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## USDA TO MEASURE FIELD CORN AND HAY PRODUCTION

USDA's 2004 **December Agricultural Survey** is an opportunity for New England's farm operators to provide the facts about the region's agriculture. How many acres were harvested this year? What impact did the 2004 growing season, with its cool, wet start and warm end have on production? In order to gather reliable, objective information, the New England Agricultural Statistics Service (NEASS) will be surveying farmers during late November and early December.

The information gathered by NEASS is widely used. Producers rely on the data to make valid production, marketing, and investment decisions. Industry analysts, extension agents, and farm organizations use the information in a variety of ways that benefit farmers such as formulating marketing plans and improving farm policy decisions.

The upcoming **December Agricultural Survey** will measure 2004 crop acreage, grain storage capacity, barley, oat, and hay stocks. In New England, yield and production data will be collected for field corn, dry hay, and potatoes. **"This is the only survey during the year that establishes official USDA post-harvest figures for corn and hay production in each State in New England. Information from this survey is also used to help set potato production estimates,"** states Aubrey Davis, Director of the New England field office in Concord, New Hampshire. Davis said the office will survey some 2,000 New England farmers as interviewers call farmers beginning November 29. Producers selected for the survey will receive a letter asking for their help and reminding them that their farm data is confidential.

National survey results will be available in the **Crop Production 2004 Summary** from Washington, D.C. on January 12, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. All reports are available on the Internet [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/) within minutes of the scheduled release time and the statistics are reprinted in the monthly issue of the **Ag Review**. The monthly New England **Ag Review** is available on the Internet at [www.nass.usda.gov/nh/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/nh/) and complimentary copies will be mailed to survey participants upon request.

[The New England Agricultural Statistics Service is a field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Located in Concord, New Hampshire, it is responsible for agricultural statistics in all six States in the region. The office can be reached at 1-800-642-9571 or through E-mail at [nass-nh@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-nh@nass.usda.gov). All national statistics and state level newsletters are available free from E-mail subscriptions and on the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>.]

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