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## USDA SURVEY TO FOCUS ON IRRIGATION

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana** – Water is a vital resource needed for today’s agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is giving Louisiana farmers, ranchers, and horticultural operations a chance to report on their stewardship of this needed resource. USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the 2023 Irrigation and Water Management Survey to gauge on-farm water use and irrigation practices.

“This survey provides the only comprehensive information on irrigation activities and water use and Louisiana producers themselves stand to benefit the most from this survey,” said Kathy Broussard, State Statistician, Louisiana State Office, Delta Region. “By providing comprehensive information on irrigation activities and water use on their farms, producers will help in the development of improved technology, better equipment and more efficient water use practices,” continued Broussard. Kathy also stated, “responding to the survey is even more important now since it will capture how producers reacted to the drought Louisiana experienced in 2023.” On January 3, 2024, NASS will mail the Irrigation Survey to approximately 707 producers in Louisiana. This survey will collect information about irrigation water use during 2023, including crop acreage and yield, application methods, equipment, facilities, and expenditures.

To make it as easy as possible for producers to participate in the survey, NASS offers the option of responding via online, by phone, by mail, or a personal interview with a local NASS representative.

The *Irrigation and Water Management* report will be released on November 14, 2024. This and all NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications). For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

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