

# SPRING 2026 USDA DATA USERS' MEETING

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National Agricultural Statistics Service





2026 USDA Data Users' Meeting  
April 22, 2026  
Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City  
1 Memorial Drive  
Kansas City, MO 64198

## AGENDA

*Central Time*

- 1:00pm     **Welcome and Overview**  
Joseph Parsons, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service
- 1:15pm     **Agency Reviews**  
Foreign Agricultural Service .....1  
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- 2:00pm     **Remarks**  
Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden, United States Department of Agriculture  
  
Research, Education, and Economics Undersecretary Dr. Scott Hutchins  
United States Department of Agriculture
- 2:10pm     **Request for Information (RFI) updates**
- 2:30pm     **Break**
- 3:00pm     **Open Forum** - Questions and comments from participants
- 4:30pm     **Concluding Comments**

*We are pleased to have representatives from the Risk Management Agency (RMA) and Energy Information Administration (EIA) available for questions during the Open Forum.*



**Update on Information and Data Products Available from  
USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service  
Spring 2026**

**Export Sales Reporting**

FAS launched the new Export Sales Reporting and Query System (ESRQS) on March 26, 2026. Users can access the ESR System at <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/esrqs/>. In addition to being available online through the ESRQS webpage via the ESR Query Portal, weekly and daily reports are available through e-mail via GovDelivery to all users who sign up. To receive ESR daily reports via e-mail, register at: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAFAS/subscriber/new>

Authorized under Section 602 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978, the Export Sales Reporting (ESR) Program requires exporters of reportable U.S. commodities to report each week all their export sales, regardless of the quantity, to the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). There are 40 commodities currently covered under the program to include wheat, wheat products, barley, corn, grain sorghum, oats, rye, soybeans, soybean cake and meal, soybean oil, flaxseed, linseed oil, cotton, sunflower seed oil, cottonseed, cottonseed cake and meal, cottonseed oil, rice, cattle hides and skins, wet blues, beef, and pork.

**Global Agricultural Information Network (GAIN)**

USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) provides timely reports on foreign markets through the Global Agriculture Information Network (GAIN). The reports contain intelligence and analysis on agriculture markets, production, foreign government policies, and trade. FAS published 2,273 GAIN reports in 2025, covering 104 markets. The 1,957 reports published in 2024 were downloaded approximately 6.3 million times in 2025; some of these downloads were due to scraping.

The topics covered by GAIN reports and their format evolve over time. Reporting requirements are reviewed annually to ensure that reporting aligns with developments in global agricultural production and trade.

The GAIN database contains reports dating back to 1996 from 98 offices covering 177 markets. Users can access these from the GAIN homepage: <https://gain.fas.usda.gov/#/>.

To reduce the number of public access points that need to be maintained, FAS will redirect users of the legacy GAIN website at <https://gain.fas.usda.gov/#/home> to [https://www.fas.usda.gov/data/search?reports%5B0%5D=report\\_type%3A10251](https://www.fas.usda.gov/data/search?reports%5B0%5D=report_type%3A10251) beginning May 1, 2026. All reports currently available on <https://gain.fas.usda.gov/#/home> will be made available on [https://www.fas.usda.gov/data/search?reports%5B0%5D=report\\_type%3A10251](https://www.fas.usda.gov/data/search?reports%5B0%5D=report_type%3A10251).

For questions about the GAIN search engine, please contact [1-GAINAppSupport@fas.usda.gov](mailto:1-GAINAppSupport@fas.usda.gov).

To receive GAIN reports via email, register at:  
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAFAS/subscriber/new>.

## Crop Production Data and Monitoring Resources

FAS publishes a monthly World Agricultural Production (WAP) circular that contains national crop production estimates and forecasts for most major producing countries of grains, oilseeds and cotton reported in the USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE). The monthly WASDE and WAP reports provide timely, objective, and reliable crop production forecasts and estimates that help stabilize global prices for major commodities. Both reports are recognized by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as Principle Federal Economic Indicators.

In accordance with Departmental IT guidance, the IPAD website and Crop Explorer are no longer available to the public. We have reproduced some of these resources on the Data and Analysis section of the FAS public website (<https://www.fas.usda.gov/data>). From this page, users can get to:

- The monthly World Agricultural Production (WAP) circular and ad-hoc Commodity Intelligence Reports (CIR) are now available via **Reports**
  - WAP reports are also stored in PS&D Online at:  
<https://apps.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/app/index.html#/app/home>
- Crop production maps and crop calendars are now provided at the bottom of specific country or crop pages via **Production**. This page is new and provides alternative visualizations (under development) of production, area, and yield data from PS&D Online.
- Two geospatial applications are now found under **Geospatial**
  - GLAM <https://glam1.gsfc.nasa.gov/>
  - GADAS <https://geo.fas.usda.gov/GADAS/index.html>

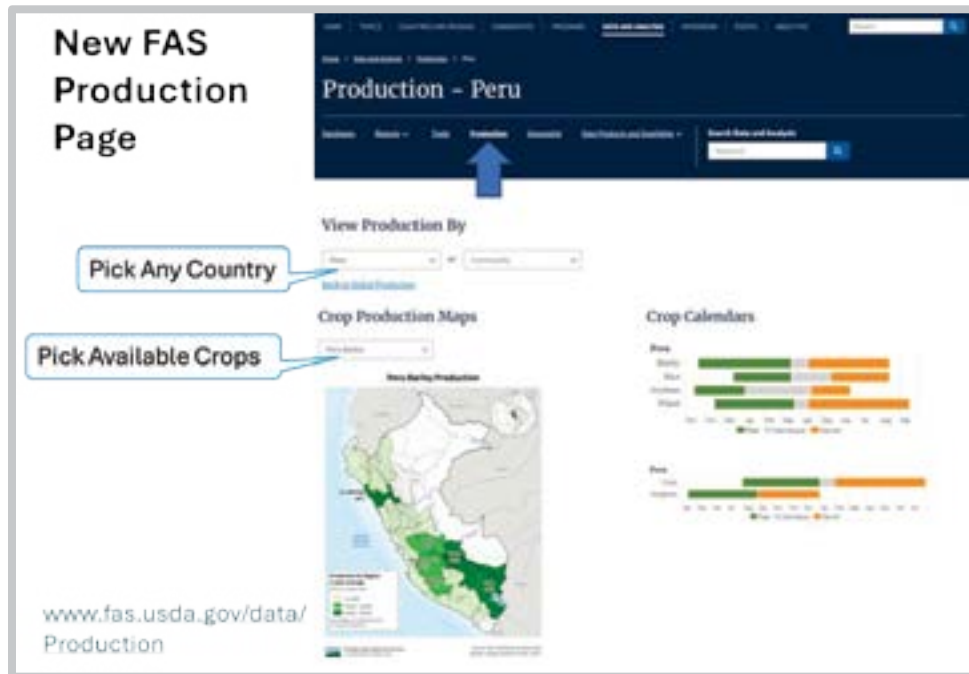


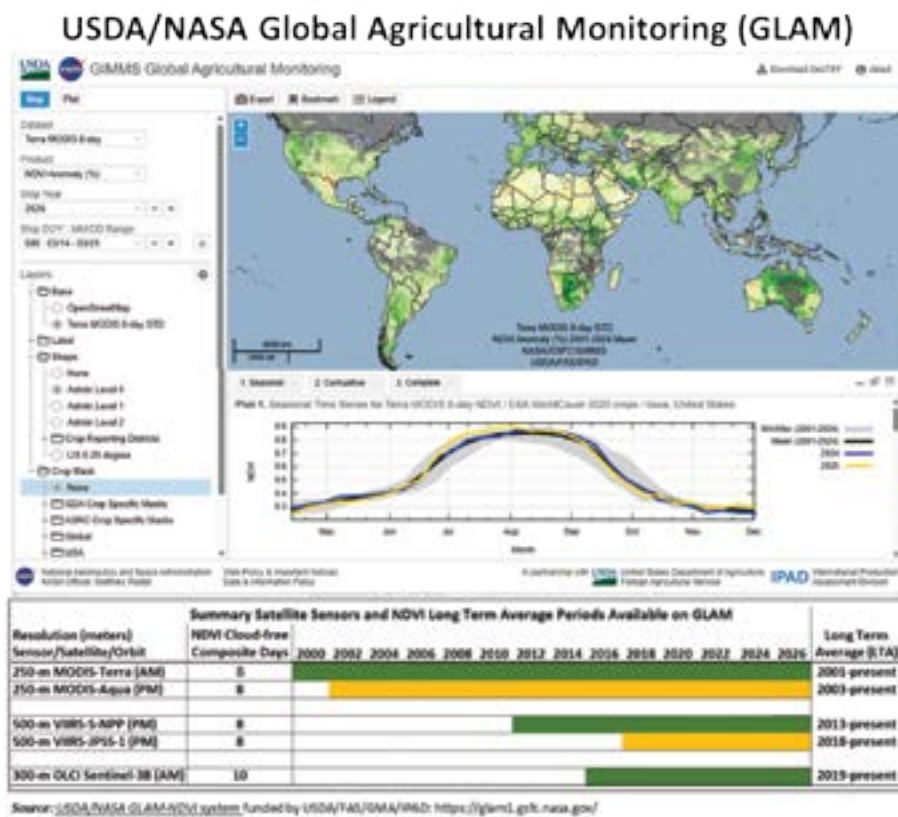
Figure 1. New location for crop production maps and crop calendars

## Global Agricultural Monitoring (GLAM) System

The USDA/NASA Global Agricultural Monitoring (GLAM) system provides the best available cloud-free and science-quality Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) measurements for global cropland condition monitoring. NDVI is an index calculated from satellite imagery and scientifically proven as a reliable way to measure greenness, a frequent indicator of crop health. Plotting the NDVI curve supports monitoring of crop growth stages from planting through harvest.

