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USDA to Collect Final 2023 Crop Production and Stocks Data

Jackson, Mississippi – As the 2023 growing season officially comes to an end, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact producers nationwide to gather final year-end crop production numbers and the amount of grain and oilseeds stored on their farms. At the same time, NASS will survey grain facility operators to determine year-end grain and oilseed stocks.

“These surveys are the basis for the official USDA estimates of production and harvested acres of all major agricultural commodities in the United States and year-end grain and oilseed supplies,” said NASS Mississippi State Statistician Esmerelda Dickson. “Data from the survey will benefit farmers and processors by providing timely and accurate information to help them make critical year-end business decisions and begin planning for the next growing and marketing season.”

NASS will analyze the survey information and publish the data in a series of USDA reports, including the *Crop Production Annual Summary* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports, both scheduled for release on Friday, January 12, 2024.

“Responses to the survey will be combined with the County Agricultural Production Survey data and used to calculate county yields,” said Dickson. “Farmers who receive this survey are not included in the County Agricultural Production Survey; therefore, this is their only opportunity to be included in the calculation of Mississippi county yields.”

If a producer does not respond by November 29, 2023, a National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) representative may reach out to schedule an interview to collect the information. As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is kept confidential, as required by federal law. The information is used for statistical purposes only and will not be disclosed in identifiable form. All NASS reports are available online at nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Field Office at (800) 327-2970.

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