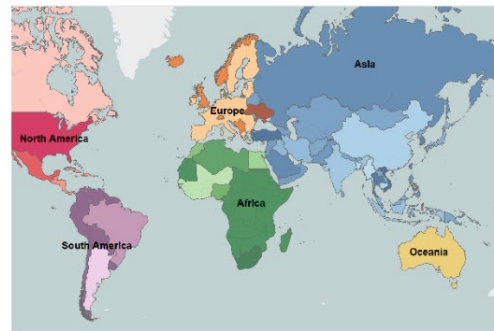
Source: USDA, Economic Research Service (ERS) using USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service and USDA, ERS, 2024 Agricultural Resource Management Survey data.

ERS Data Visualizations

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**Shares of different regions
in U.S. agricultural exports**



**International Baseline
Projections**



**Total U.S. agricultural
exports and imports**



**Commodity Costs and
Returns: Livestock and Milk**

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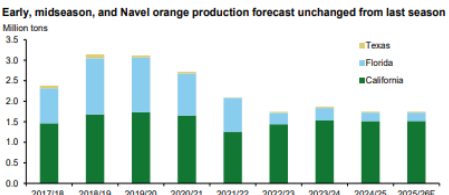
Fruit and Tree Nuts Outlook: March 2026

Catharine Weber, Skyler Simnitt, and Helen Wakefield

U.S. Citrus Season

The USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) forecast for 2025/26 U.S. early, midseason, and Navel orange production is 1.746 million tons (released on January 12, 2026), unchanged from last season. USDA, NASS groups oranges into two primary categories: 1) early, midseason, and Navel, and 2) Valencia. The early/midseason and Navel category includes varieties that are typically harvested between October and March, while Valencia harvest is later (March–July). In the previous 3 marketing years, about 70 percent of U.S. orange production was in the early/midseason and Navel category. California produces more than 80 percent of oranges in this category, mostly for the fresh market. Florida is the second-largest producer of early/midseason and Navel oranges, with most output used for processing. USDA, NASS will release updated production forecasts for early/midseason and Navel oranges and Valencia oranges in the April 2026 Crop Production report.

Early, midseason, and Navel orange production forecast unchanged from last season



F = Forecast.
Note: Utilized production in ton equivalent for early, midseason, and Navel oranges. Excludes Valencia orange production.
Source: USDA, Economic Research Service based on data from USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Crop Production (released on January 12, 2026).

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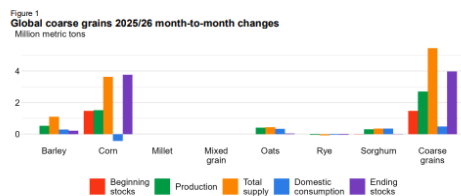
Feed Outlook: March 2026

Steven M. Ramsey, coordinator
Joshua Huang & Jennifer Bond, contributors

Global Coarse Grains Production Is Raised for 2025/26

Foreign 2025/26 coarse grains production forecast is raised slightly this month, with gains expected across barley, corn, oats, and sorghum and small reductions expected for millet and rye (figure 1). The largest increase is for corn production—particularly Ukraine. Complemented by higher corn production prospects in Brazil and Australia, reductions for Argentina, Kazakhstan, and Moldova are more than offset. The increase in forecasted 2025/26 barley production is driven by higher expected output in Australia, with smaller increases in Brazil and Moldova. These barley increases are partially offset by reduced output projections for Kazakhstan and Ukraine. This month also sees increased global beginning stocks, particularly for corn. With only a minimal increase in global domestic consumption, global coarse grains ending stocks are also increased.

Global coarse grains 2025/26 month-to-month changes



Note: Change compared to the February 2026 forecast for 2025/26.
Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using data from USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution database.

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Cotton and Wool Outlook: March 2026

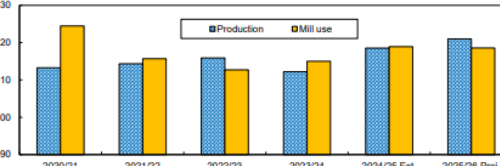
Leslie Meyer and Taylor Dew

Global 2025/26 Cotton Ending Stocks at Highest Level Since 2019/20

The latest U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) cotton projections for 2025/26 (August–July) forecast global ending stocks at 76.4 million bales, nearly 4 percent above last year and the highest total in 6 years. The stock growth is a result of year to year relatively unchanged world mill use and an increase in global cotton production. Cotton stocks are forecast to increase for each of the top four producing countries in 2025/26.