This interactive geospatial application allows users to pick any geographic area of interest, apply a relevant crop mask, and then generate time-series charts showing science-quality NDVI data. Users also can download the entire historical GLAM-NDVI record into spreadsheets for selected locations and then estimate national or state-level crop yields using NDVI-yield regression models.

The global cropland GLAM-NDVI data sets are available at three resolutions (i.e., 250 meters, 300 meters, and 500 meters) and with long-term averages (LTA) that are validated by National Aeronautical and Space Agency (NASA) and European Space Agency (ESA) scientists during the life of the satellite. The USDA/NASA GLAM system is operated in partnership with NASA's Global Inventory Monitoring and Modeling System (GIMMS) group at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC). Users can access GLAM at <https://glam1.gsfc.nasa.gov/> or through <https://www.fas.usda.gov/data/geospatial>.



**Figure 2. USDA/NASA Global Agricultural Monitoring System**

For more information about the USDA/NASA GLAM web site, please contact Curt Reynolds at [curt.reynolds@usda.gov](mailto:curt.reynolds@usda.gov).

## Global Agricultural and Disaster Assessment System (GADAS)

GADAS is an interactive web-based, geospatial application that empowers users to assess crop conditions in near real-time. The public can review detailed data – such as precipitation, temperature, vegetation index anomalies, soil moisture, and more – with spatially disaggregated agricultural data to assess crop conditions and perform agricultural area impact analysis. An effort is underway to modernize GADAS to JavaScript version 4, which supports improvements in the design and functionality of this flexible application. The current plan is to release the new version this summer.

GADAS has more than 1,000 data layers that can be interactively visualized to more easily make professional maps or chart data over time. This includes hourly updates of natural disasters (cyclone tracking, drought evolution, flooding impacts) as well as tools for rapid pre- and post-disaster agricultural assessments. The data sets can be viewed together with user uploaded data and geo-processing tools to enhance analysis. Plus, users can label the maps and easily share images to collaborate with colleagues. Monitoring and analysis are made easier with the data and tools all contained in a single environment. GADAS is available at <https://geo.fas.usda.gov/GADAS/index.html> or through <https://www.fas.usda.gov/data/geospatial>.



**Figure 3. GADAS home page with highlights on data and tools**

For questions about GADAS, please contact Lisa Colson at [lisa.colson@usda.gov](mailto:lisa.colson@usda.gov).

## Production, Supply and Distribution (PSD) Online

USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) PSD Online provides reports and the option for custom queries for data on production, supply, and distribution of those agricultural commodities and commodity aggregates published in the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimate (WASDE) Report, and for the United States and key producing and consuming countries and aggregated regions, going back to 1960.

The international portion of the data is updated with input from agricultural attachés stationed at U.S. embassies around the world, FAS commodity analysts, and country and commodity analysts with the Economic Research Service (ERS). The U.S. domestic component is updated with input from analysts in FAS, ERS, the National Agricultural Statistical Service, and the Farm Service Agency. Interagency work on the database is carried out under the aegis of the World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB).

The official USDA supply and distribution data is published monthly in: WAOB, WASDE; in the foreign agricultural commodity circular series issued by FAS; and in the regional situation and outlook reports and monthly commodity newsletters of ERS.

Users can access PSD online at <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/app/index.html#/app/home>.

For questions, please contact us at <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/app/index.html#/app/contact>.

### **Global Agricultural Trade System (GATS)**

USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Global Agricultural Trade System (GATS) includes U.S. agricultural, fishery, and forestry trade statistics dating back to 1967, through the inception of the harmonized coding system in 1989 to present. U.S. trade data are updated monthly according to the U.S. Census Bureau's reporting system. Users can access the GATS homepage at: <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/gats/default.aspx>.

For questions, please contact Jason Carver ([Jason.Carver@usda.gov](mailto:Jason.Carver@usda.gov)) or Sam Bartz ([Sam.Bartz@usda.gov](mailto:Sam.Bartz@usda.gov)).

### **FAS Data Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)**

USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) data API portal provides users the ability to obtain programmatic access to publicly available agricultural commodity data from the Global Agricultural Trade System (GATS), Production, Supply & Distribution (PSD), and Export Sales Report (ESR) databases.

The FAS Open Data Services can be found at <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/opendataweb/home>.

For technical questions, please contact the FAS Web Admin Team at [FASWebAdminTeam@usda.gov](mailto:FASWebAdminTeam@usda.gov).

### **FAS – U.S. Agricultural Export Yearbook**

The 2024 Agricultural Export Yearbook was published on the FAS website on May 28, 2025, along with an interactive data visualization. The yearbook provides a statistical summary and trade highlights of U.S. agricultural commodity exports to the world and the United States' primary trading partners. The 2024 Yearbook can be found at <https://www.fas.usda.gov/data/2024-us-agricultural-export-yearbook>. For the 2025 data, FAS plans to release an update to the interactive visualization that will allow users to explore trends and top rankings, as well as summary tables of top markets for major commodities and top commodity exports to major markets. The release date is still to be determined.

All U.S. export data found within the Yearbook are collected and published by the U.S. Census Bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Foreign country export data are sourced from the reporting

countries' national statistical agencies as reported through Trade Data Monitor (TDM). The 2024 U.S. Agricultural Export Yearbook consists of two sections: 1) commodity exports, and 2) country of destination exports. The Yearbook utilizes FAS product groups as defined in the Global Agricultural Trade System (GATS) using the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) at the ten-digit level and aggregated into classifications that include the primary commodity and its derivatives. FAS has titled these product groups as "BICO (HS-10)". BICO is an FAS designation that stands for Bulk, Intermediate & Consumer Oriented goods.

The 14 Yearbook product groups or commodity aggregations are based on the United States' largest export categories. The country Yearbook pages include the United States' top seventeen export destinations. Each commodity and country page includes a list of drivers that influenced exports, market conditions affecting supply and demand, and policy and market access issues that impact the United States' ability to export.

### International Agricultural Trade Reports (IATR)

FAS produces periodic reports on international agricultural trade and interactive visuals. International Agricultural Trade Reports (IATR) provide in-depth analyses on agricultural markets, trade trends, and policy developments. They help U.S. industry stakeholders and policymakers develop strategies and make inform decisions. Topics range from identifying market opportunities for U.S. agricultural products to spotlighting commodities, such as chickpeas, renewable diesel, and table grapes.

**Figure 4. IATR on Growth Potential for U.S. Agricultural Products in Senegal**



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# What's New at FSA

October 2025 – April 2026



## Specialty Crop Acreage Reporting Deadline – April 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

### **USDA Reopens Acreage Reporting Period for Specialty Crop Farmers Impacted by Unfair Market Disruptions**

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.

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-events/news/03-31-2026/usda-reopens-acreage-reporting-period-specialty-crop-farmers-impacted>

## RTCP – March 2026

### **USDA Provides More than \$3.3 Million to Geographically Disadvantaged Producers for Transportation Costs**

(Christiansted, U.S. Virgin Islands, March 6, 2026) – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) is issuing more than \$3.3 million to nearly 1,200 applicants through the 2025 Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment (RTCP) program. The RTCP reimburses

eligible farmers and livestock producers outside the contiguous U.S., including those in the U.S. Virgin Islands, for a portion of the cost of transporting agricultural products or inputs used to produce an agricultural commodity over long distances.

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-events/news/03-06-2026/usda-provides-33-million-geographically-disadvantaged-producers>

### **1 Farmer 1 File – February 2026**

#### **USDA Launches ‘One Farmer, One File’ Initiative to Better Support Farmers**

(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.

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-events/news/03-02-2026/usda-launches-one-farmer-one-file-initiative-better-support-farmers>

### **Farmers Bridge Assistance Program (FBA) – February 2026 - April 2026**

#### **USDA Announces Enrollment Period for Farmer Bridge Payments**

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.

