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USDA SEEKS FEEDBACK FROM PRODUCERS ABOUT 2023 CROPS, STOCKS, INVENTORIES, AND VALUES

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. May 15, 2023 – During the next several weeks, U.S. Department of Agriculture’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 producers across South Dakota 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,” explained NASS’ South Dakota State Statistician, Erik Gerlach. “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, businesses, exporters, researchers, economists, policymakers, and others who use the survey information in making a wide range of decisions that benefit the producer.”

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 conduct interviews with farm and ranch operators in randomly selected segments of land. 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 individual information confidential and publishing the data in aggregate form only. This ensures that no operation or producer can be identified,” said Gerlach. “We recognize this is a hectic time for farmers, but the information they provide is vital in support and promotion of U.S. agriculture. I urge them to respond to these surveys and thank them for their cooperation.”

NASS will analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the annual *Acreage* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports, to be released June 30, 2023. The survey data also contribute to NASS’ 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 nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS South Dakota Field Office at 800-582-6443.

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