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AN OVERVIEW OF OUR MISSION AND PRODUCTS

Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service (LASS) is a part of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. NASS is charged with the responsibility of providing the nation's official statistics on agriculture. NASS's mission is to provide timely, accurate, and useful statistical information and services for the United States, its agriculture and its rural communities.

The agency operates 46 field offices under cooperative funding arrangements with state departments of agriculture and/or land-grant universities. NASS's statistics are based on data collected from growers and agri-businesses through annual, quarterly, monthly, and weekly surveys and the Census of Agriculture.

About 400 national reports are issued annually. NASS reports cover all major crop commodities, livestock commodities, agricultural economic statistics, chemical use statistics and agricultural demographics. A pre-determined, published calendar of release dates is followed, and strict security procedures ensure that no one gains early access to the information. Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service publications are released on the same schedule as national releases but feature Louisiana data rather than all states' data.

The Census of Agriculture is conducted every five years to generate statistics for all agricultural commodities at the national, state, parish/county and some zipcode levels. Census products and services are available from Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service.

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WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

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LASS **state** reports are loaded to the Internet on the national release date and feature primarily Louisiana data. They are available at:

www.nass.usda.gov/la/

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www.usda.gov/nass/

The national homepage has links to all agency products and services such as publications, graphics, historical data, state information, statistical research, the Census of Agriculture, a search engine and a Quick Stats database to query and download state or county historical data. There are also links to our Customer Service unit, a Kids' Page, and federal statistics from outside the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

For a monthly summary of USDA estimates, forecasts and projections of commodities, prices, trade issues, and world crop developments, see:

www.usda.gov/nass/pubs/nassfact.htm

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To order a free Products & Services catalog or purchase paper reports, diskettes or CD-ROMs, call the order desk at: **800.999.6779**

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Printed copies of Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service publications are also available. Free publications from our office are limited to those directly involved in agriculture. Others will be charged an annual subscription fee.

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