Global production is projected to increase 2.1 percent (2.4 million bales) to 121.0 million bales, the second-highest total in over a decade (figure 1). World cotton mill use is estimated to decrease marginally to 118.6 million bales in 2025/26, a 0.3-percent change from the previous year. World imports are forecast at 43.9 million bales this season, up about 875,000 bales from 2024/25, as a significant increase for India—along with a smaller gain for China—was partially offset by declines in Bangladesh and Pakistan. Global cotton exports are once again led by Brazil and the United States, with the two countries accounting for 60 percent of global cotton trade in 2025/26.

Global cotton production and mill use



1 bale = 480 pounds.
Source: USDA, Economic Research Service based on USDA, World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates reports.

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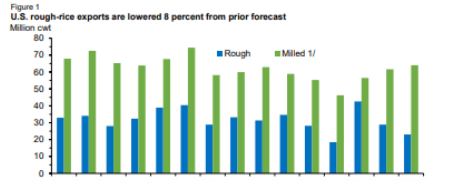
Rice Outlook: February 2026

Vidalina Abadam, coordinator
Andrew Sowell, Seth Wechsler, and Jennifer Bond, contributors

U.S. All-Rice Export Forecast Is Trimmed

The U.S. all-rice export projection for 2025/26 is lowered 2 million hundredweight (cwt) to 87 million this month, as a lower forecast for long-grain exports (down 3 million cwt to 56 million) more than offsets the increase in medium- and short-grain exports (up 1 million cwt to 31 million). The reduction in all-rice exports is for both rough and milled rice. U.S. long-grain rough rice is principally exported to countries in Latin America, particularly Mexico. Increased competition from South American exporters and shifts in Mexico's trade policy contribute to the reduced demand for U.S.-grown rough rice. Haiti is the leading market for U.S.-grown long-grain milled rice; however, Pakistan is increasingly competitive with the United States in this market. A recent renewal of exports from Pakistan to Haiti supports the fractional downward revision for U.S. milled rice exports.

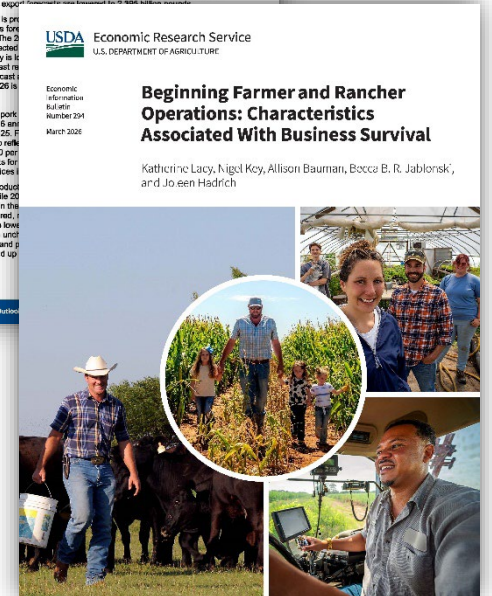
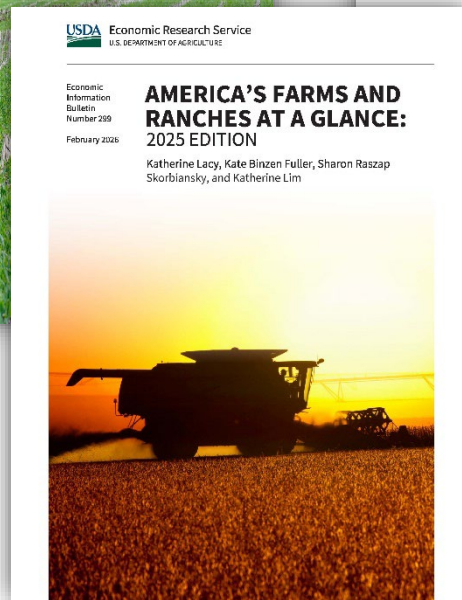
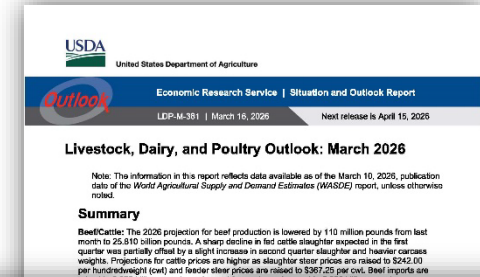
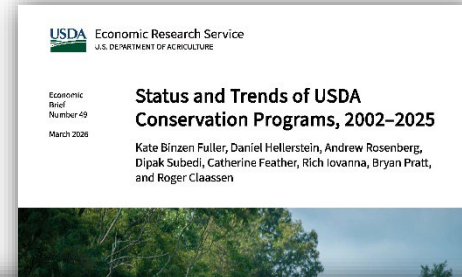
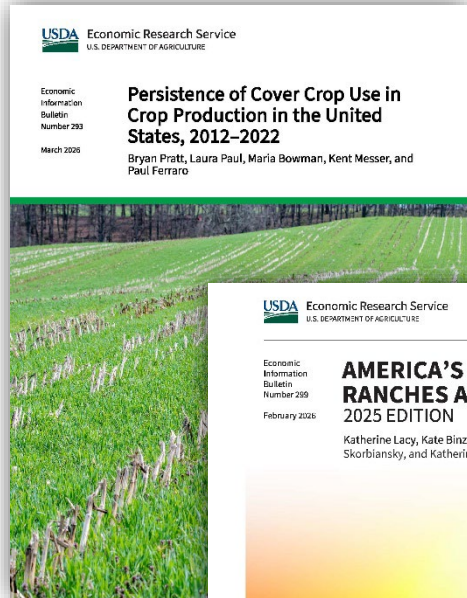
U.S. rough-rice exports are lowered 8 percent from prior forecast



