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Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics to Meet on March 30

WASHINGTON, March 15, 2012—The annual meeting of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics will take place in Washington, D.C. on March 29-30, 2012. The meeting is open to the public and will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on March 29th, and 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 30th at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, D.C., 20024. There will be an opportunity for public questions and comments at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30th.

The agenda includes a discussion of the 2012 Census of Agriculture content and outreach; how NASS statistics are used by program agencies; NASS operational efficiencies; and NASS's National Operations Center in St. Louis, Mo. The committee will also look at ongoing NASS programs and surveys such as the Agricultural Resource Management Survey and the follow-on surveys to the 2012 Census of Agriculture

The committee advises the Secretary of Agriculture and NASS on the scope, content and timing of surveys and the every-five-year Census of Agriculture. The 20 committee members represent a broad range of agricultural disciplines and interests. For more information about the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics, visit

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