Estimation of Totals Using Multiyear June Agricultural Survey Data

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ABSTRACT

In the annual June Agricultural Surveys of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, area frame sampling is based on multiyear rotation designs with twenty percent of the sample units replaced each year. At present, the current year sample data are used for direct expansion estimation of totals for agricultural items of interest. We investigate the use of multiyear sample survey data for estimation of crop acreages and livestock. A multiyear estimation method is developed based on an analysis of variance model that takes into account the successive sampling of units in the area frame across years. The method is applied to estimate the number of total hogs and soybean acres in 1990 for four states using survey data from 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1990. These estimates are compared with those obtained using only the 1990 sample survey data. Relative efficiencies of the multiyear estimates compared to the single-year estimates show a substantial improvement in precision.

KEY WORDS

Area frame, List frame, Non-overlap domain, Multiple-frame estimator, Analysis of variance model, Relative efficiency.

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SUMMARY

Area frame sampling for the June Agricultural Surveys is based on a multiyear rotation design which provides eighty percent overlap of sample segments from one year to the next. However, the current NASS estimators, with the exception of some ratio estimators, do not make use of sample data collected in prior years. Since a certain amount of consistency in area segment characteristics is expected from one year to another, an approach utilizing multiyear sample data is proposed to augment the survey information for estimation of crop acreages and livestock. The proposed method is developed by modeling the multiyear data using an analysis of variance model which lends itself to an increase in "effective" sample size. A new set of multiple frame estimators are constructed similar to those presently used at NASS.

Combined June Agricultural Survey area frame sample data for four years, 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990, along with the 1990 list frame data are used to obtain the 1990 multi-year estimates for soybean acres and total hogs for Indiana or Iowa, Ohio and Oklahoma. Similarly, the 1988 multi-year estimates were obtained using sample data for two years 1987 and 1988, and the 1989 multi-year estimates using sample data for three years 1987, 1988 and 1989. All single-year estimates were obtained from only a single year of sample data using current NASS estimation methodology. The multiyear estimates compare very well with those based on the single-year data and tend to be more efficient and robust compared to the current NASS estimates.
INTRODUCTION

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) makes use of multipurpose probability surveys to estimate crop acreages, livestock inventory and other agricultural items of interest. The annual June Agricultural Survey (JAS) uses both area frame and list frame sampling units, and the estimation process involves a multiple frame methodology. The area sampling frame is based on a land use stratification and provides a full coverage of the geographical area of interest. The primary sampling unit is an area segment which varies in size by land use stratum. For intensive agricultural areas, these segments are often targeted to be one square mile land areas. A list sampling frame consists of known farm operators. A properly constructed list should contain names, addresses and measures of size of variates of interest. Fecso, Tortora and Vogel (1985) discussed in detail the advantages and disadvantages of the area frame and the list frame sampling as developed at NASS.

The area frame is complete and all area segments have known probabilities of selection. The main weakness is its inefficiency for items concentrated on extremely large farms and for rare commodities produced only on a few farms. This drawback can be corrected by using a supplemental sample from a list frame. However, lists are usually incomplete and difficult to compile and to maintain because of cost and constant changes of farm operators. This has led NASS to implement the multiple frame methodology originally proposed by Hartley (1962). It makes use of sample data from both the area and list frames.

With the exception of calculating a current year to previous year ratio estimator for land segments in both samples, the USDA estimation methodology is based on the use of only the current year survey data and overlooks the fact that the area frame sampling involves multiyear rotation designs with twenty percent replacement of sample units each year. Because of a substantial overlap of sampled units from one year to another, the use of multiyear sample data would augment the sample survey information obtained in the
current year and, thereby, effect an increase in the sample size. This would reduce the sampling variance of an estimate.

The estimation methodology based on successive or rotation design sampling (also known as repeated or panel surveys) has been considered by several investigators. The study by Patterson (1950) was the forerunner to many studies that followed. Rao and Graham (1964) and Graham (1973), among others, studied estimators derived by separating the matched and unmatched units of repeated surveys and developing a composite estimation method involving estimators for the two consecutive periods. Gleason and Tortora (1978) proposed to estimate the crop acreages for the latest period utilizing a similar approach to improve upon the multiple frame estimator used at NASS. Wolter (1979) assumed a general linear model to describe the individual panel estimators and proposed to combine these estimators into one that would have a smaller variance than the one which uses only the latest period sample data. This approach, however, would require a determination or estimation of the covariance matrix of the vector of panel estimators, which generally is not feasible. Restricting his investigation to certain correlation structures for the covariance matrix, Wolter evaluated the gain in precision obtained using composite estimation and showed it to be substantial when there is a high correlation pattern depicted by the covariance matrix. Recently, Kott (1989) proposed to utilize this approach to improve upon current USDA estimates. Thomas, Perry, and Viroonsi (1990) applied it to estimate the total hogs for March, 1989, utilizing quarterly survey estimates over a period of two years, and obtained about a twenty percent gain in the sampling efficiency.

Thus far composite estimation has been based upon certain combinations of periodic estimates. An alternative approach would be to pool the sample data acquired under a rotation design and construct directly a multi-period estimator. Since sample data would be cross referenced between sample units and periods, these data can be described in terms of a two-way analysis of variance model. In the context of crop surveys using
satellite acquired data under a rotation sampling design, Hartley (1980) proposed an analysis of variance approach to utilize multiyear sample data. Lythuan-Lee (1981) and Chhikara, Hallum and Lythuan-Lee (1984) implemented Hartley's idea to estimate 1978 wheat acreage for the state of North Dakota using satellite data acquired over three consecutive years, 1976, 1977 and 1978. In this application the multiyear estimate was found to be 30 percent more efficient than the single-year estimate. Sielken and Gbur (1984) further evaluated the efficiency of the multiyear estimate versus the single-year estimate, showing a substantial gain in precision under the multiyear approach.

In the present context, an evaluation study of the multiyear estimation method was conducted using simulations. The evaluations were made taking into account the number of units sampled each year, the number of years used for sample data, and the amount of overlap for the sample units. The results of this study given in Chhikara and Deng (1992) show that the multiyear estimation method can provide a substantial improvement over the single-year estimation procedure.

In the next section we briefly describe the various estimators currently used at NASS. We then discuss the multiyear approach for the area frame sampling and develop a new set of estimators similar to those presently used at NASS, but utilizing the multiyear area frame sampling data. The new estimation method was applied to survey data for four consecutive years, 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990 to obtain separate estimates of soybean planted acres and total hogs in 1988, 1989, and 1990 for Indiana or Iowa, Ohio and Oklahoma. The numerical results are presented in this report.

CURRENT NASS ESTIMATORS

There were four distinct estimators considered by NASS in 1990: area tract, farm and weighted estimators, and a multiple-frame estimator. (The farm estimator has since been discontinued starting in June 1993.) The area tract estimator \( A_1 \) is based on sampled inventories in the tracts, and the area farm estimator \( A_2 \) is based on sampled inventories
of the farms whose operators reside in the segment. The area weighted estimator \((A_3)\) is derived from sampled inventories of the farms totally or partially in the sampled segments with the weight as the ratio of the tract acreage within the segment to the corresponding farm acreage. These three estimators are essentially developed from the area sampling frame supplemented by a list of large farm operators, called extreme operators. A multiple frame estimator \((A_4)\) is obtained by combining the list frame estimator with the area frame estimator of the nonoverlap domain between the list and area sampling frames. Nealon (1984) provides a descriptive review of these estimators. Kuo (1989) and Perry, et al. (1989) studied certain composite estimators that combine the four estimators \((A_1 \text{ through } A_4)\).

