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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 state and national agriculture? In an effort to answer these questions with 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.

This agricultural survey is particularly vital. It will provide the firsthand indications of the potential production of major crops for 2006 and will update livestock trends. Texas producer associations and other agriculture supporters value the up-to-date facts because they know the survey results are an unbiased snapshot of agriculture from the best source—the producers.

The USDA, NASS, Texas Field Office will be conducting this survey and representatives will contact local producers starting in late May and continuing through early June. 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," Robert Garino, Deputy Director of the Texas Field Office 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 USDA, NASS, Texas Field Office at 1-800-626-3142.