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AG ECONOMIC SURVEY WILL MEASURE FARM FINANCIAL HEALTH

AUSTIN . . . Texas farmers and ranchers will have the opportunity to “let their voice be heard” by participating in the 2005 Agricultural Resource Management Survey. This survey provides vital statistics about the economic condition of production agriculture. Most importantly, these statistics are used by members of the agricultural community and their legislators when making important decisions that impact the future of America’s farmers and ranchers.

Data collected will present an objective, and accurate picture of the financial well being of Texas farm operators. For Texas producers, “school tax re-form” is still a major unresolved issue as is the “Trans-Texas Corridor.” At the National level, frequent discussions include the 2007 farm bill as well as Country of Origin Animal Identification, and trade agreements. This report will provide producers, industry leaders, and policy makers the unbiased data needed to measure the impact of these programs.

Agricultural producers chosen to participate in this report will represent 50 to 100 fellow producers, and will therefore make an important contribution to the overall welfare of America’s farmers and ranchers. All individual data collected are held strictly confidential by law (Title 7, U.S. Code). Only statistical totals are published for selected geographic regions and the Nation.

Results from the report will be used by farm and ranch operators, farm organizations, commodity groups, lenders, university researchers, news media, local USDA agencies, farm suppliers, and others to compute prices paid, evaluate economic challenges facing America’s food and fiber producers, determine the need for farm assistance, measure the cost of agricultural production, and assess the ability for producers to maintain sustainable farms.

Farm Production Expenditures, the first report with results from this survey will be released August 3, 2006. For a copy of the finished report or to obtain other agricultural statistics, visit the National Agricultural Statistics Service website at www.usda.gov/nass/ or call 1-800-626-3142.