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-events/news/02-20-2026/usda-announces-enrollment-period-farmer-bridge-payments>

### **CRP 2026 – February – April 2026**

#### **USDA to Open Continuous and General Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment for 2026**

Washington, D.C., February 10, 2026 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the enrollment periods for agricultural producers and landowners to submit offers

for the Continuous and General Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is accepting offers for Continuous CRP starting Feb. 12, 2026, through March 20, 2026. Enrollment for General CRP will run from March 9, 2026, through April 17, 2026. FSA will announce dates for Grassland CRP signup in the near future.

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-events/news/02-10-2026/usda-open-continuous-general-conservation-reserve-program-enrollment>

### **ASCF – February 2026**

#### **USDA Announces Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers Impacted by Unfair Market Disruptions**

(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.

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-events/news/02-13-2026/usda-announces-assistance-specialty-crop-farmers-impacted-unfair-market>

### **AFIDA Portal – January 2026**

#### **Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act**

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](#).

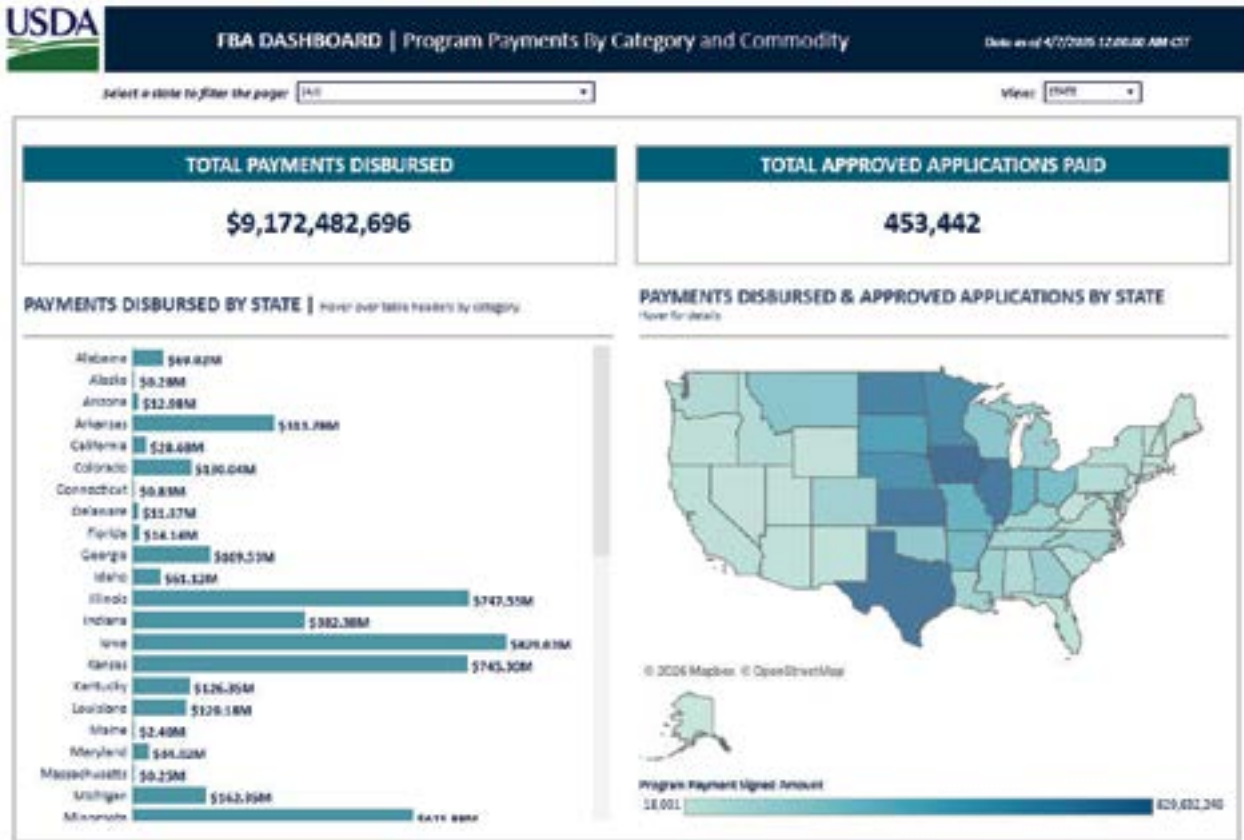
<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-events/news/01-22-2026/usda-launches-new-online-portal-reporting-foreign-owned-agricultural>

## SDRP Stage 2 – November 2025 – April 30<sup>th</sup> Signup Deadline

Stage Two of SDRP covers eligible crop, tree, bush and vine losses that were not covered under Stage One program provisions, including non-indemnified (shallow loss), uncovered and quality losses. For Stage Two program details, including fact sheets, please visit [fsa.usda.gov/sdrp](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/sdrp).

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-events/news/11-17-2025/trump-administration-delivers-second-stage-crop-disaster-assistance>

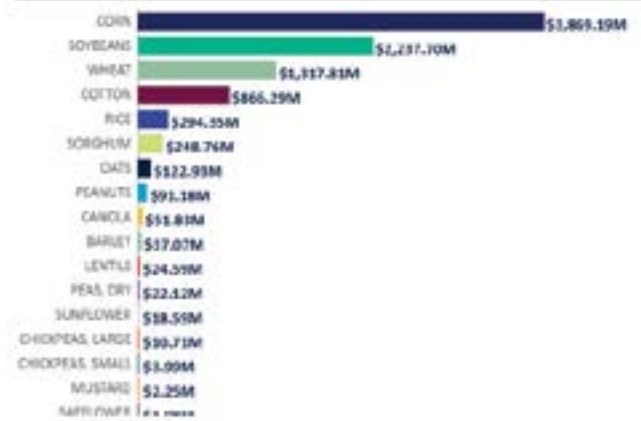
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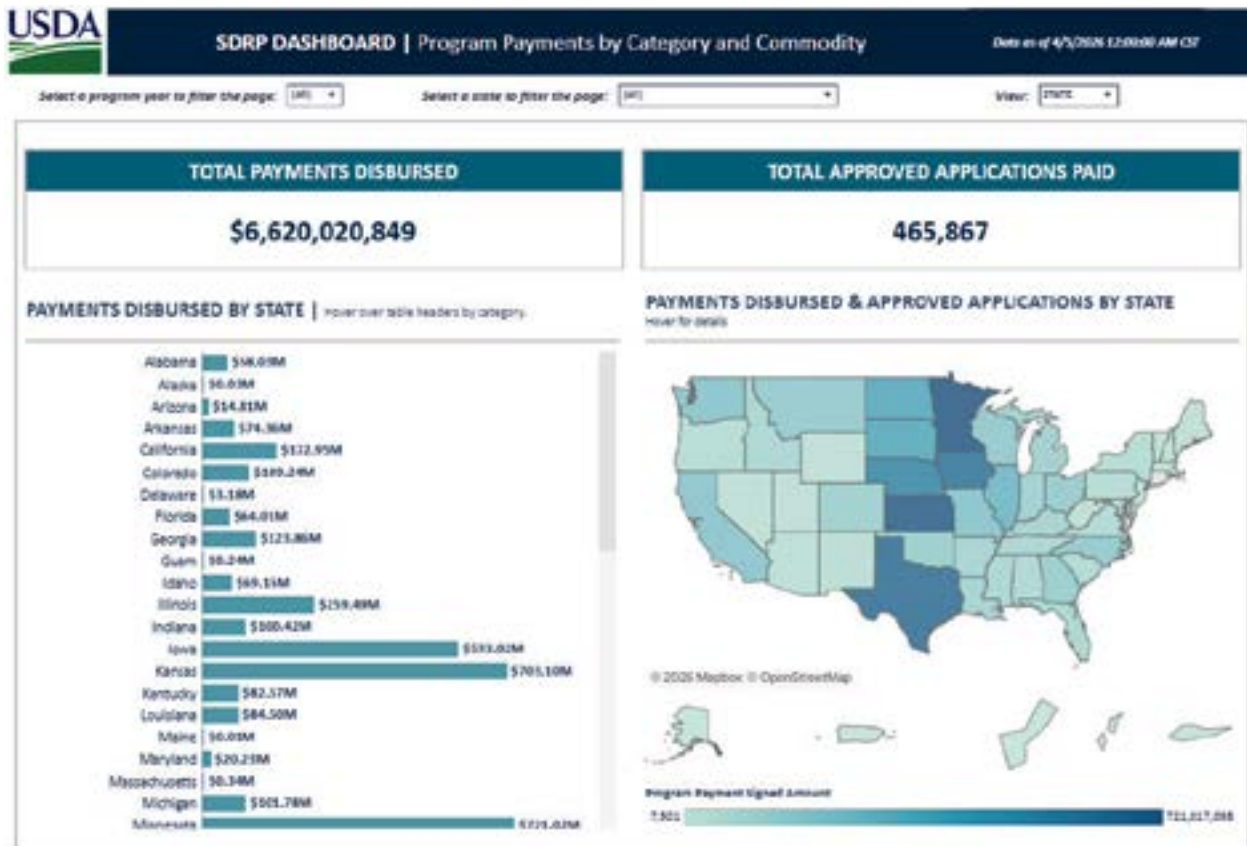
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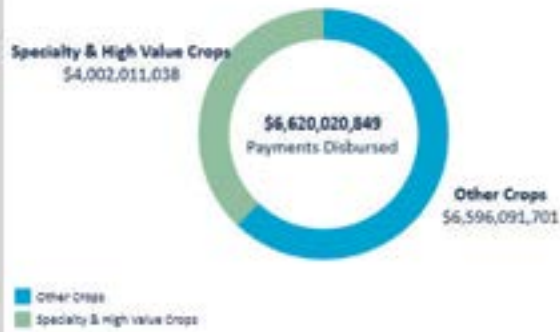