The area tract estimator \((A_1)\) of the total for a survey item is obtained by adding the data over all tracts in each sampled segment, multiplying this total by the expansion factor of the segment, adding up over all the sampled segments in the stratum, and then aggregating the stratum totals to the desired higher level. The area farm estimator \((A_2)\) is obtained similarly. However, it uses the data only for the farm operators who reside within the sample segment boundaries. The area weighted estimator \((A_3)\) is obtained in a manner similar to that used for the area tract estimator, except the tract data are prorated by multiplying the farm data by the ratio of a segment tract acreage to the corresponding farm acreage. All three estimators are unbiased. The area tract estimator \((A_1)\) tends to be accurate for estimating crop acreages because it uses the accurately determined area tract data. However, it does not seem to provide a precise estimate for livestock. In fact, its use is not considered appropriate for estimating agricultural items that are associated with a farm operation. In such cases, the area farm estimator \((A_2)\) may be preferable. However, this estimator tends to have large variability for some items and thus, leads to estimates that are not stable from year to year. An improvement upon this estimator is obtained from the use of the area weighted estimator \((A_3)\). These area estimators can be of major concern in states with considerable amount of farmland.
devoted to noncrop areas. The multiple-frame estimator \((A_4)\) is found to be the most efficient of four estimators.

To describe more precisely how each estimate is calculated at NASS, let \(D_1\) be the non-overlapping domain consisting of the farm operators who are in the area frame but not in the list frame. Let \(D_2\) be the overlapping domain with extreme operators which are on the list frame excluded, and let \(D_3\) consist of extreme operators from the overlap domain. Since the area frame is complete, the set of domains \(D_1, D_2\) and \(D_3\) form a mutually exclusive and exhaustive partition of a survey population which is fully covered by the area frame. Bosecker and Ford (1976) discuss combining list and area estimates for a composite estimate for \(D_2\). However, NASS does not currently composite estimates for the overlap domain.

The three estimators \((A_1\) through \(A_3)\) of the total for an agricultural item in a stratum are computed using the sample data from the area frame for domains \(D_1\) and \(D_2\), and the list frame data for domain \(D_3\). The list frame data allow one to include most of the extreme operators in the sample and thus, to achieve higher efficiency for an estimator that otherwise may not be possible. All three estimators \((A_1\) through \(A_3)\) are of the form:

\[
\hat{Y}_i = \hat{Y}_{D_1 \cup D_2, A_i} + \hat{Y}_{D_3, L}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \tag{2.1}
\]

The estimator \(\hat{Y}_{D_1 \cup D_2, A_i}\) is defined for the joint domain which consists of the nonoverlapping domain \(D_1\) and the overlapping domain \(D_2\) that excludes the extreme operators. It is a direct expansion estimator computed as follows:

\[
\hat{Y}_{D_1 \cup D_2, A_i} = \sum_{h \in H} \sum_{k=1}^{n_h} E_{hk} y_{i, hk} \tag{2.2}
\]

where \(H\) is the collection of substrata, \(E_{hk}\) is the expansion factor for segment \(k\) in stratum \(h\) (which simply is equal to the inverse of the probability of selection of a segment in the stratum), \(n_h\) is the number of segments sampled in stratum \(h\), and \(y_{i, hk}\) is the agricultural item value obtained in terms of estimator \((A_i)\) as described earlier for segment \(k\) of
stratum \( h \) and domains \( D_1 \) and \( D_2 \). The estimator \( \hat{Y}_{D_3,L} \) is computed from the list frame samples in domain \( D_3 \) as

\[
\hat{Y}_{D_3,L} = \sum_{l \in D_3} \frac{N_l}{n_l} \sum_{k=1}^{n_l} y_{lk}
\]

where \( y_{lk} \) is the agriculture item value of farm \( k \) in stratum \( l \) of the list frame, and \( N_l \) is the total number of extreme operators and \( n_l \) is the corresponding sample size for the stratum.

Both the area frame and the list frame estimators are available for the overlapping domains \( D_2 \) and \( D_3 \), whereas only the area frame estimator is available for the nonoverlapping domain \( D_1 \). The individual domain estimates for an area frame can easily be computed using either area tract, or farm, or weighted data. A list frame estimator utilizes the farm data.

The area farm estimator \((A_2)\) is based on inventory beyond the segment and thus, it is expected to be less accurate. The disadvantages of this estimator outweigh the advantages (Nealon, 1984, and Tortora, Ford and Nealon, 1984). Since the area farm estimator \((A_2)\) is not as precise and stable as the weighted estimator \((A_3)\), or the area tract estimator \((A_1)\). NASS makes use of either estimator \((A_1)\) or \((A_3)\) in developing a multiple-frame estimator. For acreage estimation of major crops, the area tract estimator \((A_1)\) is more precise than the area weighted estimator \((A_3)\), and for livestock estimation, the area weighted estimator \((A_3)\) is more precise than the area tract estimator \((A_1)\).

Let \( \hat{Y}_{D_j,L} \) denote the list estimator for domain \( D_j \), similar to (2.3), except the summation is with respect to strata in domain \( D_j, j = 2, 3 \) and \( \hat{Y}_{D_1,A_3} \) denote the area weighted estimator for domain \( D_1 \) as obtained by

\[
\hat{Y}_{D_1,A_3} = \sum_{h \in H} \sum_{k=1}^{n_h} E_{hk} y_{3,hk},
\]

where \( y_{3,hk} \) is the item value obtained in terms of the weighted estimator \((A_3)\) for segment \( k \) of stratum \( h \) and domain \( D_1 \). The multiple-frame estimator \((A_4)\) combines the area
weighted estimator for NOL domain $D_1$ and the list estimators for the other two domains $D_2$ and $D_3$. This estimator is given by

$$
\hat{Y}_4 = \hat{Y}_{D_1,A_3} + \hat{Y}_{D_2,L} + \hat{Y}_{D_3,L}.
$$

Since the list frame is efficiently stratified using a variable related to the survey item, the multiple-frame approach generally yields more precise estimates, particularly for livestock, than any of the area estimators ($A_1$ through $A_3$). Nealon (1984) reviewed the four estimators based on practical considerations and discussed their advantages and disadvantages.

**ESTIMATORS INCORPORATING MULTIYEAR ROTATION DESIGN**

**ANOVA Model.**

Estimators presently used at NASS, with the exception of calculating a current year to previous year ratio estimate, do not incorporate any information from the rotation sampling design which has eighty percent overlap of sample segments from one year to the next. As Hartley (1980) noted, there is a certain amount of consistency in area segment characteristics from one year to another. For example, the suitability of the segment prevalent soil types will tend to be invariant from year to year and the capabilities of certain operators in a segment to grow crops, etc. will tend to be persistent over years. On the other hand, factors such as weather and economic conditions will vary across years and will affect the farm outcome. To take into consideration the effect of these factors that persist over time, we propose the use of an analysis of variance (ANOVA) model approach for estimation of crop acreages or livestock that correctly avoids any unwarranted assumptions sometimes made in the analysis of other ‘time series’. Intuitively, the idea behind the proposed multiyear ANOVA approach is that because of the factors that persist from year-to-year within segments, the variation of the crop acreages (or livestock numbers) from year-to-year for a particular sample segment will be
less than the variance of the crop acreages between segments within a particular year.

