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Thirty-Day Public Comment Period on Statistical Reports Begins June 8

WASHINGTON, June 8, 2012—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting public comment now through July 9, 2012 as part of its review of release times and procedures for several major statistical reports. Due to recent changes in market hours by major commodity exchanges, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and the World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB)—the USDA entities responsible for the reports—are reviewing release times and procedures of the following statistical reports: *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, *Acreage*, *Cattle*, *Cattle on Feed*, *Crop Production*, *Grain Stocks*, *Prospective Plantings*, *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs*, and *Small Grain Summary*. The current USDA release times of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. ET will remain in effect until further notice.

To submit an official comment via the *Federal Register*, visit <http://1.usa.gov/FR-06082012>, or comment directly at www.agcounts.usda.gov/optin/136771.

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