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## USDA to measure financial well-being of Nevada farmers and ranchers

**SACRAMENTO, CA – December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Beginning in late December, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will spend several months gathering information about farm economics from farmers and ranchers across Nevada, as the agency conducts the third and final phase of the 2023 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS).

"ARMS is the only survey that measures the current financial well-being of Nevada producers and their households as a whole," said Gary Keough, Director of NASS Pacific Regional Office. "The data will help inform decisions on local and federal policies and programs that affect Nevada farms and farm families."

To obtain the most accurate data, NASS will reach out to nearly 40,000 producers nationwide, including 60 in Nevada, between January 2024 – April 2024. The survey asks producers to provide in-depth information about their operating revenues, production costs, and household characteristics.

"In February, our interviewers will begin reaching out to those farmers who have not yet responded," said Keough. "We appreciate their time and are here to help them with the questionnaire so that their information will continue to support sound agricultural decision-making."

Information provided to NASS is kept confidential, as required by federal law. The agency only publishes data in aggregate form, ensuring that no individual respondent or operation can be identified.

The expense data gathered in ARMS will be published in the annual *Farm Production Expenditures* report on July 26, 2024. That report and others are available at <u>nass.usda.gov/Publications</u>. Additional ARMS data analysis and reports are available at <u>ers.usda.gov/arms</u>.

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