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USDA'S NASS Now Offers RSS Feed for Statistical Reports

WASHINGTON, Jun. 15, 2006 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) now offers a Rich Site Summary (RSS) feed to alert subscribers about the release of new statistical reports. The new “Today’s Reports” feed is the companion to NASS’s very successful “News and Events” feed launched in November 2004.

On the Web, RSS feeds typically provide headlines, summaries and links to full-text articles at no charge. When new content is posted on-line, these feeds automatically alert readers when content of interest appears on their favorite Web sites. This provides readers with the most convenient access to the latest information without having to visit a specific Web site to search for new articles and features.

RSS feeds have become a popular electronic source for sharing news and up-to-date information with the public. NASS created the new “Today’s Reports” feed in response to input from its customers around the country. The agency will continue exploring new RSS dissemination avenues in the future based on continued feedback from its data users.

For more information about the NASS feed, go to:
<http://www.nass.usda.gov/Help/RSS/index.asp>. For users already equipped with an RSS reader, the new feed can be found at *<http://www.nass.usda.gov/rss/reports.xml>*.

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