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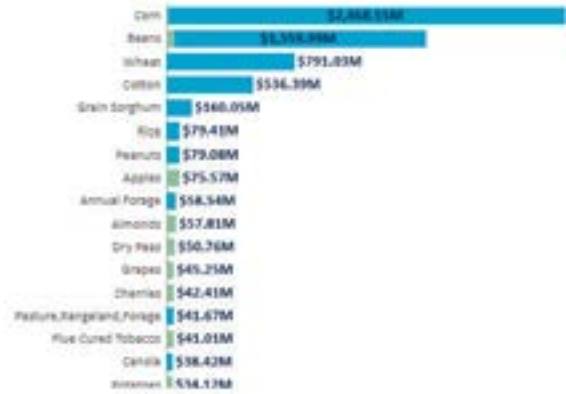


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### CALCULATED AMOUNTS BY COMMODITY





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## World Agricultural Outlook Board

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Questions about World Agricultural Outlook Board programs may be directed to Mark Jekanowski Chairman, WAOB, Mail Stop 3812, South Building, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250-3812; [Mark.Jekanowski@usda.gov](mailto:Mark.Jekanowski@usda.gov)

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The World Agricultural Outlook Board's (WAOB) primary mission is to provide reliable and objective economic forecasts for farmers and other participants in the food and fiber system. Functions include coordinating USDA forecasts of domestic and international agriculture; providing economic analysis related to global commodity markets; monitoring markets and agricultural weather; and disseminating relevant commodity market information.

**Mark Jekanowski, WAOB Chairman,** oversees the creation of the [World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates \(WASDE\)](#) report and chairs the Program Committee for USDA's annual Agricultural Outlook Forum. Former positions include Deputy Director for the commodity outlook program at USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS), Chief of the Crops Branch at ERS, and Senior Vice President at Informa Economics.

WAOB senior economists chair the Department's Interagency Commodity Estimates Committees (ICECs) and clear all USDA commodity outlook reports to ensure consistency with official USDA estimates. The ICECs develop supply and demand estimates for the United States over 100 individual countries. Four USDA agencies are represented on the committees: Economic Research Service, Foreign Agricultural Service, Farm Production and Conservation Business Center, and the Agricultural Marketing Service.

**Report Usage:** Each year, WAOB issues 12 monthly *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates* (WASDE) reports; and publishes 52 weekly *Weather and Crop Bulletin* reports. On average, WASDE is accessed by over 100,000 users worldwide each month. It is one of USDA's Principal Federal Economic Indicators and directly impacts commodity markets. The WASDE report is available at: <https://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde>

**USDA Baseline:** WAOB oversees the annual publication of the inter-agency *USDA Agricultural Long-term Projections*. The *Long-term Projections* report provides a conditional long run scenario about what would be expected to happen to the global agricultural economy under a continuation of current farm legislation and other specific assumptions. These reports are an important source of strategic planning information used in formulating the President's budget and for decision-making by agricultural producers, agribusiness leaders, and policy officials. The latest edition of the report and data tables (Projections to 2034) can be found at <https://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity-markets/baseline>.

**Agricultural Weather Monitoring and Assessments:** WAOB meteorologists publish the [Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin \(WWCB\)](#), which provides the public with weekly assessments of global agricultural weather. Data and products are supplied to the *WWCB* by NASS and NOAA, through a formal agreement establishing the Joint Agricultural Weather Facility. The *WWCB* averaged over 10,000 downloads per week in FY24 from the USDA site, and additional

downloads from the Cornell site. On a rotating basis, WAOB meteorologists prepare the weekly *U.S. Drought Monitor* and the monthly *North American Drought Monitor*. WAOB continues to engage our international counterparts and lends support to activities led by the World Meteorological Organization and Global Water Partnership. WAOB weather products can be found at: <https://www.usda.gov/oce/weather-drought-monitor>

WAOB's staff of meteorologists also routinely meet with foreign delegations and domestic groups regarding the process of using weather and climate products to produce agricultural weather assessments and yield forecasts. As recognized experts within the Department, they are routinely asked to brief Capitol Hill staff, review legislation, contribute expertise to various USDA publications, and frequently provide updates of crop weather to USDA Radio and various local and national radio and television broadcasts.

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INTERAGENCY COMMODITY ESTIMATES COMMITTEES

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Note: The World Agricultural Outlook Board reviews and approves the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report. The Board's analysts chair the Interagency Commodity Estimates Committees (ICECs) that prepare the monthly report.

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**Upcoming 2025 WASDE release dates are: Nov. 10, Dec. 9.**

## National Agricultural Statistics Service

### What's New and What's Changing?

#### NASS Mission Statement:

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

NASS reinstated several programs that had previously been suspended due to budgetary constraints:

- County-level data for row crops (corn, cotton, peanuts, rice, sorghum, soybeans); effective with the 2024 crop season
- County-level data for small grains (barley, oats, wheat); effective with the 2025 crop season
- County-level data for cattle; effective with January 1, 2025 estimates
- The July *Cattle* report; effective with the July 2025 report
- The Cotton Objective Yield Survey will be reinstated in 2026. The survey will be conducted in Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, and Texas with field work from late-August through harvest

On February 13, 2026, the *Farms and Land in Farms* data were released. NASS implemented a statistical modeling approach to generate survey indications of farm numbers and acres of land in farms.

Two Census of Agriculture (COA) Special Studies were released in early 2026. Census of Horticultural Specialties was released on February 26, 2026, and the Tenure Ownership and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL) was released on March 12, 2026.

- The Census of Horticultural Specialties is released every five years and provides data at the national and state levels on number and kinds of horticultural specialty operations, value of sales, and types of products. This was the first time hemp under protection was collected and published. Also included were mushrooms under protection for all 50 States. These data were previously collected from 1929-1998, but not in 2009, 2014, or 2019.
- TOTAL was last conducted with a reference year of 2014 and provides data on all land rented out for agricultural purposes, including both land rented out by those who are themselves farmers or ranchers and land rented out by those who do not operate a farm themselves.

Two COA Special Studies are being conducted in 2026.

- The 2025 Certified Organic Survey is a special study that collects value of sales information at the commodity level along with acreage, production, and practices data for a variety of certified organic crop and livestock operations. Results will be released in late 2026.
- The 2025 Local Food Marketing Practices Survey is also being conducted in 2026. The Local Food Marketing Practices Survey provides data on the marketing of locally and regionally produced agricultural food products. Results will be released in late 2026.

NASS will publish Almond bearing acreage and yield in the May *Crop Production* report beginning in 2026. The May report already includes forecasted production for Almonds.

To provide a faster, flexible, and more accessible experience for data users, NASS is developing a dynamic, web-based platform to accompany data releases. This new system is designed with the end user in mind — whether you're a researcher, policy analyst, agribusiness professional, journalist, or farmer. We are in the final stages of development and expect to have a public testing period this summer with a full roll-out targeted for the fall.

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ERS research programs provide timely, independent, and objective information about the U.S. agricultural economy, its resources, and its links to the general economy and food markets. Our research integrates market information and economic theory to inform decision makers in the Government, the U.S. Congress, agribusinesses, farm and industry groups, the media, and the general public.

Our research covers a range of economic and policy topics, including:

## Commodity Markets & Outlook

Timely, in-depth analyses and information important to understanding and anticipating developments in agricultural commodity markets. The Outlook program covers the major field crops (feedgrains, oilseeds, wheat, rice, cotton, and sugar), livestock and products, specialty crops (fruits, nuts, vegetables, and pulses), and agricultural trade.

## Farm & Rural Economy

Farm sector performance and farm households' well-being; farm size and concentration; investments in rural communities and drivers of rural economic performance; and demographic change and its impact on rural communities.

## Global Markets & Trade

Major markets and competitors; economic impacts of existing and potential exports and imports, trade barriers, and existing/potential trade agreements.

## Resources & Environment

Economic impacts of conservation programs, efficacy of policies designed to protect the environment, and the use of technology to enhance agricultural

## Food & Nutrition

Economic research and analysis on policy-relevant issues related to the food sector (food safety, food prices, and markets); consumer behavior related to food choices (food consumption, diet quality, and nutrition); and food and nutrition assistance programs (SNAP, WIC, National School Lunch Program).

