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NASS to Collect Additional Data on Corn, Sorghum Acreage

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In response to variable weather conditions in key crop-growing regions, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is collecting updated information on 2009 acres planted to corn and sorghum prior to the August 12 *Crop Production* report.

The June 30 *Acreage* report included estimates of 2009 planted area for principal crops, based on data collected from producers in early June. To ensure that the August forecasts accurately reflect any changes in planted acreage since June, NASS will expand its routine data collection activities in late July and early August. The agency will ask growers to update their reported acres planted to corn in seven states: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Growers in Illinois and Missouri will also be asked to update their reported acres planted to sorghum.

The *Crop Production* report will be released at 8:30 a.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 12. It will be available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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