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USDA to Measure Small Grain Production and Grain Stocks on Hand

Baton Rouge, Louisiana – Starting in late August, a sample of producers around the country will receive Agricultural Survey questionnaires from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). NASS will contact over 1,000 Louisiana producers to gather information on the quantity of corn and soybeans stored on-farm. Additionally, NASS will survey commercial grain storage operations to determine estimates of grain stocks stored in any off-farm facility. The data help the industry evaluate export potential and calculate the supply of crops available for the marketing year.

Producers can respond to the Agricultural Survey online at agcounts.usda.gov, by phone, or by mail. Producers who have not responded by August 29 may be contacted by a NASS representative from the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) to schedule a time to help fill out the survey.

“NASS safeguards the privacy of 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,” stated Kathy Broussard, NASS Louisiana State Statistician. “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 state and national data in the annual *Small Grains Summary* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports September 30 on the NASS website. These survey data also contribute to USDA’s World Agricultural Outlook Board’s monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE).

All NASS reports are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Field Office at (800) 327-2970.

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