Note: Marketing year begins on August 1. Cwt = hundredweight. 2024/25 and 2025/26 are forecasts(1). 1/ Milled and brown-rice exports on a rough-rice basis.
Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using USDA, World Agricultural Outlook Board, World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates.

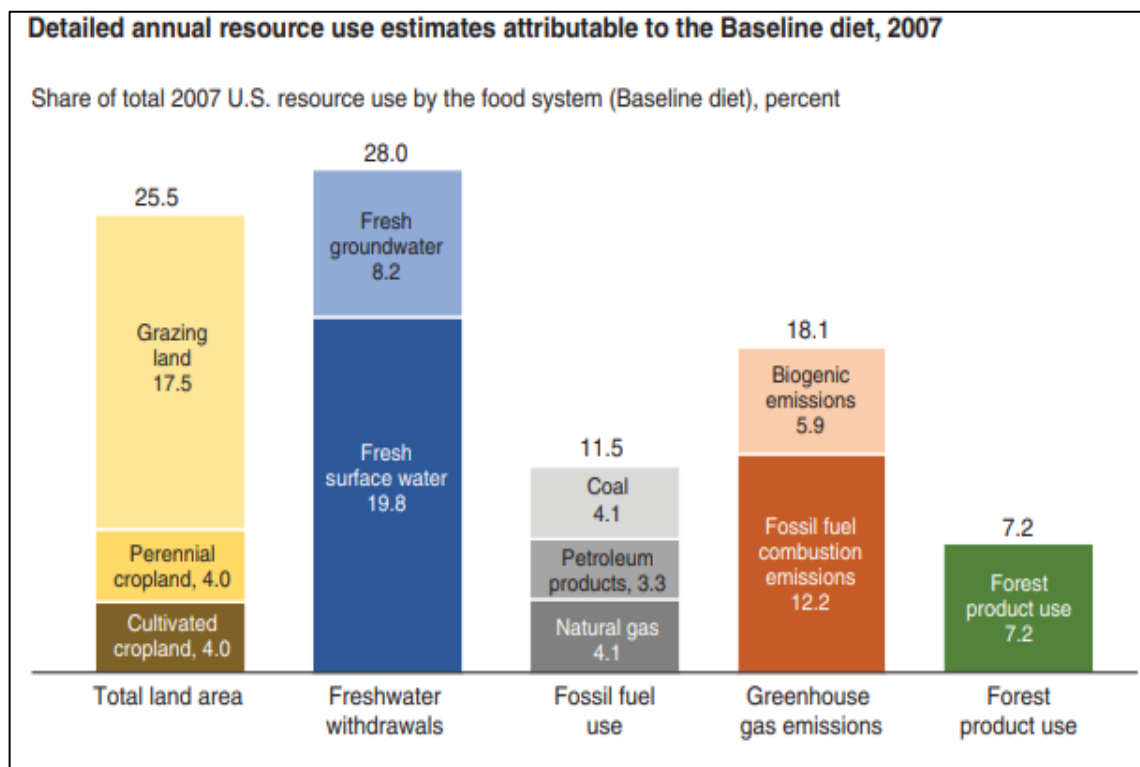
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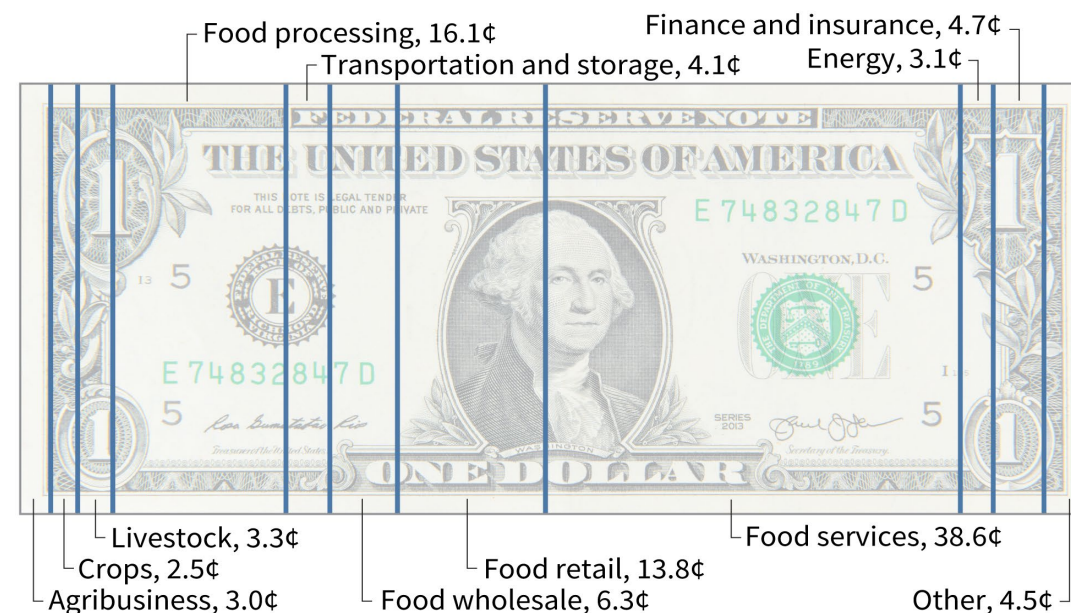
Recent ERS Data Additions and Enhancements

NEW: Resource Requirements of Food Demand



UPDATED: Food Dollar and Agri-Food Economics Data System (Ag-FEDS)