To simplify the notation, we will suppress the subscript $i$ used in (2.1)-(2.2) and will assume that a specified estimator is being considered. The stratum index $h$ is also dropped. Let $y_{tk}$ be the agricultural item value obtained in terms of the specified estimator in year $t$ for segment $k$ in a stratum. That is, $y_{tk}$ represents the total over all tracts or farms in the segment. Note that $y_{tk}$ is a segment-level value, not the farm-level value. Then the $y_{tk}$ can be viewed as consisting of the stratum mean in year $t$, the $k$th segment effect, and an error component. One can, therefore, describe it in terms of an ANOVA model:

$$y_{tk} = \alpha_t + b_k + \epsilon_{tk} \quad (3.1)$$

where $k = 1, 2, ..., n_t$ and $t = 1, 2, ..., T$. Here $n_t$ denotes the number of segments sampled for the stratum in year $t$. Various terms in the ANOVA model are as follows: $\alpha_t$ is the mean value for the characteristic of interest over all the segments in the stratum for year $t$. $b_k$ is the $k$th segment effect representing the deviation of the $k$th segment response from that of the stratum mean. $\epsilon_{tk}$ is the model (unaccountable) error associated with segment $k$ in year $t$. The error term in (3.1) comprises the sampling error and any interaction that may exist between years and segments.

We assume that the $b_k$ are independently distributed with $E(b_k) = 0$ and $\text{Var}(b_k) = \sigma_b^2$, and the $\epsilon_{tk}$ are independently distributed with $E(\epsilon_{tk}) = 0$ and $\text{Var}(\epsilon_{tk}) = \sigma^2$. Furthermore, $b_k$ and $\epsilon_{tk}$ are independent of each other.

**Estimation.**

The above linear model can be written in matrix form as

$$y = X\alpha + Ub + e, \quad (3.2)$$

where $X$ is the design matrix consisting of 0's and 1's which account for the effect due to $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_T)'$ and $U$ is the design matrix of 0's and 1's which are specified
according to the rotation sampling scheme and which account for the effect due to \( b = (b_1, b_2, ..., b_S)' \). Here we have relabelled the distinct \( b_k \)'s in (3.1) as \( b_1, b_2, ..., b_S \). The dimensions of \( X \) and \( U \) are \( N \times T \) and \( N \times S \), respectively, where \( N = \sum_{t=1}^{T} n_t \) is the total number of segments and \( S \) is the total number of distinct segments sampled in \( T \) years. Note that \( S \leq N \). When there is no overlap of segments between occasions, then \( S = N \). Let

\[
b^* = Ub + e, \tag{3.3}
\]

then \( E(b^*) = 0 \) and

\[
\text{Var}(b^*) = I\sigma_e^2 + UU'\sigma_b^2
\]

\[
= \sigma_e^2(I + \gammaUU') = \sigma_e^2W_{\gamma}, \tag{3.4}
\]

where \( \gamma = \sigma_b^2/\sigma_e^2 \). The weighted least-squares estimator of \( \alpha \) is given by

\[
\hat{\alpha} = (X'W_{\gamma}^{-1}X)^{-1}X'W_{\gamma}^{-1}y. \tag{3.5}
\]

Appendix A provides a computation procedure for evaluating \( W_{\gamma}^{-1} \) and for the two terms, \( X'W_{\gamma}^{-1}X \) and \( X'W_{\gamma}^{-1}y \) that appear in Equation (3.5).

The parameter \( \gamma \) in \( W_{\gamma} \) can be estimated by \( \hat{\gamma}^2/\hat{\sigma}_e^2 \) preferably using some previously obtained survey or pilot study data. If it is necessary to estimate \( \gamma \) from the regular survey data, an estimator as described in Appendix B can be used to obtain \( \hat{\gamma} \).

The variance-covariance matrix of \( \hat{\alpha} \) is given by

\[
\text{Var}(\hat{\alpha}) = (X'W_{\gamma}^{-1}X)^{-1}\sigma_e^2. \tag{3.6}
\]

This variance formula still applies asymptotically if \( \gamma \) is replaced by a consistent estimator \( \hat{\gamma} \). Given in Appendix B is a procedure for estimation of \( \gamma \).

Single-year estimates currently used at NASS can be obtained by setting \( \gamma = 0 \) (i.e., no segment effect) in Equation (3.5) for \( \hat{\alpha} \), and are given by

\[
\hat{\alpha}_s = (X'X)^{-1}X'y = (\bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2, ..., \bar{y}_T)', \tag{3.7}
\]
where $\tilde{y}_t$ is the sample mean for year $t$. In order to evaluate the performance of $\hat{\alpha}_t$ as an alternative to $\hat{\alpha}$, one computes the variance-covariance matrix of $\hat{\alpha}_t$ under model (3.2), which would be

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\alpha}_t) = (X'X)^{-1}(X'W_tX)(X'X)^{-1}\sigma^2_e.$$  

(3.8)

From the generalized Gauss-Markov theorem, we have

$$\text{Var}(c'\hat{\alpha}) \leq \text{Var}(c'\hat{\alpha}_t),$$  

(3.9)

for any vector $c$. In particular, the multiyear estimator has a variance smaller than or equal to the variance of the single-year estimator for the current year mean obtained by taking $c'$ to be the $1 \times T$ row vector,

$$v_T' = (0, 0, ..., 0, 1)_{1 \times T}.$$

In other words, for the latest year the multiyear estimator and the single-year estimator are $\hat{\alpha}_T = v_T'\hat{\alpha}$ and $\hat{\alpha}_t = v_T'\hat{\alpha}_t$, respectively. Thus, the multiyear estimator $\hat{\alpha}_T$ is more efficient than the single-year estimator $\hat{\alpha}_t$, as one would expect because the proposed estimation procedure utilizes all sample data obtained under the multiyear rotation design.

If there is no consistency in the individual segment totals over years, which would lead to small year-to-year segment effects $b_k$ in the ANOVA model, then $\gamma \approx 0$ and $W_t \approx I$. This implies that the variances of the single-year and multiyear estimates are nearly the same and there is no gain from the multiyear approach. If individual segment totals are fairly consistent over years, but there is considerable variation between segments within a year, then $\gamma > 0$.

**Remark:** The misspecification of model parameter $\gamma$ is an important issue. Analysis showed that there was minimal effect on the multiyear estimator due to misspecification of $\gamma$. 


A Numerical Illustration.

Listed below are soybean acres for three years, 1987, 1988 and 1989, for the area segments sampled in a substratum using the NASS rotation sampling design. The data format is a two-way classification showing various sample segments versus the year(s) in which each segment is sampled. The sample means, \( \bar{y}_t \) for year \( t = 1987, 1988 \) and 1989 and \( \bar{y}_k \) for segment 1, 2, ..., and 14, are given on the two margins. The overall sample mean, \( \bar{y}_.. = 131.72 \), is also shown.

