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## USDA TO GATHER CASH RENT DATA

**LAKEWOOD, Colo. – February 1, 2024** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the Cash Rents and Leases Survey starting in early February. 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 241,000 survey recipients across the United States have been selected to complete the survey, which can be completed online at [agcounts.usda.gov](https://agcounts.usda.gov), by mail or phone. If respondents do not complete the survey by late February, they may be contacted for an interview.

“Survey response from as many farm operators as possible ensures that cash rental rates accurately represent their locality,” said Rodger Ott, Director of the NASS Mountain 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’s 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. The data will be available in aggregate form only to ensure that no individual producer or operation can be identified. NASS will publish the state-level data on August 2, 2024, and county-level data on August 23, 2024, at [quickstats.nass.usda.gov](https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov). These and all NASS reports are available online at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications>. For state-specific questions, please contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202 or visit

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

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