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USDA to survey cattle operations

HARRISBURG, PA -- In July, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey cattle operations nationwide to provide an up-to-date measure of U.S. cattle inventories.

"This information helps producers make timely, informed business decisions and plan for herd expansion or reduction. It also helps packers and government leaders evaluate expected slaughter volume for future months and determine potential supplies for export," said King Whetstone, director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. "Obtaining the current count of cattle will serve as an important decision-making tool for the entire agricultural industry," added Whetstone.

NASS will mail the questionnaires to all producers selected for the survey in late June. Northeastern regional producers will have the opportunity to report their beef and dairy cattle inventories, calf crop, death loss and cattle on feed information. To ensure all survey participants have an opportunity to respond, NASS interviewers will contact producers who do not respond by mail or online to conduct interviews.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Survey results will be published in the *Cattle* report to be released on July 22, 2022. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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