Table 1: Total soybean acres for sample segments in a stratum during 1987-89

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Segment</th>
<th>1987</th>
<th>1988</th>
<th>1989</th>
<th>Mean ( \bar{y}_k )</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>92.00</td>
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<td>92.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>121.10</td>
<td></td>
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<td>121.10</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>180.00</td>
<td>151.60</td>
<td></td>
<td>165.80</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>122.00</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>140.90</td>
<td>144.80</td>
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<td>139.90</td>
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<td>137.30</td>
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<td>13</td>
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<td>46.00</td>
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<td>46.00</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td></td>
<td>185.70</td>
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<td>185.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mean ( \bar{y}_t )</td>
<td>129.22</td>
<td>122.45</td>
<td>143.52</td>
<td>( \bar{y}_.. = 131.72 )</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In terms of the ANOVA model given in Equation (3.1), a sample observation, say \( y_{tk} \), in Table 1 can be described as a sum of three components: (1) the sample average for the year \( t \), \( \alpha_t = \bar{y}_t \), (2) the segment effect, \( b_k = \bar{y}_k - \bar{y}_.. \) due to segment \( k \), and (3) the residual or unaccountable error, \( e_{tk} = y_{tk} - \bar{y}_t - \bar{y}_k + \bar{y}_.. \). Thus, in terms of these components, the sample observation can be expressed as follows:

\[
y_{tk} = \bar{y}_t + (\bar{y}_k - \bar{y}_..) + (y_{tk} - \bar{y}_t - \bar{y}_k + \bar{y}_..),
\]

\( k = 1, 2, ..., 14, \) and \( t = 1987, 1988, 1989. \)
To illustrate numerically the ANOVA model, each observation is decomposed into the model components $\alpha_t$, $b_k$, and $e_{tk}$ as stated above. For example, considering the first observation 92.00 and its corresponding marginal totals, and the overall sample mean given in Table 1, the model component values are as follows:

$$92 = 129.22 + (92.00 - 131.72) + (92.00 - 129.22 - 92.00 + 131.72)$$
$$= 129.22 - 39.72 + 2.50$$

Here the first component ($\alpha_t$) value 129.22 is the sample mean for year 1987 in which the sample observation 92.00 was made, the second component ($b_k$) value -39.72 is the deviation of the sample mean for segment 1 from the overall sample mean as given in the last column in Table 1, and the error component ($e_{tk}$) value 2.50 is the residual that is left and remains unaccountable in terms of the year and segment effects. Other sample observations can similarly be described in terms of these three components of the ANOVA model. Accordingly, we have the following set of decompositions for the observations given in Table 1:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
92.00 \\
95.00 \\
151.60 \\
147.50 \\
122.50 \\
185.70
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
129.22 \\
129.22 \\
122.45 \\
122.45 \\
143.52 \\
143.52
\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}
-39.73 \\
-13.16 \\
34.07 \\
10.67 \\
4.34 \\
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\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}
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\end{pmatrix}$$

Altogether there are 30 observations listed in the left hand column. In terms of the ANOVA model (3.1), all thirty observations are to be jointly utilized to estimate the mean value $\alpha_t$ for the latest year, 1989. On the other hand, the sample average, $\bar{y}_t = 143.52$
provides an estimate of the 1989 mean value for the stratum when sample data for that year are utilized.

The deviations $b_k$ for the fourteen sample segments in Table 1 provide an estimate of $\sigma^2_k$ as $\hat{\sigma}^2_k = 1196.28$ and the thirty residuals $e_{ik}$ provide an estimate of $\sigma^2$ as $\hat{\sigma}^2 = 728.69$. Making use of the estimation procedure described in Appendix B but exercised at the substratum level, an initial estimate of $\gamma$ is $\hat{\gamma} = 0.30$. This suggests that certain segment characteristics persist across three years and therefore the use of data for segments sampled in the previous two years 1987 and 1988 will augment the information contained in the sample data obtained in 1989. This, in turn, effects an increase in the sample size and thereby would reduce the variance for the estimate when based on multiyear data.

Table 2 lists the two estimates, one using the current single-year approach and the other using the proposed multiyear approach. In the latter case, the model parameter $\gamma$ was estimated to be 0.012 using the procedure given in Appendix B and $\hat{\alpha}_t$ was computed using the formula in (3.5). The estimation of $\gamma$ as described in Appendix B is considered at the landuse stratum level and not at the substratum level since this stabilizes the estimates of $\gamma$ across substrata.

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* Omitted because these are not relevant estimates since input of 1989 data should influence only the estimate for 1989 and not 1988 and 1987.

The results in Table 2 show that the estimates for this particular stratum under the two approaches are almost the same, yet there is a significant change in their standard errors. First, the standard error varies substantially from one year to another under the single-year approach. Secondly, the 1989 estimate under the multiyear approach has
a significantly smaller standard error than under single-year approach. Moreover, the standard error under the multiyear approach is expected to be much less variable across years.

NUMERICAL RESULTS

Survey Data and Estimates.

We computed the 1988, 1989 and 1990 estimates for total hogs and soybean acres separately for four states, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio and Oklahoma, using list and area frame JAS data for 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990. The 1988 multiyear estimates utilize data for two years, 1987 and 1988; the 1989 estimates utilize 1987, 1988 and 1989 data, and the 1990 estimates are made using all four years, except in Iowa where the segments were not sampled using a rotation design in all four years because a new area frame was implemented for Iowa in 1989. Hence, the multiyear estimates for Iowa are computed for 1990 using the sample data from 1989 and 1990. Moreover, 1990 estimates were not made for Indiana due to the change in the sample design between 1989 and 1990 so that no segments were overlapped.

We restrict our computations to those estimators that are of major utility to NASS. Some of these estimators differ slightly in form from those described in Section 2 as discussed later. We also do not make any comparison with the current year to previous ratio estimates since the present NASS ratio estimator does not utilize the historic data in the same manner that we have suggested here.

The multiyear data sets were merged and cross referenced from one year to another with respect to rotation design sample units. A new data set was developed for the two items of planted soybean acres and total hogs where all the codes and variables necessary for their estimation were retained. This new data set allowed us to obtain a two-way classification table showing the various sample segments versus the years in which each one was observed as depicted for example, in Table 1.
For the four states, the soybean acres and total hogs estimates were computed using the single-year and the multiyear estimation methodologies as previously discussed. Also computed were their standard errors (S.E.) and the relative efficiency of a multiyear estimate compared to the corresponding single-year estimate. The relative efficiency is defined by

\[ \text{R. E.} = \frac{\text{Var}(\hat{\alpha}_T)}{\text{Var}(\hat{\alpha}_T)}. \]

where \( \text{Var}(\hat{\alpha}_T) \) is the variance of the single-year estimator \( \hat{\alpha}_T \), and \( \text{Var}(\hat{\alpha}_T) \) is the variance of the multiyear estimator \( \hat{\alpha}_T \). Here subscript \( T \) stands for the year for which an estimate is desired.