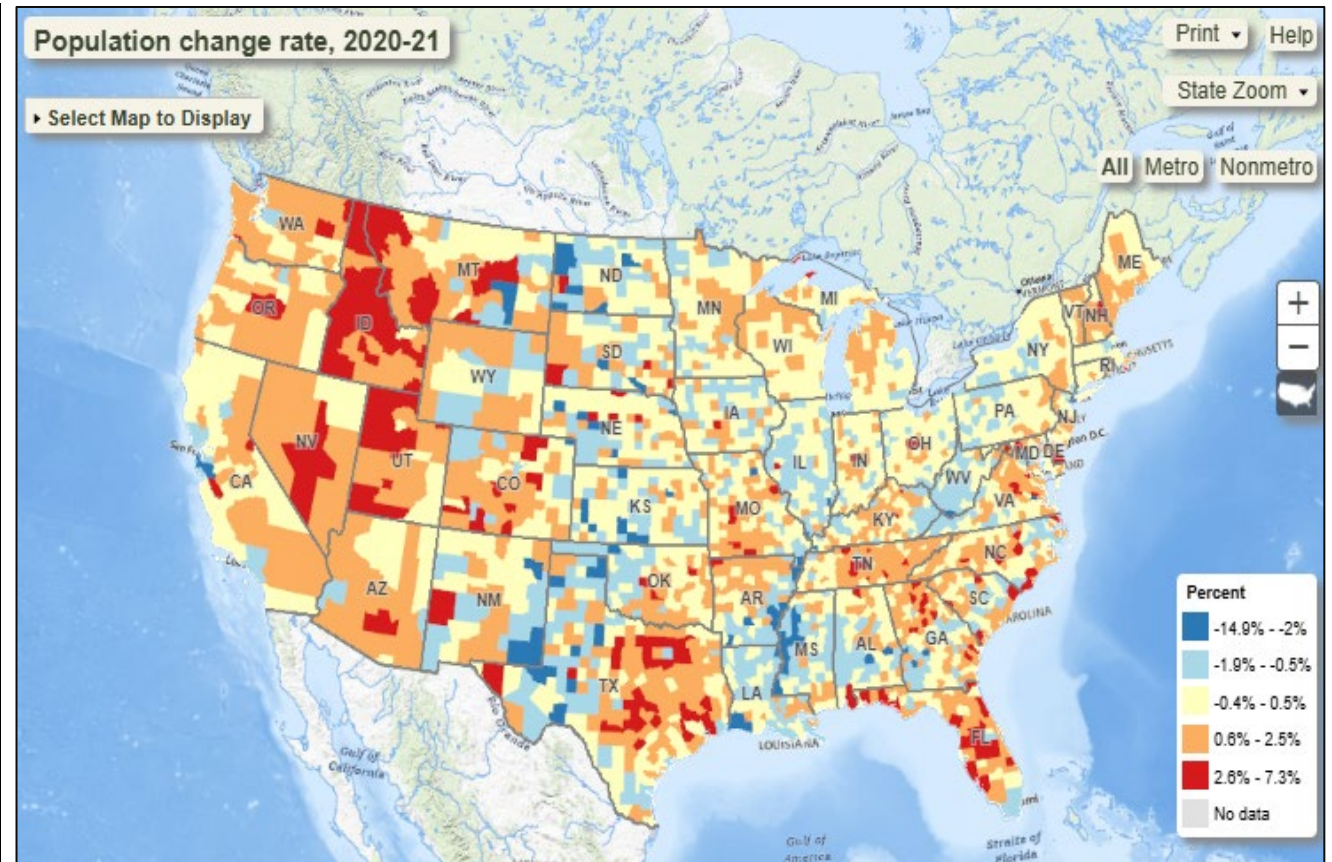
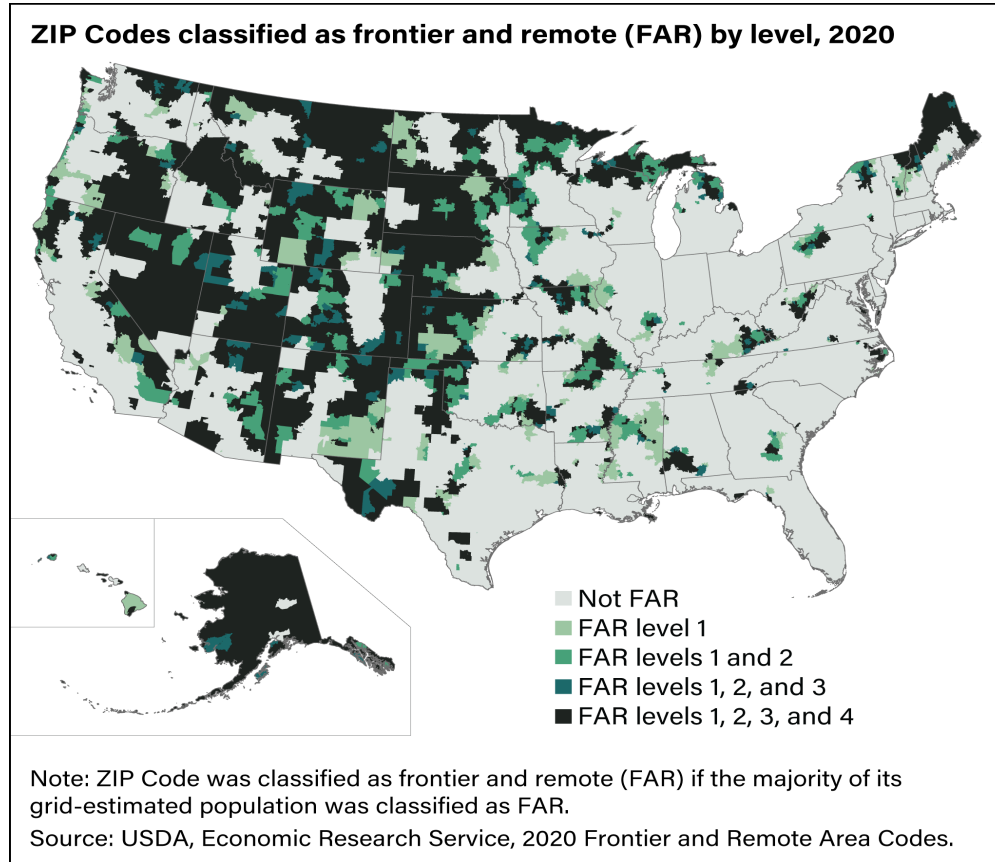
2024 Food Dollar industry group bill for all food