# Timely Data on the Agricultural Economy and Commodity Markets

ERS creates more than **65 data products** covering the agricultural economy, commodities, and food markets. Collectively, ERS data products were accessed nearly **5 million times** in fiscal year 2025.

Our work on data products includes transforming raw survey data to make the information accessible to users, as well as developing new datasets based on economic models or through the compilation of data from diverse sources.

ERS releases four types of data products:

- **Survey Data** such as the Agricultural Resource Management Survey, which is a primary source of information on the financial conditions, production practices, and resource use of U.S. farm businesses.
- **Model-Based Results**, including estimates from our economic models, such as the Food Dollar series, which measures annual expenditures by U.S. consumers on domestically produced food; and the Agricultural Trade Multipliers, which estimate the amount of economic activity and jobs generated by agricultural exports.
- **Economic Indicators and Summary Statistics** compiled from an array of official sources. Examples include Farm Income estimates, Cost of Production estimates, and detailed data on commodity supply/use and U.S. agricultural trade.
- **Charts and Visualizations**, including Charts of Note released daily, Tableau visualizations, and an extensive inventory of chart galleries that display key trends and relationships across market variables.

# Modernization of Data Delivery

To expand the reach of our data products, ERS is continuously innovating to develop data dissemination tools and channels that meet the changing needs and expectations of our users. Ongoing efforts include:

1

**Developing Structured and Automated Databases**  
to facilitate open and centralized access to a broad range of data.

2

**Expanding Use of Application Programming Interfaces**  
to allow users and developers to design new ways to access and present data.

3

**Developing a New Data Dissemination Web Platform**  
that will serve as a one-stop shop for our most used data, including commodity market data.

4

**Leveraging Tableau and Other Visualization Software**  
to present data in a modern, user-friendly format.



U.S. State-level poultry sales for major commodities

# ERS Publications

ERS digitally publishes its research and analysis in economic research reports, articles in our award-winning *Amber Waves* magazine, Charts of Note, data visualizations and data products throughout the year. ERS's suite of data products encompasses estimates, forecasts, and economic and statistical indicators.

In addition, the ERS commodity outlook program delivers timely, independent, and objective information about agricultural markets and provides projections of U.S. and world agricultural commodity production, consumption, and trade. These outlook reports and data are among the most widely accessed ERS products.

Examples of ERS outlooks, economic research reports and economic informational bulletins include:



## **Beginning Farmer and Rancher Operations: Characteristics Associated With Business Survival**

Information from the 2022 Census of Agriculture is used to describe the characteristics of farms and ranches with beginning farmers and ranchers (BFRs), operators having no more than 10 years of farming experience. The report presents data for farms where all operators are BFRs; at least one, but not all operators are BFRs; and those operations with no BFRs. For each type of operation, the report compares the characteristics of business operations that survived from 2012 to 2022 to those that did not



## **Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook: March 2026**

The Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook for September 2025 analyzes economic impacts of month-to-month changes in USDA's "World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates" report on domestic and international markets for beef, lamb, pork, poultry, eggs, and dairy products.



## **Status and Trends of USDA Conservation Programs, 2002-2025**

This report provides a broad overview of major U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation programs that assist agricultural producers improve soil health, wildlife habitat, and water and air quality. We focus on Farm Bill conservation programs over the past four Farm Bills (2002, 2008, 2014, and 2018). Additionally, the report provides historical context regarding how these programs have been implemented under the 2018 Farm Bill.



### **A More Detailed Food Dollar: Enhanced Accounting of U.S. Food Costs**

The USDA, Economic Research Service's Food Dollar measures the costs, along the supply chain, of producing and marketing food to consumers. These measures include the farm share of the food dollar. This report highlights updates to the Food Dollar and the impact of these changes on estimated shares.



### **Persistence of Cover Crop Use in Crop Production in the United States, 2012-2022**

This report examines the persistence of cover crop use through four distinct data sources that measure use in different ways. The results show that cover crop use has increased over time, but this overall increase masks a significant share of fields reducing or disadopting cover crop use.



### **USDA Agricultural Projections to 2035**

USDA's domestic 10-year projections for the food and agriculture sector cover major agricultural commodities, agricultural trade, and aggregate indicators of the U.S. farm sector, such as farm income.



### **America's Farms and Ranches at a Glance: 2025 Edition**

This annual report describes U.S. farm and ranch characteristics using recent data from the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), an annual survey of agricultural producers. Two special sections focus on direct sales of edible and non-edible products and transitioning and certified organic acreage.

# ERS Data Products

## Primary-Survey Data

- ARMS Farm Financial and Crop Production Practices, which are developed jointly with USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

## Model Results Estimates

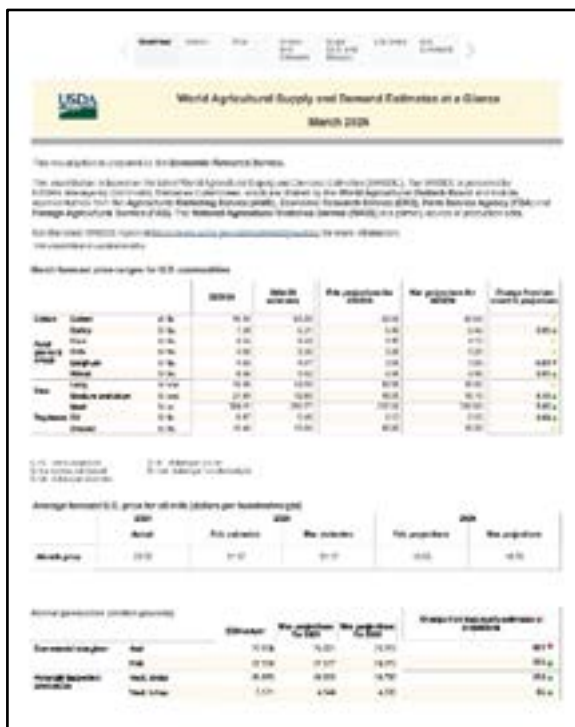
- Agricultural Trade Multipliers
- Domestic Baseline Data
- Season-Average Price Forecasts
- Commodity Cost of Production

## Summary Statistics

- Foreign Agricultural Trade of the U.S.
- U.S. Bioenergy Statistics
- Livestock & Meat Domestic Data
- Farm Income and Wealth Statistics

## Charts and Visualizations

- WASDE at a Glance Visualization
- Charts of Note
- Farm Income Atlas
- Atlas of Rural and Small-Town America



*The mission of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)  
is to facilitate the competitive and efficient marketing of agricultural products.*

## **USDA DATA USERS' SPRING MEETING 2026**

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) administers programs that create domestic and international marketing opportunities for U.S. producers of food, fiber, and specialty crops and provides the agriculture industry with valuable services to ensure the quality and availability of wholesome food for consumers across the country.

Nearly 4,000 AMS professionals work every day to support the country's agricultural operations, which range from individual farmers to international businesses and employ 1 in 12 people. AMS services and its millions of dollars in annual grant investments also create opportunities by supporting economic development in small towns and rural communities that stand as the backbone of American values.

Much of the Agency's agricultural support is provided through commodity-specific efforts, including the Dairy Program; the Specialty Crops Program; the Livestock and Poultry Program; the Cotton and Tobacco Program; and the Federal Grain and Inspection Service. AMS also oversees the National Organic Program; the Science and Technology Program; the Fair Trade Practices Program; and the Transportation and Marketing Program. AMS provides regulatory oversight for over 20 research and promotion programs and enforces other Federal regulations such as the Packers and Stockyards Act, the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA), and the Seed Act.

### **CURRENT ISSUES OF INTEREST**

#### **Data Offerings**

AMS Market News continues to provide free, unbiased price and sales information to assist in the marketing and distribution of farm commodities. AMS Market News is a valuable resource for everyone involved in the agricultural industry. It provides unbiased, comprehensive, and timely information that can help users to make informed decisions. Key wholesale, retail and shipping data gives farmers, producers, and other agricultural businesses needed information to evaluate market conditions, make purchasing and selling decisions, and evaluate transportation costs.

AMS Market News continues to update and improve electronic data offerings through the AMS My Market News and Datamart websites (<https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/>, <https://mpr.datamart.ams.usda.gov/>). Users can access commodity specific data on over 1,500 reports that are updated daily, weekly, monthly, and annually through these websites.

Additionally, AMS Market News provides two separate Application Programming Interfaces (API), where customers can access data from over 1,100 unique commodity data sets. The APIs allows users to automatically download data in custom formats. After a one-time setup, the API will continue to deliver the user's requested information in an established format without further

action. Other updates that have been implemented on the site over the past year include functionality that allows users to identify corrected data sets by both report and through the [My Market News API](#) and [Livestock Mandatory Reporting \(LMR\) API](#).

For users who lack the time and resources to work with large data sets, AMS is developing an alternative through the Tableau visual analytics platform. This alternative will provide users with enhanced insights through dynamic and intuitive interaction with data. These tools are proving to be popular as they provide users with the ability to access and analyze current market data in detail – placing them on a more equal footing with large volume data users with whom they compete in the marketplace. AMS has released a few data visualization tools and plans to release more in the coming year. These tools will provide alternative views for many of the current commodities for which AMS releases data.