For soybean acres, we give estimates in Tables 3, 4 and 5 corresponding to the area tract estimator \( A_1 \). There are two estimators developed using the tract data; one utilizes strictly the sampled tract data, and is denoted as “Area Tract”, which is slightly different from the previously defined estimator \( A_1 \), and the other one is the multiple-frame estimator denoted as “NOL+List”, where the first component is the area tract estimator for the nonoverlapping domain \( D_1 \) and the second component is developed from the list frame data for domains \( D_2 \) and \( D_3 \). Note that the list component of the multiple-frame estimator will be the same for both the multiyear and single-year estimates since the list frame sampling does not involve any over years rotation design. Thus, relative efficiency is not computed and shown separately for the area and list components of the multiple-frame estimator.
Table 3: 1988 Soybean Acres Estimates (in thousands).

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Table 4: 1989 Soybean Acres Estimates (in thousands).

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Table 6: 1988 Hog Estimates (in thousands).

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Discussion.

The multiyear estimates are in fair agreement with the single-year estimates for both soybean acres and total hogs for all three years, 1988, 1989, 1990. The variances, and hence the relative efficiencies do vary considerably. This is primarily due to the instability of the variance estimate under the single-year estimation method. The computed relative efficiencies of the area tract estimates are higher than the corresponding relative efficiencies obtained for the multiple-frame estimates. This is expected because the multiple frame estimator utilizes the multiyear sample data only for the nonoverlap domain $D_1$.

In Table 6, the 1988 multiple frame estimate of total hogs in Indiana has a very low R. E. value of 0.39. This is primarily due to one sample observation in the NOL+NEO domain that had an extremely large expanded value influencing the multiyear variance significantly.

It may be pointed out that the computed relative efficiency for the multiple-frame estimate is less than 1.0 in several cases, implying a higher variance under the multiyear estimation method. A low value of computed R. E. is because of a large yearly variation in sample standard errors for the single-year estimates for NOL domain $D_1$, where the single-year estimate has a considerably under-estimated standard error corresponding to one year than other years. For example, this can be seen from the earlier illustration as shown in Table 2. So the R. E. value of 0.39 in Table 6 as pointed above does not necessarily imply that multiyear estimate is inefficient. The multiyear estimate has a much more stable, and hence reliable yearly variance estimate than does the NASS single-year estimate and thus, providing an additional advantage in the use of the multiyear estimator.

A comparison between the use of two years of survey data for the 1988 estimates, three years data for the 1989 estimates, and four years data for the 1990 estimates shows that the gain in relative efficiencies does not necessarily improve with more years of survey
data. For example, the computed relative efficiencies for 1990 estimates are generally lower than for 1989 estimates for both Ohio and Oklahoma. But overall the multiyear approach provides a more efficient estimate than does the current approach with three as the optimum number of years to use.

Notes: (1) Since data were collected in 1990 for all but one of 1989-90 segments, the 1990 Iowa estimates are essentially the same under both approaches. The Iowa area frame sample allocation was increased in 1990 from 308 to 395 by rotating in 88 segments and only rotating out one segment. (2) The total hogs R. E. is computed only for the multiple-frame estimates since these are the main estimates used by NASS.

**EFFECT OF ERROR IN ESTIMATING $\gamma$**

As remarked earlier, the misspecification of model parameter $\gamma$ is an important issue. Presently, we have estimated $\gamma$ at the land use stratum level in obtaining a multiyear estimate. This estimation of $\gamma$ was carried out for each land use stratum using the analysis of variance method as described in Appendix B. This estimate of $\gamma$ was used for each substratum in the land use stratum. Because of sampling variability, the estimation of $\gamma$ will be subject to error. To evaluate the effect on the multiyear estimates due to error in estimating $\gamma$, these estimates and the corresponding standard errors were computed by varying $\hat{\gamma}$. Tables 9 and 10 show the computed estimates and standard errors of different multiyear estimators corresponding to various values of $\hat{\gamma}/\gamma$, where $\hat{\gamma}$ is the value used in the estimation procedure.

Letting $c = \hat{\gamma}/\gamma$, we consider $c = 0, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5$ and $2.0$, where $c = 0$ corresponds to the single-year estimation method. A comparison of both the soybean acres and hogs estimates in all three states for $c = 0.5, 1.5$ and $2.0$ versus $c = 1.0$, which corresponds to the case of no misspecification, shows that these estimates hardly vary. Similar is the case with respect to their standard errors. Hence, the multiyear estimates display a high level of robustness to misspecification of model parameter $\gamma$. 

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### Table 9: 1989 Multiyear Estimates Of Soybean Acres With $\gamma$ Misspecified As $\hat{\gamma} (= c\gamma)$

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*Values in parentheses are for standard errors.*
CONCLUSIONS

For the rotation design sampling as implemented at NASS, a multiyear approach to estimation of crop acreages and livestock inventory is evaluated. A multiyear estimation method is developed based on a two-way analysis of variance model. We have given a set of estimators similar to those currently used at NASS and show these multiyear estimators to be more efficient and robust. The proposed model-based approach is easy to implement as demonstrated here by the application made using the actual NASS survey data.

RECOMMENDATION

The multiyear estimation methodology shows potential for improving upon the current NASS estimates based on area frame sampling. The study clearly suggests that consideration should be given to implementation of the proposed multiyear estimation method and evaluate it further for five to ten major agricultural items. It will be desirable to perform evaluations on a workstation under the UNIX operating system available at NASS. Appendix C provides documentation of the SAS program prepared to compute multiyear area frame estimates. The list component of an estimate is to be computed as presently done using only the current survey year data.
REFERENCE


ton, Texas, September, 1981.


APPENDIX A. COMPUTATION OF $W_t$

Note that the dimension of $W_t$ defined in Equation (3.4) is $N \times N$, which, in general, is a large matrix, especially when $T$ is large. The direct computation of the inverse of $W_t$ may present a numerical problem. Using the special structure of $W_t$ given in Equation (3.4), we can find the inverse as following: Using the matrix inversion formula (see Searle, 1982, p. 151)

$$(I + AB)^{-1} = I - A(I + BA)^{-1}B,$$

we have

$$W_t^{-1} = I - \gamma U(I + \gamma U'U)^{-1}U'$$
$$= I - \gamma U(I + \gamma \text{diag}(m_1, ..., m_S))^{-1}U'$$
$$= I - UD_1U',$$  \hspace{1cm} (A.1)

where $m_k$ is the total number of yearly survey periods for which segment $k$ falls in the sample and the diagonal matrix,

$$D_1 = \text{diag}(\frac{\gamma}{1 + \gamma m_1}, \frac{\gamma}{1 + \gamma m_2}, ..., \frac{\gamma}{1 + \gamma m_S}).$$

Making use of (A.1), one can simplify the matrix expressions in Equations (3.5) and (3.6) as follows.

$$X'W_t^{-1}X = X'X - X'UD_1U'X$$
$$= D_2 - X'UD_1U'X,$$

where

$$D_2 = \text{diag}(n_1, ..., n_T).$$
Clearly, this would avoid a direct tedious computation of $W_\gamma^{-1}$. Similarly,

$$X'W_\gamma^{-1}y = X'y - X'UD_1U'y$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} y_1. \\ \vdots \\ y_T. \end{pmatrix} - X'U \begin{pmatrix} d_1y_{1.} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

where $y_t.$ is the total of $y$'s for year $t$, $y_{k.}$ is the total of $y$'s for segment $k$, and $d_i = \frac{\gamma}{1+\gamma}$, $i = 1, 2, ..., S$.

