

# USDA COUNTS FARMS BECAUSE AMERICA COUNTS ON FARMERS

Last year, nearly 40,000 of your fellow farmers and ranchers received this survey. Your participation in ARMS ensures that policy makers and others, including farmers and ranchers like you, base decisions on facts that come straight from the source.

ARMS is conducted in three phases that continue throughout the year. Growers are surveyed during the following data collection periods:

ARMS 1: Survey participant screening  
May - July

ARMS 2: Chemical use and production practices  
October – December

ARMS 3: Costs and returns  
January - April

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For analysis of ARMS data, visit:  
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## Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS)

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Data collected by the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) will inform farmers, ranchers, USDA, and the public of the financial condition, production practices, and resource use of America's farms and ranches.

Farmers and ranchers rely on good information to make decisions every day. Good data are critical for federal farm policy decision making. That is why the information provided by farmers and ranchers in ARMS is so important.



### **ARMS helps us better understand these aspects of American agriculture:**

■ **Farm finances:** data from this survey help inform policymakers on the financial risks and gains of running a farm or ranch.

■ **Farm household characteristics:** information such as off-farm employment, health insurance coverage, and who manages the finances and operations on a farm.

■ **Types of farms:** understanding the differences between small family farms or large commercial operations.

■ **Fertilizer and pesticide use:** information on products most commonly used by crop as well as pest management or conservation practices.

■ **Government payments and federal crop insurance:** tracking the use of commodity, emergency, or conservation assistance programs.

