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## **Enhanced Data on North American Agriculture Now Available**

WASHINGTON, July 18, 2011 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announced today the availability of enhanced data on North American agriculture. Published online, the information is a result of a project sponsored by the North American Tripartite Committee on Agricultural Statistics (NATCAS).

“Working together with our statistical counterparts in Canada and Mexico, NASS has promoted the sharing of published data among the three countries,” said Joseph Prusacki, NASS Statistics Division director. “Now with a single, convenient place to compare the agriculture industry throughout North America, farmers and industry experts can use this resource as a new decision tool for analyzing the markets and strategizing on domestic and overseas trade.”

The enhanced information available on the website includes detailed data on people, production, international trade and the horticulture industries in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Website visitors also have access to maps and tables comparing selected data from each country’s census of agriculture, including the most recent U.S. Census of Agriculture.

“This source of information on North American agriculture will help researchers, analysts and government leaders evaluate trends in agricultural production, efficiency, profitability and viability of farm operations and rural communities,” added Prusacki.

NATCAS is a joint taskforce among agricultural statistics agencies in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The committee works to promote the sharing of information and the standardization of data among the three countries and their various agencies in order to make agricultural statistics more efficient and easily accessible to the public.

Member agencies of the committee include Statistics Canada Agriculture Division; the Agricultural and Fisheries Information Service of the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food; the Mexican National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics; and NASS, representing the United States.

The data tables, maps and other information are now available online at <http://webpage.siap.gob.mx/>.

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