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## USDA to gather cash rents data

**HARRISBURG, PA** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is conducting the Cash Rents and Leases survey starting on February 6, 2023. The survey provides the basis for estimates of the current year’s cash rents paid for irrigated cropland, non-irrigated cropland, and permanent pasture. Over 15,000 survey recipients across the northeastern U.S. have been selected for the survey, which can be completed at [agcounts.usda.gov](http://agcounts.usda.gov), by mail, or phone. If respondents do not complete the survey by February 24, they may be contacted for an interview.

“Survey responses from as many farm operations as possible ensure cash rental rates accurately represent your locality,” said King Whetstone, director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. “The data from the Cash Rents and Leases survey will also give landowners a useful tool in negotiating rental agreements and making other business decisions for their agricultural operations.”

Information from this survey is also used in the Farm Service Agency Conservation Reserve Program as an alternative soil rental rate prior to finalizing new rates each year.

In accordance with federal law, NASS keeps survey responses confidential. Survey results will be available in aggregate form only to ensure that no individual producer or operation can be identified. NASS will publish the survey results on August 25, 2023, at [quickstats.nass.usda.gov](http://quickstats.nass.usda.gov). For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518 or visit [nass.usda.gov](http://nass.usda.gov).

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