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USDA TO SURVEY CORN AND POTATO GROWERS

LAKESWOOD, CO – In September, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will begin contacting corn and potato growers to learn about their production practices during the 2016 growing season. NASS and USDA’s Economic Research Service (ERS) jointly conduct the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), which gathers data on farmers’ chemical use, pest management, and irrigation practices for these crops.

“This phase of the ARMS survey is a unique data source that demonstrates how farmers responsibly utilize fertilizer, pesticides, and conservation practices to manage their crops, and also gives farmers a voice about what they need for the future,” said NASS Mountain Region Director Bill Meyer. “The results of this survey will help agricultural leaders and decision-makers better understand how producers make decisions about chemical use, new technologies and other aspects of farming. Producers themselves can use the survey results to make irrigation and production decisions on their farm.”

ARMS serves as the primary source of information on production practices, resource use and economic well-being of America’s farm operations and farm households. Beginning in September and continuing through December 7, NASS representatives will conduct face-to-face interviews with more than 5,000 growers nationwide, including more than 200 in Mountain Region state of Colorado.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes data only in aggregate form, ensuring that no individual operation or grower can be identified.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, visit www.nass.usda.gov or call the NASS Mountain Regional Field Office at 1-800-392-3202.