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USDA TO SURVEY ROW CROPS COUNTY ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – October 16, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the survey of producers in 38 states, including Arizona, Colorado, Montana, and New Mexico as part of its 2023 Row Crops County Agricultural Production Survey. The survey will collect information on total acres planted, acres harvested, and total production of row crops to support estimates down to the county level. Producers can complete their survey securely online at agcounts.usda.gov.

"The data provided by producers will help federal and state programs that support the farmer," said Rodger Ott, Director, Mountain Regional Field Office. "We hope every producer who receives this survey will take the time to respond. Producers benefit when there are data available to help determine accurate loan rates, disaster payments, crop insurance price elections, and more. Without data, agencies such as USDA's Risk Management Agency or Farm Service Agency may not have enough information on which to base their programs."

If producers don't respond online or by mail, in a few weeks a NASS representative will contact growers to arrange an interview to complete the survey. The information will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form.

The survey results will be published in NASS's Quick Stats database (<u>quickstats.nass.usda.gov</u>). For more information on NASS surveys and reports and for the release dates by commodity, visit nass.usda.gov/Publications/Calendar/reports_by_date.php. For state specific questions, please contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202.

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