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USDA Seeks Nominations for the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics

Washington, Sept. 29, 2014 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking nominations to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics. Members of this Committee advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the scope, timing and content of periodic agricultural censuses, surveys of agriculture and other related industries. The committee also makes recommendations on the content of agriculture reports and represents the views and data needs of suppliers and users of agricultural statistics.

“The Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics serves a vital role to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS),” said Hubert Hamer, Executive Director of the Agricultural Statistics Board. “It is a diverse panel of experts, and we tap into their expertise and experiences to keep current with shifting data needs in the rapidly changing agricultural environment. Committee members also help keep NASS informed of emerging issues in the agriculture community that can affect our statistics activities.”

The committee, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, consists of 20 members representing a broad range of disciplines and interests including - but not limited to - agricultural producers, national farm organizations, agricultural economists, rural sociologists, farm policy analysts, educators, state agricultural organizations, and agriculture-related business and marketing experts. Members serve a staggered two-year term and can serve up to three terms for a total of 6 consecutive years. Nominations are currently being sought for six open committee seats.

“Serving on the Advisory Committee of Agriculture Statistics is a significant opportunity to bring your input and recommendations to the table, and we want to ensure those recommendations take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by all of USDA,” added Hamer. “We strongly encourage all interested individuals to apply to help represent the needs of today’s diverse agriculture industry.”

To submit a nomination, complete an AD-755 form available online at www.usda.gov/documents/OCIO_AD_755_Master_2012.pdf. The completed form must be received by the Oct. 24, 2014 deadline via the following methods:

- Email: Scan the completed form and email it to: HQSDOD@nass.usda.gov
- eFax: (855) 593-5473
- Mail: Nominations can be mailed to Hubert Hamer, Executive Director, Agricultural Statistics Board, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., South Building, Washington, DC 20250

For more details see the Federal Register notice at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-18/html/2014-22271.htm or visit the NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/About_NASS/Advisory_Committee_on_Agriculture_Statistics/index.asp.

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