AMS continues to provide Market News data through the USDA Market News Mobile Application with free iOS and Android versions available to download through the Apple and Google Play stores. The app gives users instant access to nearly 1,500 reports covering conventional and organic livestock, poultry, grain, dairy, cotton, tobacco, and specialty crop market reports. The app lets users search for current and historical reports by location, State, or commodity.

### **Federal-State Cooperation**

AMS Market News has Federal-State Cooperative Agreements with 30 states for commodity market reporting activities including, in 2025, an agreement with The Ohio State University to provide coverage of the third largest sheep auction in Mt. Hope, OH. These cooperative working relationships enable resources at the Federal and State levels to be leveraged to expand the breadth, depth, and dissemination of market reporting to the benefit of the industry and information users. State reporters cover livestock auctions, grain elevator markets, and other local reporting activities that would otherwise be costly and more difficult to cover using Federal resources alone. AMS Market News continues to build upon these partnerships working with the States to identify additional reporting opportunities as well as establishing new agreements for those interested in partnering to provide market coverage in their States.

### **Organic Market Reporting**

In FY 2025, the 2025 Budget Reconciliation Act (Pub. L. 119-21, July 4, 2025) (Act) re-authorized and extended funding for organic production and market data initiatives through FY 2031. The Act requires USDA to collect and distribute pricing information for organic agricultural products; develop and implement surveys on organic production, handling, and distribution; and conduct analysis on the data for publication in reports.

In accordance with the Act, AMS conducts several activities to enhance the collection and distribution of organic production and marketing data. For specialty crops, AMS publishes market data for over 240 organic commodities for three primary market sectors – shipping point or point of entry (for imports), wholesale, and retail. Reporting of organic commodities at shipping point includes tracking the volume of movement, which consists of domestic shipments

or crossings from Mexico/imports from other countries. For livestock, poultry, and grain commodities, AMS publishes information for organic grains and feedstuffs; poultry and eggs; and includes organic poultry litter, one of the best organic fertilizers available to support organic crop production, in its production costs report series. For dairy, AMS publishes information for a range of key organic dairy products offered online both direct to consumers and at retail outlets across the country. Finally, for cotton, AMS publishes an annual report on organic cotton and cottonseed. All these reports can be accessed from the AMS Market News website at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/organic>.

## **AMS Market News Innovation Initiatives**

At the end of FY 2024, AMS Market News launched an innovation initiative to establish a common vision and to develop a culture of innovative thinking to support the attainment of that vision. This initiative emphasizes the importance of AMS Market News working collaboratively as a unified team towards a shared vision to, “Be the trusted source of agricultural market intelligence.” To date, a number of innovation initiatives have emerged from this effort including the development of new commodity market data visualizations and supporting automation process, and the development of a prototype system utilizing artificial intelligence to emulate the live cattle evaluation process that provides a practical and cost-effective system to expand the collection of graded auction sale information and places the power of livestock evaluation in the hands of producers.

## **Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News Reporting**

Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News (LPGMN), a division of the Livestock and Poultry Program (LP), continues to focus much of its efforts on improving our customers’ experience by providing greater access to LPGMN data through more modern tools. The statutory authority for the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Program (LMR) was extended through September 30, 2026, in the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2026 (Pub. L. 119-37, November 12, 2025).

LPGMN continued to transition remaining commodity market reports to the MARS/ My Market News system including reports for shell eggs and egg products and for retail beef, pork, lamb, goat, chicken, turkey, and eggs. In 2025, market reports covering hay, organic feed and food grains, sod, and daily livestock and poultry slaughter were added to the system.

In 2024, LPGMN initiated the AI Feeder Cattle Project, a mobile, non-contact livestock measurement system that enhances reporter grading efficiency, reduces subjectivity, and supports producers with real-time, data-driven insights. The USDA AI Feeder Cattle project employs innovative technologies such as LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) and machine learning to automate the live animal evaluation process. This model would replicate the live animal evaluation and data collection currently performed by USDA market reporters in auction facilities. The Secretary’s Plan to Fortify the American Beef Industry highlights LiDAR technology as one of many actions taken by AMS to enhance access to feeder cattle data.

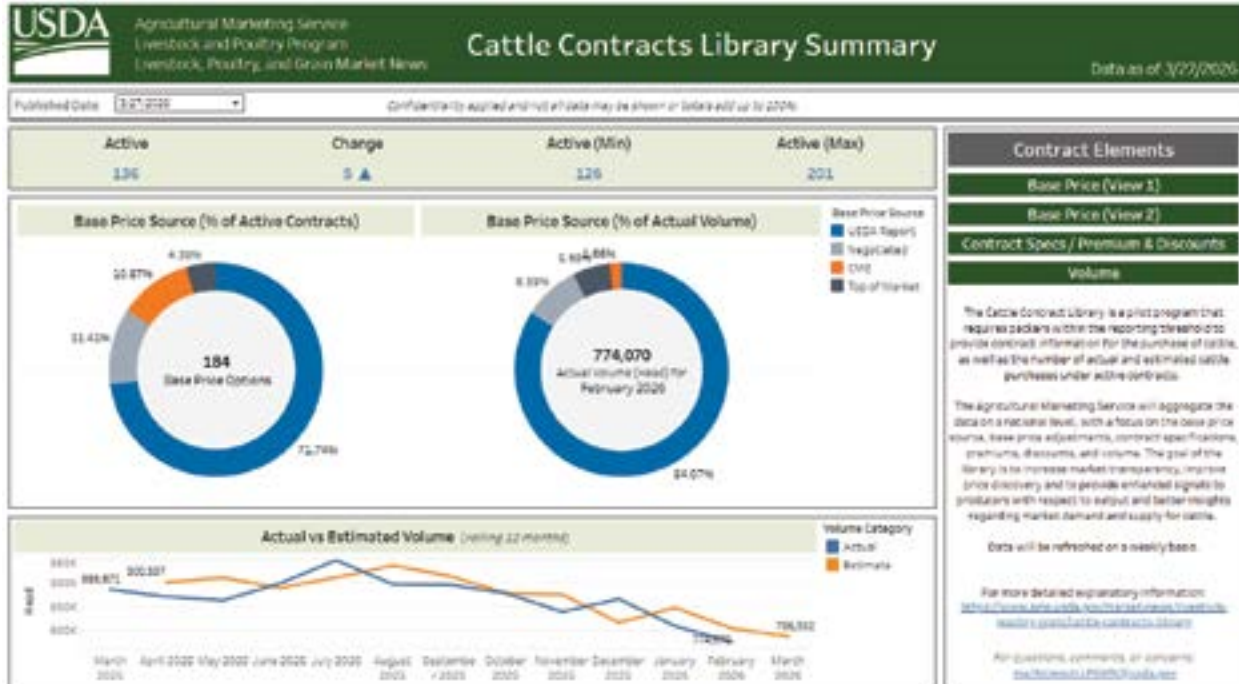
When fully operational, the new system will allow USDA to greatly expand price discovery to the cattle industry, creating a more transparent and resilient marketing system that benefits all stakeholders. In the future, USDA Market News looks to use the technology developed in this project to develop an App that will provide cattle producers with the ability to instantly evaluate their livestock in accordance with the U.S. Grade Standards while providing instant access to all cattle market information – all by pointing their smart phone at their livestock and snapping a picture. AMS continues to test and develop the new technology in 2026, working collaboratively with livestock and auction markets to ensure the technology accurately applies USDA’s grade standards in a range of operational, real-time settings.

On October 3, 2025, LPGMN began publishing enhanced coverage of organic grains and feedstuffs with an expanded report that includes coverage of 31 additional organic grains and 2 additional feedstuffs and provides coverage of trading across 5 regions, including 19 U.S. states. This is part of LPGMN’s efforts to expand the collection and distribution of price and production cost information for organic agricultural products.

LPGMN conducts periodic reviews of the market reports it publishes as part of the continuous improvement process to ensure the market information provided in these reports meets the needs of the public. Market reports that are found to no longer meet these needs are either discontinued or, in many cases, any relevant information they contain is consolidated into other existing reports. In some cases, while a market report is maintained, its publishing frequency may be reduced, usually from a daily to a weekly basis. These reviews are conducted in accordance with accepted AMS Market News procedures.

In the first two months of 2025, LPGMN conducted a review of its entire library of market news reports to ensure the market information provided meets the needs of the public and that staffing and financial resources are being used effectively in accomplishment of the LPGMN mission to provide market transparency to all stakeholders. As a result of this review, LPGMN identified and discontinued 76 market reports representing 7.3% of the total number of market reports published by LPGMN and its State partners.

