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New Census of Agriculture Data Now Available

HARRISBURG, PA – For the first time, results from the Census of Agriculture have been published at the watershed level by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

"Many agricultural and environmental interests are looking for quality data about agricultural land use at the watershed level," said Dan Capstick, deputy director of NASS Pennsylvania Field Office. "We're proud to meet this need and for the first time present agricultural data that conform to geographic boundaries."

In the new publication, NASS reports selected data from the 2007 Census of Agriculture according to watershed boundaries set by the U.S. Geological Survey. Watershed information from the 2002 Census of Agriculture is published alongside the 2007 Census results to demonstrate changes in land use, production practices and livestock distribution over the past five years.

The Census of Agriculture is a complete count of the nation's farms and ranches and the people who operate them. It provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the nation.

For more information about the Census of Agriculture and to access the watershed publication, visit *www.agcensus.usda.gov* or call (800) 727-9540.

"Once again, we would like to thank Pennsylvania's farmers for doing their part in providing this useful information," said Capstick.

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