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USDA SURVEYING CATFISH OPERATIONS

Jackson, MS – In July, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey catfish operations nationwide to provide an up-to-date measure of U.S. catfish inventories, sales, and water acreage used for production.

“NASS surveys catfish producers in July to create an accurate estimate of catfish inventories and sales in Mississippi and the Nation,” said Esmerelda Dickson, State Statistician, Mississippi Field Office, Delta Region. In Mississippi, NASS will survey catfish farmers in July asking them to provide the total water area and inventory breakdown of its usage into subcategories (broodfish, foodsize, and fingerlings), as well as sales for 2023. “With the number of Mississippi catfish farmers being surveyed, it is critical we get responses from everyone to ensure a true measure of the industry’s footprint in the state”, Dickson said.

Producers are asked to use their unique survey code to complete the catfish survey online via NASS’ secure website. The online questionnaire is user friendly, accessible on most electronic devices, and saves producers valuable time by calculating totals and automatically skipping questions that don’t apply to their operations. NASS also offers the option of responding via telephone interview with a local NASDA representative or mail.

The *Catfish Production* report will be released on July 19, 2023 at 3:00 pm ET. This and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

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