Note: Other includes forestry, fishing, and agricultural services (0.9 cents), legal and accounting (1.4 cents), and advertising (2.2 cents). Values may not sum to 100 cents due to rounding.
Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, Food Dollar; data as of March 2026.

ERS Expands Geospatial Data-Linked Offerings

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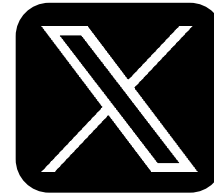
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AMS Market News continues to transition its remaining report catalog to the MARS/ My Market News system including:

- Shell eggs and egg products
- Retail beef, pork, lamb, goat, chicken, turkey, and eggs

Market reports added to the MARS / MMN system in 2025:

- Organic feed grains and feedstuffs
- Hay and sod
- Daily livestock and poultry slaughter
- Cotton Prices report series
- Regional cream multiples and prices





AMS Market News data enhancements:

- Cotton reports updated to reflect most actively traded quality types
- Dairy Market News API enhancements
- Updated Specialty Crops Market News IT system includes current and historical terminal, shipping point, movement, and retail data with trends and truck rates
- AgTransport platform U.S. Grain Rail Exports to Mexico Dashboard provides insights into exports to Mexico grain rail flow maps and interactive railroad rate maps
- *Economic Importance of Inland Waterways* to U.S. Agriculture report interactive dashboard





Employing New and Innovative Technology for Market Transparency Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News (LPGMN) USDA AI Feeder Cattle Project (initiated in 2024)

- Non-contact livestock measurement system using Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) and machine learning to automate live animal evaluation
- Highlighted in Secretary's *Plan to Fortify the American Beef Industry*
- Ongoing collaboration / live testing with livestock and auction markets
- Will allow USDA to expand feeder cattle price discovery when fully operational
- *Future:* smartphone app to evaluate cattle to US Grade Standards; return market information immediately





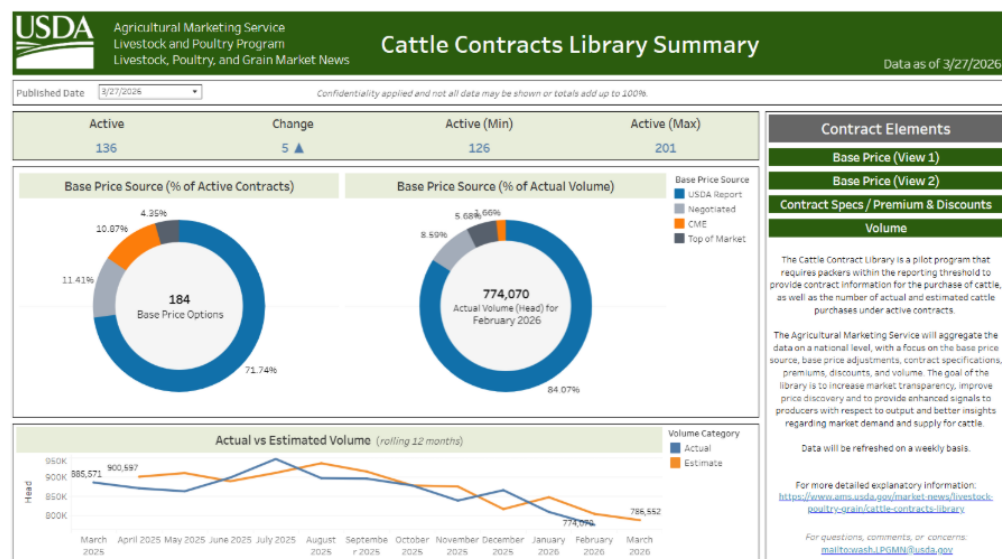
AMS Market News continues to focus efforts on improving the customer data experience by providing greater access to and interaction with data.

