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AGRICULTURAL SURVEY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THE FACTS

Austin . . . How many acres will be planted to corn, cotton and sorghum? What will spring planting conditions mean for American agriculture? To gather reliable, objective information, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be surveying farmers and ranchers for the June Agricultural Survey.

“Agricultural surveys provide an important picture of Texas agriculture,” Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. “By going to the experts—Texas farmers and ranchers—the Texas Agricultural Statistics service is able to compile accurate, reliable information about our state’s second-largest industry for 2004. This information is needed by state and federal policymakers to develop initiatives and programs to benefit agriculture and help our hardworking producers.”

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service will be conducting the survey and a representative will contact local producers between May 27 and June 13. This survey is particularly vital because it will provide the first clear indications of the potential production of major commodities in 2004.

The information gathered is widely used. Producers rely on the data to reach valid production, marketing, and investment decisions. Industry analysts, extension agents, and farm organizations use the information in a variety of ways that benefit farmers.

“We safeguard the confidentiality of all survey responses,” Texas State Director Robin Roark says. “Information from individual operations is combined with other responses to provide the needed data.” NASS works with farmers and ranchers to provide meaningful, accurate, and objective statistics that help keep U.S. agriculture informed.

All agricultural statistics published by NASS are available at www.usda.gov/nass/. For more information, call the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service at 1-800-626-3142.