**APPENDIX B. ESTIMATION OF $\gamma$**

Note that the multiyear estimator $\hat{\alpha}_T$ is the best linear unbiased estimator (BLUE) of $\alpha_T$, provided $\gamma$ is specified correctly in matrix $W_\gamma$. In general, $\gamma$ is unknown and needs to be estimated from some survey data. We will use $\hat{\alpha}(\gamma_0)$, and $\hat{\alpha}_T(\gamma_0)$ for the latest period, to denote the multiyear estimators when $\gamma$ is specified as $\gamma_0$.

If it is necessary to estimate $\gamma$ using the regular survey data, one can first get an initial estimate $\hat{\gamma}$ from the multiyear rotation sampling design data using the two-way analysis of variance method. This is done first by computing the mean square due to segment and the mean square due to error as follows:

$$MS_b = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{S} m_k (\bar{y}_k - \bar{y}.)^2}{S - 1}$$

and

$$MS_e = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{k \in S_t} (y_{tk} - \bar{y}_k - \bar{y}_t + \bar{y}.)^2}{N - S - T + 1},$$

where $S$ is the number of distinct segments sampled in $T$ years, $S_t$ is the set of sampled segments in the $t$th year, $m_k$ is the number of times the $k$th segment is observed in $T$ years, $\bar{y}_k$ is the sample average for segment $k$, and $\bar{y}.$ is the grand average of all segments.
in $T$ years. Although this computation of $MS_e$ is most suitable for a full randomized block design, we use it here to compute simply an initial estimate of $\gamma$.

When there is a full randomized block design, it is well-known from the random-effect ANOVA model that

$$E(MS_b) = \sigma^2 + T\sigma^2_0.$$ 

Accordingly, a reasonable estimate of $\sigma^2_0$ may be obtained by

$$\hat{\sigma}^2_0 = \frac{1}{T'}[MS_b - MS_e]_{+},$$ 

where $[x]_{+} = \max(x, 0)$ and $T' = N/S$. Since $N = \sum_{t=1}^{T} n_t$, $T'$ represents on average the number of years each segment is observed. Hence, an initial estimate of $\gamma$ is obtained by

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{1}{T'} \left[ \frac{MS_b}{MS_e} - 1 \right]_{+}.$$ 

**APPENDIX C: SAS PROGRAM TO COMPUTE THE MULTIYEAR AREA FRAME ESTIMATES**

This SAS program is set up to compute the multiyear area frame estimates for soybeans using Ohio area tract data from four years. It can easily be modified for other states and/or agricultural items by appropriately changing the state and item names in the program.

The software program consists of several parts organized in the order suggested by the multiyear estimation methodology. First, it computes the expanded value of an item for each sampled segment in different years and then merges the expanded sample data into a single data set in the form of a two-way classification. This is followed by computation of the model parameter $\gamma$ at the landuse stratum level. The estimated value $\hat{\gamma}$ is applied to each substratum to compute the estimate of the item total and its variance for substrata. The stratum total estimates are obtained and then aggregated to compute the state level estimates.
The program also computes the estimates and their variance estimates under the current NASS procedure for the area sampling frame.

Next, the program for the list frame estimates is appended so that the multiple frame estimates are computed analogous to the current NASS method.

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RENAME SEGMENT=SEG;
SET SAVE.DSJ7ohi; /* input data file */
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IF 1 <= LHHOLNOL <= 2 then WT=CSOYXXPL*MEXPFCTR;
ELSE WT=0;
PROC MEANS NOPRINT;
CLASS SEG;
BY STRATAY;
VAR WT;
OUTPUT OUT=WTYR87 SUM=YR87;

DATA WT87; /* output data set */
SET WTYR87;
IF ( SEG=.) THEN DELETE;

/* The following parts of program compute the value of YR88 sampled in 1988 of every segment for every stratum. */

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BY STRATAY;
VAR WT;
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DATA WT88;
SET WT88;
IF ( SEG=. ) THEN DELETE;

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IF ( SEG=. ) THEN DELETE;

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sampled in 1990 of every segment for every stratum.
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VAR WT;
OUTPUT OUT=WT90 SUM=YR90;

DATA WT90; /* output data set */
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/*
The following parts of the program find the expansion factor
for every stratum. The minimal value of variable MEXPFCR

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of every stratum is chosen if there are more than one values
of this variable. Data set F2 contains the minimum value of
MEXPFCTR. Data set F3 contains the sorted result.

/*

DATA F1 (KEEP=MEXPFCTR STRAY);
SET CROSS90;
PROC MEANS NOPRINT;
BY STRAY;
VAR MEXPFCTR;
OUTPUT OUT=F2 MIN= ;

DATA F3 (KEEP=STRAY MEXPFCTR);
SET F2;
PROC SORT DATA=F3 NODUPLICATES;
BY STRAY;
PROC PRINT DATA=F3;

/*
   This part of program merges the data of different years into
   one data set called W1.
*/

DATA YEAR87(KEEP=SEG STRAY);
SET CROSS87;

DATA YEAR88(KEEP=SEG STRAY);
SET CROSS88;

DATA YEAR89(KEEP=SEG STRAY);
SET CROSS89;

DATA YEAR90(KEEP=SEG STRAY);
SET CROSS90;

DATA FINAL;
SET YEAR87 YEAR88 YEAR89 YEAR90;
PROC SORT DATA=FINAL NODUPLICATES;
BY STRAY SEG;

PROC MEANS NOPRINT;
BY STRAY;
VAR SEG;
OUTPUT OUT=A1 N=NN; /* N means number of segments in every
stratum */

DATA A2 (KEEP=STRAY NN);
SET A1;
IF (STRAY=.) THEN DELETE;

DATA A2(KEEP=STRAY NN);
MERGE F3 A2;
BY STRAY;
IF MEXPFCTR=. THEN DELETE;

DATA A3;
SET A2;
STRAT=INT(STRATAY/100)*100;
RUN;

PROC SORT DATA=A3;
BY STRAT STRATAY;
PROC MEANS NOPRINT;
BY STRAT;
VAR STRATAY;
OUTPUT OUT=A4 N=NSTUM; * NSTUM is number of STRATAY in stratum;
RUN;

DATA A5(KEEP=STRAT NSTUM);
SET A4;
IF STRAT=. THEN DELETE;
RUN;

DATA W1 (KEEP=STRATAY SEG YR87 YR88 YR89 YR90);
MERGE WT87 WT88 WT89 WT90; /* merges the data in dataset W1 */
BY STRATAY SEG;

DATA W1;
MERGE F3 W1;
BY STRATAY;
IF MEXPFCTR=. THEN DELETE;
DROP MEXPFCTR;

PROC IML;

/*
This subroutine computes the initial estimate of gamma. The input is a matrix Y which includes the information of one stratum. The output is the estimate of initial gamma.
*/