This is being accomplished through the creation of dynamic data visualizations that provide producers with the ability to access and analyze, intuitively and in detail, past and present market data.





The Cattle Contracts Library Pilot Program, released in January 2023, is the first AMS Market News report provided in this dynamic data visualization format, unlike traditional Market News reports that are provided in a static text or pdf format.





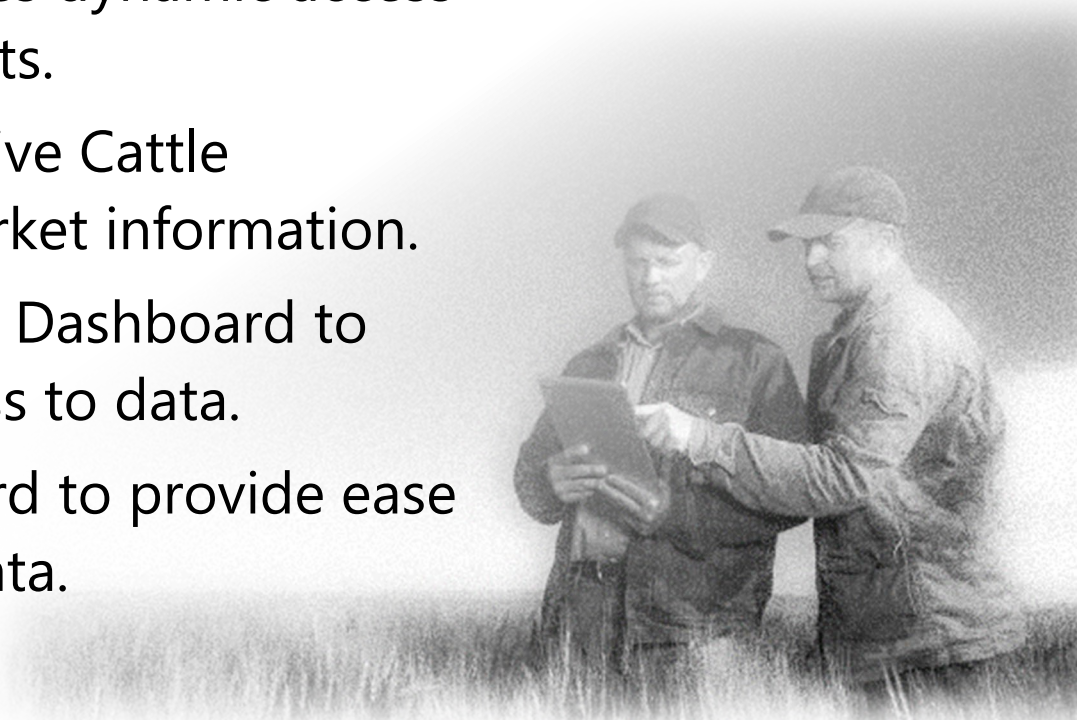
USDA continues to develop and enhance its growing suite of interactive data visualization tools.

July 2023 - Livestock Auction Dashboard provides dynamic access to market information for cattle, sheep, and goats.

August 2024 - Livestock Mandatory Reporting Live Cattle Dashboard allows more in-depth analysis of market information.

