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USDA TO SURVEY FARMERS ABOUT 2014 CROPS

Charleston, West Virginia – During the next several weeks, U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct two major mid-year surveys, the June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey. The agency will survey nearly 500 farms across West Virginia to determine crop production and supplies levels in 2014.

“Due to the widespread impact of its results, the June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey are two of the most important surveys NASS conducts,” explained Dave Knopf, director of the NASS West Virginia Field Office. “Information growers provide serves as the first clear indication of the potential production and supply of major commodities in the United States for the 2014 crop year.”

NASS gathers the data for the agriculture survey online, by mail or by phone. For the area survey, agency representatives will visit randomly selected tracts of land and interview the operators of any farm or ranch on that land. Growers will provide information on crop acreage, grain stocks, livestock inventory, cash rents, land values, and value of sales.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the annual *Acreage* report and quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released on June 30, 2014. Survey data contribute to NASS’s monthly and annual *Crop Production* reports and the USDA’s monthly *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. “NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified,” stated Knopf.

All reports are available on the NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS West Virginia Field Office at 1-800-535-7088.

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