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## USDA TO COLLECT FINAL 2007 CROP PRODUCTION NUMBERS

SACRAMENTO, November 19, 2007 – As the 2007 crop year ends, the California Field Office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be relying on producers to help gather year-end production information.

Approximately 2,300 California farmers and ranchers will be included in a national sample of producers who will be contacted for the USDA's 2007 December Agricultural Survey.

"The December Agricultural Survey is the largest and most important year-end survey conducted by NASS," said Vic Tolomeo, Director of the California Field Office. "It is the basis for the official USDA estimates of production and harvested acres of all major agricultural commodities in the United States."

During the first two weeks of December, NASS representatives will contact selected California producers by mail or telephone and ask them to provide information on field acreage and production, crop yield per acre, on-farm storage capacity and crop storage as of December 1.

"With new agricultural trends emerging and a potential record-setting crop year nationally, data from the December Agricultural Survey will benefit farmers by providing timely and accurate information to help them make critical year-end business decisions and begin planning for the next growing season," Tolomeo added.

As with all NASS surveys, individual responses are kept strictly confidential and used only in combination with other responses to report California and U.S. estimates. "This," said Tolomeo, "assures that, regardless of size, no individual operation can be identified when the results of the study are reported."

Information will be compiled, analyzed and published in a series of USDA reports, including the annual *Crop Production Summary* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released on January 11, 2008.

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