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## Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics to Meet on November 8-9

**WASHINGTON, Oct. 25, 2016** –The annual meeting of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics will take place in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 8-9, 2016. The agenda includes a discussion of the 2017 Census of Agriculture; County Estimates and Farm Structure Panel update; response rate research; big data overview; National Agricultural Statistics Service’s (NASS) communications plan; a new online Census response tool; and the Agricultural Resource Management Survey and Chemical Use programs. There will also be an update on NASS by Administrator Hubert Hamer.

The meeting is open to the public and will take place at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Washington, DC headquarters 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC. There will be an opportunity for public questions and comments at 3:45 p.m. on Nov. 8th. Registration is required. To attend, please contact NASS by email: [HQOA@nass.usda.gov](mailto:HQOA@nass.usda.gov) (ACAS RSVP in subject line); Phone: 202-720-2707; or Fax: 855-493-0445.

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

[www.nass.usda.gov/About\\_NASS/Advisory\\_Committee\\_on\\_Agriculture\\_Statistics/index.php](http://www.nass.usda.gov/About_NASS/Advisory_Committee_on_Agriculture_Statistics/index.php)

For more information about the meeting see the Federal Register notice at:

[www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-21/pdf/2016-25447.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-21/pdf/2016-25447.pdf)

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