START GAMI(Y);
W2=Y;
C=NCOL(W2); /*gets number of columns of W2 */
WW=J(NROW(W2),C-2,0); /* creates matrix WW */
WW=W2[ ,3:C]; /* cuts out first two columns */
T=C-2; /* T represents number of years */
S=NROW(WW); /* S represents number of different segments */
MI=J(S,T,-1)#WW;
N1=(MI>0);
N2=N1[+, ]; /* N2 means number of missing value in each year */
N3=J(1,T,S);
NT=N3-N2; /* NT means number of segments having values in year */
N=NT[ ,+];
N5=N1[ ,+];
MK=J(S,1,T)-N5;
M1=J(S,T,1)-N1; /* M1=X , the design matrix */
WT=M1#WW; /* WT=MATRIX CORRESPONDING TO Y */
SEGAVR=WT[+,+]/MK; /* SEGMENT AVERAGE OF Y */
WT1=WT[+, ];
WT2=WT1[+, ];
YAVR=WT2/N; /* GRAND AVERAGE OF Y */
WT3=WT[+, ];
YT=J(1,T,0);
DO I=1 TO T;
  IF NT[1,I]>0 THEN YT[1,I]=WT3[1,I]/NT[1,I];
END;
MS1=SHAPE(YT,S,T);
MS2=SHAPE(SEGAVR',T,S);
MS2=MS2';
MS3=J(S,T,YAVR);
MS=WT-MS1-MS2+MS3;
MS=M1#MS;
MS=MS#MS;
MS=MS[+, ];
MS=MS[+, ];
GG=J(1,6,0);
GG[1,1]=W2[1,1];
GG[1,2]=MS; /* SSE; */
GG[1,3]=N-S-T+1; /* N-S-T+1 = D.F. OF SSE; */
S1=SEGAVR-J(S,1,YAVR);
S2=S1#S1;
S3=MK#S2;
SSB=S3[+, ];
GG[1,4]=SSB;
GG[1,5]=S-1; /* S=# OF SEG; */
GG[1,6]=T;
RETURN(GG); /* GG=[STRATAYSSE DFE SSB DFB YEARS]; */
FINISH;

/* This subroutine calculates the estimate of alpha and variance of it. The input are a matrix Y which includes the information of the stratum and the estimate of gamma. The output is a matrix Z which includes the data of the last year. Z[1,1]=variance of alpha corresponding to the last year Z[1,2]=alpha corresponding to the last year Z[1,3]=the last diagonal value of inverse of X'WX Z[1,4]=estimate of variance of error (Se^2) */

START VARIAN(Y,GAMMA);
M1=Y;
C=NCOL(M1);
MM=M1[,3:C];
SS=NROW(MM);
TT=C-2;
MI=J(SS,TT,-1)#MM;
N1=(MI>0);
N2=N1[+, ];
N3=J(1,TT,SS);
NT=N3-N2;
N=NT[ ,+];
N5=N1[ ,+];
MK=J(SS,1,TT)-N5;
M1=J(SS,TT,1)-N1;
WT=M1#MM;
UX=N1;
XU=N1';
D1=I(SS);
DO I=1 TO SS;
   D1[I,I]=GAHHA/(1+GAMHA*HK[I,1]);
END;
D2=I(TT);
DO I=1 TO TT;
   D2[I,I]=NT[1,I];
END;
XWX=D2-XU*D1*UX;
DO I=1 TO TT;
   IF NT[1,I]=0 THEN XWX[I,I]=0.01;
END;
A=DET(XWX);
IF A=0 THEN IXWX=INV(XWX);
ELSE IXWX=I(TT);
XY=WT[, ];
XY=XY';
UY=WT[, +];
XWY=XY-XU*D1*UY;
WT2=WT#WT;
WT2=WT2[, +];
WT2=WT2[, +];
YWY=WT2-UY*D1*UY;
ALPHA=IXWX*XWY;
Z=J(1,4,0);
Z[1,2]=ALPHA[TT,1];
IF (N-TT) > 0 THEN SE2=(YWY-ALPHA'*XWY)/(N-TT);
   ELSE SE2=0.0001;
Z[1,4]=SE2;
VV=IXWX[TT,TT]*SE2;
Z[1,1]=VV;
Z[1,3]=IXWX[TT,TT];
RETURN(Z);
FINISH;

/*
This subroutine figures out the estimate of the total of the
stratum for the last year and the variance for the last year using both methods proposed by USDA and UHCL. The input are a matrix Y which includes the information of the stratum, FPCL which equals to the expansion factor of the last year, ALPHAL which denotes the estimate of alpha for the last year, IXWXL for the last diagonal value of inverse of X'WX, and SE2L which is estimate of variance of error. The output is a matrix RE.

RE[1,1]=total of the stratum of the last year using method of USDA
RE[1,2]=variance of the estimate using method of USDA
RE[1,3]=total of the stratum of the last year using method of USCL
RE[1,4]=variance of the estimate using method of USCL

START TOT(Y,FPCL,ALPHAL,IXWXL,SE2L);
W2=Y;
FPC=1-1/FPCL;
IF (ALPHAL < 0) THEN ALPHA=0;
ELSE ALPHA=ALPHAL;
IXWX=IXWXL;
SE2=SE2L;
C=NCOL(W2);
WW=J(NROW(W2),C-2,0);
WW=W2[ ,3:C];
T=C-2;
S=NROW(WW);
M1=J(S,T,-1)#WW;
N1=(M1>0);
N2=N1[+,
];
N3=J(1,T,S);
NT=NT1-N2;
NTT=NT[1,T];
M1=J(S,T,1)-N1;
WT=M1#WW;
WT3=WT[+,
;]
YT=J(1,T,0);
DO I=1 TO T;
IF NT[1,I]>0 THEN YT[1,I]=WT3[1,I]/NT[1,I];
END;
YTT=YT[1,T];
A2=YTT;
Y1=J(S,1,YTT);
Y2=WT[ ,T]-Y1;
Y2=M1[ ,T]#Y2;
Y2=Y2#Y2;
Y3=Y2[+,
];
IF (NTT-1)>0 THEN S2=Y3/(NTT-1);
ELSE S2=0;
TOT2=A2*NTT;
VAR2=S2*NTT*FPC;
TOT1=ALPHA*NTT;
VAR1=SE2*(NTT**2)*FPC*IXWX;
RE=J(1,4,0);
RE[1,1]=TOT2; /*USDA TOTAL */
RE[1,2]=VAR2; /* USDA VARIANCE */
RE[1,3]=TOT1; /* UHCL TOTAL */
RE[1,4]=VAR1; /* UHCL VARIANCE */
RETURN(RE);
FINISH;