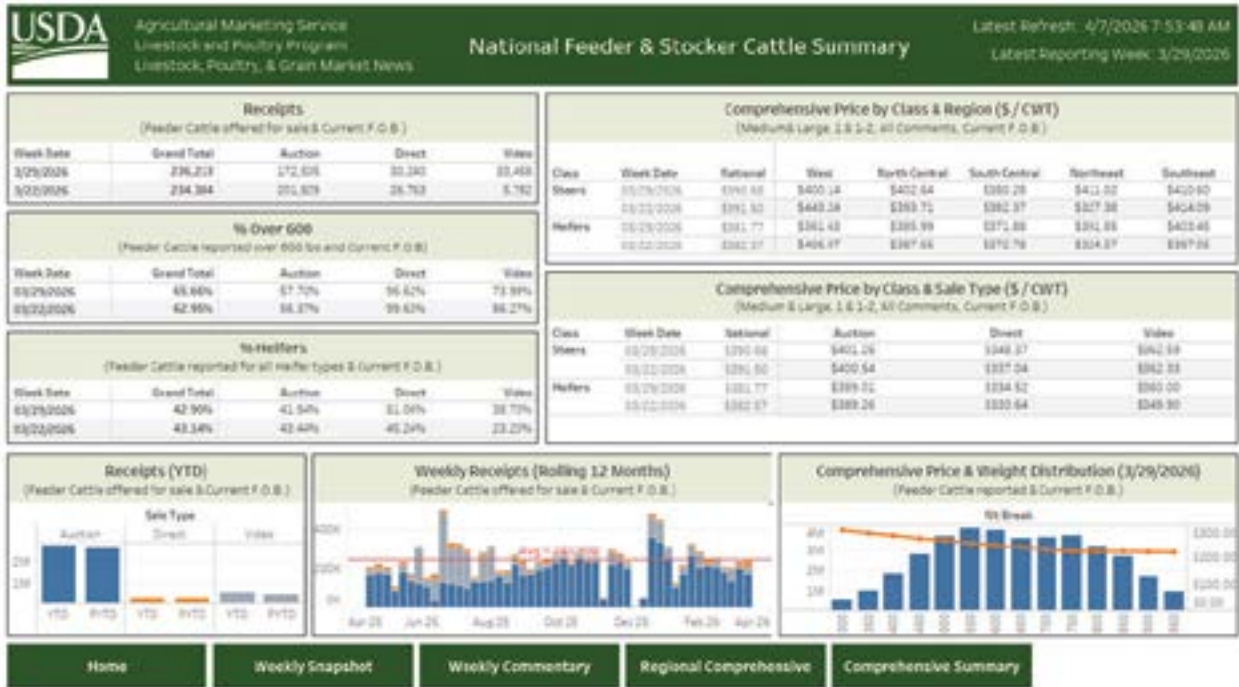
The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117-103, March 15, 2022) directed AMS to establish a Cattle Contracts Library Pilot Program (CCL) to increase market transparency for cattle producers. The CCL provides transparency into both commonalities and key differences in contracts, as well as the context for those terms through the provision of relevant volume numbers. It became publicly accessible on January 31, 2023, and, on October 4, 2023, AMS announced that the CCL would continue in its present form. The CCL is updated on a weekly basis and provides information on contracts between packers and cattle producers for the purchase of fed cattle. The CCL provides increased market transparency to aid cattle producers in making informed marketing and business decisions.



Unlike traditional Market News reports that are provided in a static, text or pdf format, the CCL is based on the Tableau visual analytics platform, used widely across USDA to provide users with enhanced insight through dynamic and intuitive interaction with data. The CCL is the first AMS Market News report provided in this dynamic format and represents the future of AMS Market News data delivery. ([https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/Cattle\\_Contract\\_Library](https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/Cattle_Contract_Library))

The shift to public dynamic user data interaction in LP began in July 2021 with the launch of the Meat Grading Dashboard ([https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/lp\\_meat\\_grading\\_dashboard](https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/lp_meat_grading_dashboard)) that provides users access to up to 10 years of quality grade and volume information for beef, lamb and veal collected through the USDA Meat Grading Service. In July 2023 LPGMN released the Livestock Auction Dashboard that provides users with dynamic access to livestock auction market information for cattle, sheep, and goats in an intuitive and user-friendly format that allows for more in-depth analysis of past and present market conditions. ([https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/livestock\\_auction\\_dashboard](https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/livestock_auction_dashboard))

In August 2024, AMS released the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Live Cattle Dashboard that provides users the ability to view and access LMR live cattle market information in a manner that is easy to use and understand allowing for more in-depth analysis of past and present market conditions.



In April 2026, LPGMN released the National Feeder and Stocker Cattle Dashboard providing access to a comprehensive overview of the national market for young cattle (feeder and stocker). This visualization replaces the popular National Feeder and Stocker Cattle Summary text report by providing users more dynamic access to the data they require to compete effectively in the marketplace.

Under development with no release data yet set is the Sheep and Goat Dashboard that combines sheep and goat auction information currently included in the Livestock Auction Dashboard with lamb information published under Livestock Mandatory Reporting authority to provide users with dynamic access to all market information for sheep and goats in an intuitive and user-friendly format that allows for more in-depth analysis of past and present market conditions.

In alignment with *USDA's Plan to Fortify the American Beef Industry – Expanding Processing, Consumer Transparency, and Markets for Ranchers*, LPGMN continues to develop and enhance its growing suite of interactive data visualization tools for future public release. These tools are proving to be popular as they provide producers with the ability to access and analyze, in detail, current market data – placing them on a more equal footing with large volume data users with whom they compete in the marketplace. The insight provided to producers through these dynamic data visualizations fosters a fairer and more competitive marketplace for all participants – the very purpose for which Market News was created.

### Cotton and Tobacco Market News Reporting

Cotton and Tobacco Market News (CTMN) added the Cotton Prices report series and associated data to the Market Analysis and Reporting Services and the My Market News Platform in 2025. Furthermore, the qualities of cotton quoted were updated to reflect changes in the qualities of

cotton produced and actively traded and the formal report layouts will be unified. For more information on this change contact CTMN at [CottonMN@usda.gov](mailto:CottonMN@usda.gov).

CTMN has added historical cotton price data files to the internet. Upland data can be found at <https://apps.ams.usda.gov/Cotton/HistoricalUplandPrices/> and American Pima data can be found at <https://apps.ams.usda.gov/Cotton/HistoricaPimaPrices/>. The current market year data can be found at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/cotton-tobacco>.

During the 2022-2023 cotton crop year, CTMN made changes to the Spot Cotton Quotations and the associated reports (Daily Spot Cotton Quotations and the Cotton Price Statistics). This change required a change in the regulations associated with the Cotton Futures Act. The rule was cleared for Redefining Bona Fide Cotton Spot Markets and was publicly displayed on July 31, 2023, and published on August 1, 2023. Cotton from Kansas and Oklahoma is now included with cotton from West Texas for analysis and reporting. Two markets have been impacted and renamed: East Texas and South Texas, and West Texas, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

### **Dairy Market News Reporting**

Dairy Market News (DMN) continues to enhance My Market News, improving access to information and data for the dairy industry. In the second quarter of FY25, Dairy Market News added regional cream multiples and prices as data entry points in the My Market News system within the Fluid Milk and Cream East, Central, and West reports. This update in data entry allowed these three regional cream price series to be displayed in the Dairy Market News Monthly Averages report. Central region Class III spot milk prices were also added as data points within the My Market News system. These updates are also available via API.

Dairy Market News is working on developing dashboards based on the Tableau visual analytics platform for various price series that would allow more active use and or manipulation of data, as well as downloading of various data series.

Enhancements to APIs at the My Market News landing pages are available, with updates made regularly to meet customer needs. API documentation is displayed on the homepage of each Dairy Market News report in the My Market News system. The Dairy Market News Report Master List, available in the General Resources section of My Market News, was updated in March 2025.

Reports of mandatory dairy product survey prices and Federal order statistics are published by the Dairy Market Information Branch (MIB) on the My Market News website and the AMS website. The underlying data for these reports are available in Datamart and the associated API, both part of the Livestock Mandatory Reporting system. Sample API workbooks are also available on the My Market News website. On January 17, 2025, the USDA published a final rule amending the uniform pricing formulas applicable in all 11 Federal milk marketing orders (FMMOs). The rule and resulting changes can be viewed in the Federal Register and on the [Pricing Formula Hearing](#) webpage. The rule became effective June 1, 2025, for most changes, and is reflected in both the advanced prices and pricing factors released before the start of the month and the class and component prices announced after the close of the month.

## Specialty Crops Market News Reporting

AMS Specialty Crops Market News releases over 2.5 million price and volume statistics for over 785 different specialty crop commodities annually. This information is collected at three market levels (retail, wholesale, and shipping point) plus the movement level, which consists of domestic shipments, crossings from Mexico, and import volumes. This critical market information provides free, accessible wholesale, retail, and shipping data to the specialty crops industry and is the sole source of this specific and timely information. Specialty Crops Market News offers critical insights into evaluating market conditions, identifying trends, planning production, making purchasing and sales decisions, monitoring price patterns, evaluating transportation options, and assessing product demand.

