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USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service conducts hemp survey

HARRISBURG, PA – USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will send the Hemp Production and Disposition Inquiry to over 1,000 Northeastern Region producers January 22. This follows NASS's 2022 Hemp Acreage and Production survey. Like the 2022 questionnaire, this year's survey will collect information on the total planted and harvested area, yield, production, and value of hemp in the United States in 2023.

"The Hemp Production and Disposition Inquiry will provide critical data about the hemp industry to assist producers, regulatory agencies, state governments, processors, and other key industry entities," said Charles Butler, acting director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office.

NASS estimated the total value of hemp production at \$238 million in 2022. Planted area for industrial hemp grown in the open for all utilizations in the United States totaled 28,314 acres. Area harvested for all utilizations totaled 18,251 acres. These and other statistics can be found in the 2022 National Hemp Report.

Survey recipients are asked to respond securely online at <u>agcounts.usda.gov</u>, by mail, or fax. Those who do not respond by February 1 may be contacted to arrange an interview to complete the survey.

As defined in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill), the term "hemp" means the plant species Cannabis sativa L. and any part of that plant such as the seeds, all derivatives, and extracts with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3% on a dry weight basis. The Domestic Hemp Production Program established in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) allows for the cultivation of hemp under certain conditions.

All information reported by individuals will be kept confidential as required by federal law. NASS will publish the survey data April 19, 2024, on the NASS website at nass.usda.gov and in the NASS Quick Stats database at quickstats.nass.usda.gov. For more information about the 2023 Hemp Production and Disposition Inquiry, visit the hemp survey web page at nass.usda.gov/go/hemp. For assistance with the survey, producers are encouraged to call the NASS Northeastern Regional field office at (800) 498-1518.

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