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USDA seeks feedback from producers about 2023 crops, stocks, inventories, and values

HARRISBURG, PA – Over the next several weeks, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct two major mid-year surveys: the June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey. The agency will contact more than 4,000 producers across the 11-state northeastern region to determine crop acreage and stock levels as of June 1, 2023.

"The June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey are two of the most important and well-known surveys NASS conducts," said King Whetstone, director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. "When producers respond to these surveys, they provide essential information that helps determine the expected acreage and supply of major commodities in the United States for the 2023 crop year. The results are used by farmers and ranchers, USDA, exporters, researchers, economists, policymakers, and others to inform a wide range of decisions."

Producers can respond to the June Agricultural Survey online at agcounts.usda.gov, by phone, or mail. They will be asked to provide information on planted and harvested acreage, including acreage for biotech crops and grain stocks. For the June Area Survey, agency representatives will interview farm and ranch operators in randomly selected segments over the phone. Producers will be asked to provide information on crop acreage, grain stocks, livestock inventory, land values, and value of sales.

"NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents, by keeping all individual information confidential and publishing the data in aggregate form only to ensure that no operation or producer can be identified," said Whetstone. "We recognize that this is a hectic time for farmers, but the information they provide helps U.S. agriculture remain viable and capable. I urge them to respond to these surveys and thank them for their participation."

NASS will publish the data in a series of USDA reports, including the annual *Acreage* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports June 30, 2023. These data also contribute to NASS's monthly and annual *Crop Production* reports, the annual *Small Grains Summary*, annual *Farms and Land in Farms* and *Land Values* reports, various livestock reports, including *Cattle, Sheep and Goats*, and *Hogs and Pigs*, and USDA's monthly *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*.

These and all NASS reports are available at <u>nass.usda.gov/publications</u>. For more information, call the call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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