The reports and data sets that SCMN releases provide farmers, producers, and other agricultural businesses with the information they need to evaluate market conditions, identify trends, plan production, make purchasing and sales decisions, monitor price patterns, evaluate transportation options, and accurately assess product demand.

In December 2024, SCMN completed the final transition to an updated IT system. All current and historical data is now available in the updated system for all the terminal, shipping point, retail, and movement data released by SCMN. The system also contains current and historical data for trends and truck rates.

## Agricultural Transportation Open Data Visualization Platform – AgTransport

The AgTransport platform [[Open Ag Transport Data \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/open-ag-transport-data)] continues to offer farmers, commodity analysts, elevator operators, shippers, and other stakeholders' access to USDA data that can help make timely market decisions about moving agricultural products across the country and around the world. This free, open data platform contains numerous datasets and dashboards about the four modes: rail, truck, barge, and ocean vessel (both bulk and container) used to transport agricultural products.

AgTransport facilitates easy analytics. Users can gain personalized insight through interactive charts, and they can generate and save their own unique visualizations and data views that will be updated automatically over time. If they wish, users also can share their visualizations with others in the tool's open data community. AgTransport makes data available in many different, open formats and automatically generates and maintains an Application Programming Interface (API) for each dataset.

New features have been added since last year to provide additional visibility into the increasingly important role Mexico plays as a major destination for U.S. grain exports. The new "U.S. Grain Rail Exports to Mexico Dashboard" provides insights into grain rail exports to Mexico through USDA's inspections data, new annual flow maps, and to-the-border rail rate data. The dashboard contains newly released rail flow maps of grain shipments to Mexico, offering a unique view into origin, destination, and border crossing volumes for corn, soybean, and wheat rail shipments. The dashboard also provides an interactive map of to-the-border railroad rates, containing thousands of monthly tariff rates grain shippers can use to compare rates.

Another new feature is an interactive dashboard of the recently released *Economic Importance of Inland Waterways to U.S. Agriculture* report. This dashboard allows stakeholders to quickly create visualizations quantifying the economic impacts (GDP, employment, income) at the industry, State, and national level from five agricultural commodities in 19 States bordering the inland waterways system.

In addition, the AgTransport platform received a major upgrade to its domestic corn, soybean, and wheat rail tariff collection. This upgrade almost doubles the number of published rates and improves coverage to better capture major grain flows. The new data include wheat, corn, and soybean tariff rates to domestic end users (e.g., corn to cattle feedlots in the Texas Panhandle and wheat to major flour mills), as well as export terminals (e.g., the Pacific Northwest and U.S. Gulf).

Other features on the platform include:

- Fertilizer Transportation Dashboard
- Grain Transportation Cost Indicators and Global Competitiveness Dashboard with data on Brazil, Mexico, and Japan
- “Transportation at a Glance” dashboard with key volume, rate, and service metrics across all modes.
- Transportation Updates and Regulatory News presents highlights of recent announcements and regulatory news that affect multimodal agricultural transportation.
- Interactive Rail Dashboard with expanded Data, Maps, and Analysis, featuring 18 years of Surface Transportation Board Public Waybill data in an easy-to-use, accessible format.
- Agricultural Rail Service Metrics Dashboard
- Barge Dashboard, with Pacific Northwest Barge Rate Data Series added
- Ocean Port Profiles Dashboard
- Bulk and Container Ocean Fleet Data
- Grain Trucking Indicators
- Refrigerated Truck Dashboard with Rates, Volumes, and Availability
- Dashboard for selected Grain Price and Basis Data
- Digitized Modal Share Analysis for Transportation of U.S. Grains
- Biofuels Dashboard, including Ethanol, Biodiesel, and DDGs
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## Issues of Interest to Data Users

### *1. Accessing Data from the U.S. Census Bureau*

- ***USA Trade Online***

USA Trade Online is a dynamic report building tool that gives users access to current and cumulative U.S. export and import data. With multiple data sets and capabilities, USA Trade Online can assist different types of customers from a wide range of industries and fields. This tool offers data by Harmonized System, and the North America Industry Classification System (NAICS). This powerful software allows users to create customized reports and colorful charts detailing international trade data at different levels. This tool has long been an important resource for data users, and we are pleased to announce that updates and improvements to the application are in the works.

<https://usatrade.census.gov/index.php>

- ***Monthly Trade Data in the Census Data API***

The U.S. Census Bureau hosts detailed monthly international trade data as part of its larger [Application Programming Interface](#) (API). The International Trade Time Series includes data for every month from 2010 to present. These statistics provide monthly and cumulative year-to-date export and import totals with multiple layers of detail. The statistics also include exports and imports by Department of Agriculture code.

The Application Programming Interface provides researchers and developers free access to its demographic and economic data.

<https://census.gov/data/developers/data-sets/international-trade.html>

For those who haven't used an API, or just prefer a graphic interface, we also offer the API Query Builder tool.

[https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/api\\_tool.html](https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/api_tool.html)

- ***Trade Data Products***

The Trade Data Products are the most detailed data files available and the best resource if you need an entire dataset. This is also the only resource to find monthly trade with U.S. Possessions and some classification systems. A monthly file of Department of Agriculture code is available. The format is fixed-width text files.

<https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/data/dataproducts.html>

- ***Census Business Builder***

The Census Business Builder (CBB) is a suite of services that provide selected demographic and economic data from the Census Bureau tailored to specific types of users in a simple to access and use format. The CBB includes:

- o Demographic, socioeconomic, and housing data from the American Community Survey
- o Business data from the County Business Patterns, Nonemployer Statistics, Economic Census, and Annual Business Survey
- o Trade data on total imports and exports, broken out by mode of transportation (Air & Vessel), for selected three- and four-digit agriculture, mining, and manufacturing NAICS codes at the national and state level.
- o Building Permits data at the metro, county and place level

In addition, it provides Agriculture data from the Census of Agriculture (USDA).

<https://www.census.gov/data/data-tools/cbb.html>

## ***2. Principal Economic Indicators***

The U.S. Census Bureau's Economic Indicators keep the world informed by providing the first official measures of the U.S. economy. Our Economic Indicator surveys provide monthly and quarterly data that are timely, reliable, and offer comprehensive measures of the U.S. economy. These surveys produce a variety of statistics covering construction, housing, international trade, retail trade, wholesale trade, services, and manufacturing. The survey data provide measures of economic activity that allow analysis of economic performance and inform business investment and policy decisions. The data can be accessed via the Economic Indicator Briefing Room and the Economic Indicator Database.

- ***Economic Indicator Briefing Room***

The Economic Indicator Briefing Room web site provides access to the latest data, full release reports, historical data, and time series and trend charts. <https://www.census.gov/economic-indicators/>

- Economic Indicator Database

Select an economic indicator and customize your data selection. Ability to download the data to a spreadsheet and create your own time series charts. [Business and Industry: Time Series / Trend Charts \(census.gov\)](#)

- For questions regarding Economic Indicators, please contact:  
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### **3. International Trade**

Each month, the U.S. Census Bureau releases the *U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services* (FT900) report, which is one of the principal economic indicators for the United States. This report can be found along with other information on our website <https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/index.html>

Webinars are archived at: <https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/outreach/index.html>

- 15 CFR PART 30 — Foreign Trade Regulations

The Census Bureau is mandated by Title 13, Ch. 9, Sec. 301 to collect information from all persons who are exporting goods from or importing goods into the U.S. The legal authority that the Census Bureau uses to collect export information is guided by 15 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 30, the Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR). The FTR contains the legal definitions and requirements for reporting Electronic Export Information (EEI) in the Automated Export System. After the EEI is collected, it is used as the primary source to create export statistics. For information on the FTR and filing requirements, please email [emd.askregs@census.gov](mailto:emd.askregs@census.gov) or use the International Trade Helpline number, 1-800-549-0595 and select option 3. The FTR can be accessed at:

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-15/subtitle-B/chapter-I/part-30>

- Questionable data should be brought to our attention as soon as possible. Potential data errors caught early are easier to verify and improve the quality of data going forward. To request data verification, please contact Mr. Gregory Kondilas ([gregory.kondilas@census.gov](mailto:gregory.kondilas@census.gov)), Chief of our International Trade Indicator Micro Analysis Branch.

### **4. Other Economic Data from the U.S. Census Bureau**

The Census Bureau produces economic data across the entire economy on a monthly, quarterly, yearly, and five-year basis, including industries related to agriculture. These industries can include:

- o NAICS 113 Forestry and Logging

- o NAICS 114 Fishing, Hunting and Trapping
- o NAICS 115 Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry
- o NAICS 311 Food Manufacturing
- o NAICS 4244 Grocery and Related Product Merchant Wholesalers
- o NAICS 4245 Farm Product Raw Material Merchant Wholesalers
- o NAICS 445 Food and Beverage Stores