/* Main Program begins */
USE W1;
/* W1 contains STRATAY, SEG, and sampling data of each year*/
READ ALL INTO W; /* Read dataset W1 into matrix W */
DO I=3 TO NCOL(W);
   DO J=1 TO NROW(W);
      IF (W[J,I]=.) THEN W[J,I]=-1; /* Change missing values to -1 */
   END;
END;
USE F3;
/* F3 contains the stratum and corresponding value of MEXPFACTR */
READ ALL INTO F; /* Read dataset F3 into matrix F */
USE A2;
/* A2 contains stratum and the corresponding number of segments */
READ ALL INTO S; /* Read A2 into matrix S */
USE A5;
READ ALL INTO STUM;
print stum;
*STUM contains the stratum and the corresponding number of STRATRY;
NST=NROW(STUM);
S2=J(NST+1,1,0);
S2[1:NST,1]=STUM[.2];
L1=0;
L2=S2[1,1];
NS=NROW(S);
S1=J(NS+1,1,0);
S1[1:NS,1]=S[.2];
SGGV=J(NS,3,0);
SGGV[.1]=S[.1];
SAISF=J(NS,4,0);
SAISF[.1]=S[.1];
TOTV=J(NS,5,0);
TOTV[.1]=S[.1];
K1=0;
K2=S1[1,1];
GGG=J(NS,6,0);
DO I=1 TO NS;
   Y=W[(K1+1):K2, ];
   /* Y contains segments, sampling data for one stratum*/
   PRINT Y;
   GGG[I, ]=GAMI(Y);
   T=GGG[I,6];
   GGG[I,1]=INT(GGG[I,1]/T00)*100;
K1\(=\)K2;
K2\(=\)K2+S1[I+1,1];
END;
DO J=1 TO NST;
  Y1=GGG[(L1+1):L2, ];
  Y2=Y1[+, ];
  MSE=Y2[1,2]/Y2[1,3];
  MSB=Y2[1,4]/Y2[1,5];
  IF MSE=0 then
    GNEW=0.1;
  else
    GNEW=(MSB/MSE-1)/T;
  IF GNEW<=0 THEN GNEW=0.1;
  SGGV[(L1+1):L2,2]=GNEW;
  L1=L2;
  L2=L2+S2[J+1,1];
END;
K1=0;
K2=S1[1,1];
DO I=1 TO NS;
  Y=W[(K1+1):K2, ]; * Y contains segments, sampling data for one
  stratay;
  GAMMA=SGGV[I,2];
  AL=VARIAN(Y,GAMMA); * Get the informaition related to the
  gamma;
  SGGV[I,3]=AL[I,1];
  SAISF[I,2]=AL[I,2];
  SAISF[I,3]=AL[I,3];
  SAISF[I,4]=AL[I,4];
  TOTV[I,2:5]=TOT(Y,F[I,2],AL[I,2],AL[I,3],AL[I,4]);
  /* Call subroutine TOTV */
  K1\(=\)K2;
  K2\(=\)K2+S1[I+1,1];
END;
NAMESG={STRATAY GAMMA VARIANCE};
NAMESA={STRATAY ALPHA IXWXTT SE2 FPC};
NAMETV={STRATAY USDAT USDAVAR UHCL UHCLV};
PRINT SGGV[COLNAME=NAMESG];
PRINT SAISF[COLNAME=NAMESA];
PRINT TOTV[COLNAME=NAMETV];
UHCL=TOTV[+, ];
UHCL[1,1:4]=UHCL[1,2:5];
UHCL[1,5]=UHCL[1,2]/UHCL[1,4]; /* ratio=Var(USDA)/Var(UHCL) */
NAMEU={USDAAESTIMATE USDAVAR UHCLESTIMATE UHCLVAR RATIO};
PRINT UHCL[COLNAME=NAMEU];
UH=UHCL;
UH[1,2]=SQRT(UH[1,2]);
UH[1,4]=SQRT(UH[1,4]);
NAMEH={USDAESTIMATE USDASTD UHCLESTIMATE UHCLSTD RATIO};
PRINT UH[COLNAME=NAMEH];
QUIT; /* Main program ends. */

The following program is written by Bill Iwig and updated by

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DATA TEMP1;
SET SAVE.DSJOohi(keep= state stratay segment MPOPCNTS MOLNOLAC mresphog CSOYXXPL);
IF STRATAY <= 98;
IF 1 <= MRESPHOG <= 5; USABLE = 1;
RUN;

PROC SORT DATA=TEMP1;
BY STATE STRATAY SEGMENT;
RUN;

DATA TEMP11;
SET TEMP1;
BY STATE STRATAY SEGMENT;
IF FIRST.SEGMENT ^= LAST.SEGMENT THEN OUTPUT TEMP11;
IF (FIRST.SEGMENT = 0 AND LAST.SEGMENT = 0) THEN OUTPUT TEMP11;
RUN;

DATA TEMP1;
SET TEMP1;
CSOYXXPL = CSOYXXPL * MOLNOLAC;
RUN;

DATA TEMP11;
SET TEMP1;
BY STATE STRATAY SEGMENT;
IF FIRST.SEGMENT ^= LAST.SEGMENT THEN OUTPUT TEMP11;
IF (FIRST.SEGMENT = 0 AND LAST.SEGMENT = 0) THEN OUTPUT TEMP11;
RUN;

PROC MEANS NOPRINT DATA=TEMP1;
BY STATE stratay segment;
ID MPOPCNTS;
VAR CSOYXXPL USABLE;
OUTPUT OUT=TEMP1 SUM(CSOYXXPL) = MEAN(USABLE) = ;
RUN;

DATA TEMP1;
SET TEMP1;
BY STATE STRATAY SEGMENT;
IF USABLE ^= 1 THEN USABLE = 0;
PROC MEANS NOPRINT;
   BY STRATAY;
   VAR USABLE;
   OUTPUT OUT=B2 SUM=MUSABLE;
RUN;

DATA B3;
   MERGE TEMP1 B2;
BY STRATAY;

EXPHOGS=CSOYXXPL*MPOPCNTS/NUSABLE;
IF STRATAY >= 80 THEN EOHOGS=EXPHOGS;
   ELSE EOHOGS=0;
LISTSQ=EXPHOGS**2;
EOSQ=EOHOGS**2;
RUN;

PROC MEANS NOPRINT;
   BY STATE;
   VAR EXPHOGS EOHOGS;
OUTPUT OUT=TOT SUM=LIST_EXP EO_EXP;
RUN;

PROC MEANS DATA=B3 NOPRINT;
   BY STATE STRATAY;
   VAR LISTSQ EOSQ EXPHOGS EOHOGS MPOPCNTS NUSABLE;
OUTPUT OUT=VARSQ SUM=LISTSQ EOSQ LISTDE EODE X1 X2
   MEAN=X3 X4 X5 X6 MPOPCNTS NUSABLE;
RUN;

DATA B6; SET VARSQ;
KEEP STATE STRATAY LISTVAR EOVAR;
LISTVAR=((MPOPCNTS-NUSABLE)/MPOPCNTS)*(NUSABLE/(NUSABLE-1))  
   *(LISTSQ-LISTDE**2/NUSABLE);
EOVAR=((MPOPCNTS-NUSABLE)/MPOPCNTS)*(NUSABLE/(NUSABLE-1))  
   *(EOSQ-EODE**2/NUSABLE);
RUN;

PROC MEANS NOPRINT;
   BY STATE;
   VAR LISTVAR EOVAR;
   OUTPUT OUT=VARISUM=LISTVAR EOVAR;
RUN;

PROC PRINT DATA=VARI;
VAR LISTVAR EOVAR;

DATA B7;
SET VARI;
LISTSTD=SQRT(LISTVAR);
EOSTD=SQRT(EOVAR);
RUN;

DATA B8;
MERGE TOT B7;
PROC PRINT DATA=B8;
VAR LIST_EXP LISTSTD EO_EXP EOSTD;
RUN;