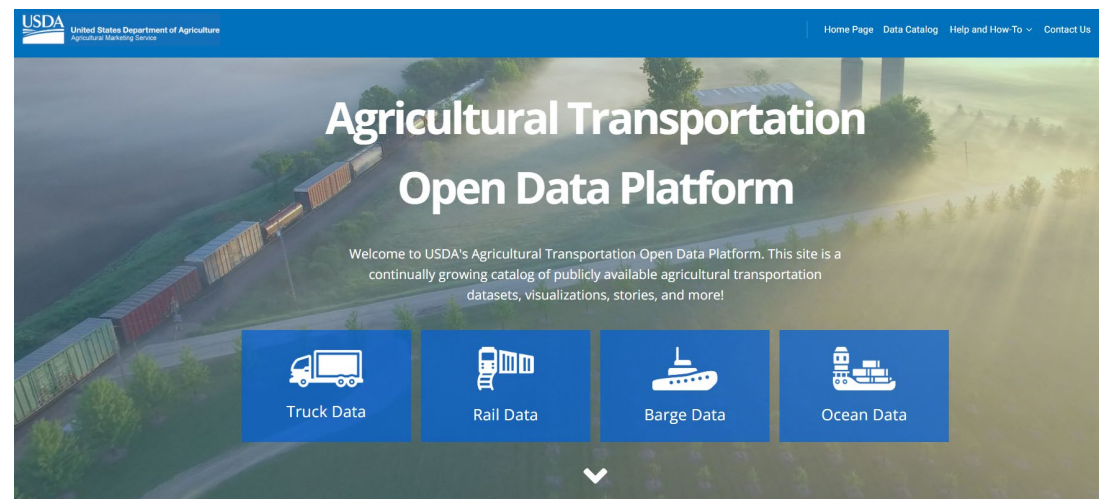
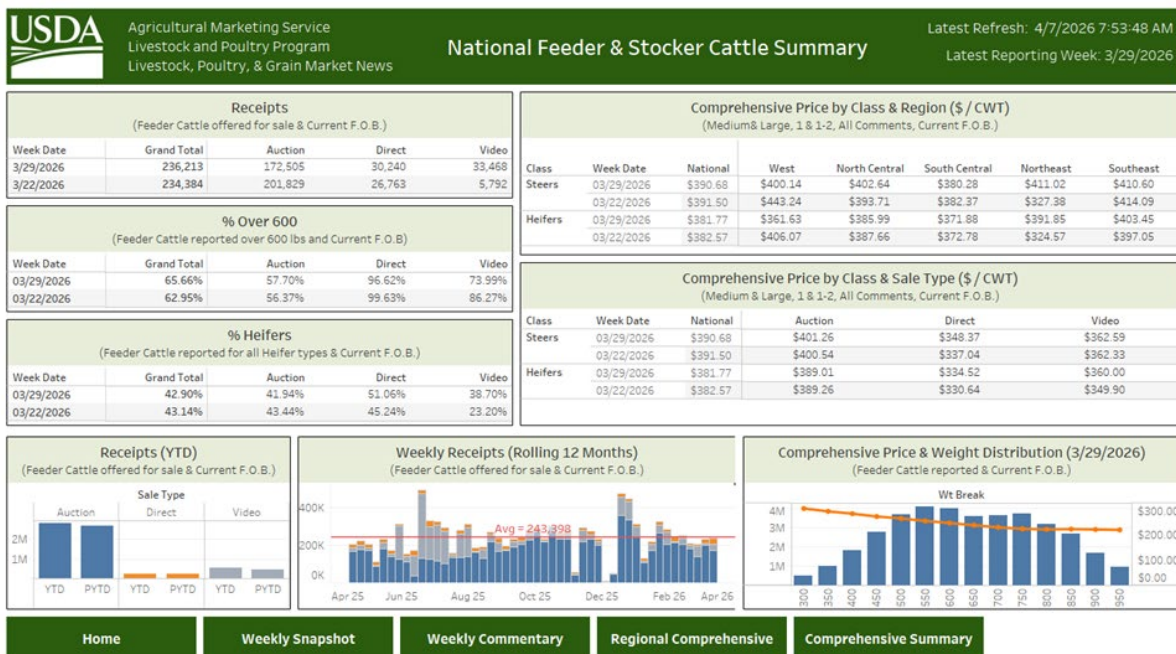
April 2026 - National Feeder and Stocker Cattle Dashboard to replace summary text report with dynamic access to data.

Under development - Sheep and Goat Dashboard to provide ease of in-depth access to sheep and goat auction data.





Enhanced insight gained from powerful data tools places producers on more equal footing with large volume data users and fosters a fairer and more competitive marketplace - the very purpose for which Market News was created 110 years ago.





AMS Market News is working towards a future where the traditional, static text or pdf market reports will be replaced by dynamic user data interactions that place the power of data access and analysis into the hands of average users.





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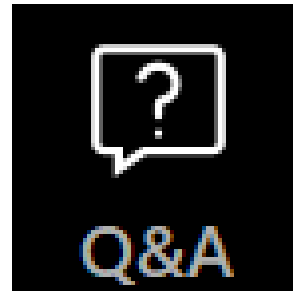
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