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## USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service conducts hemp survey

Springfield, IL - January 2024 – USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will send the Hemp Production and Disposition Inquiry to 241 Illinois producers on January 22, 2024. This project will measure changes from NASS's 2022 Hemp Acreage and Production survey. Like the 2022 questionnaire, this year's survey will collect information on the total planted and harvested area, yield, production, and value of hemp in the United States in 2023.

"The Hemp Production and Disposition Inquiry will provide critical data about the hemp industry to assist producers, regulatory agencies, state governments, processors, and other key industry entities," said Mark Schleusener, Illinois State Statistician for USDA – NASS.

For the 2022 season, NASS estimated the total value of industrial hemp production in the United States at \$238 million, down 71 percent from 2021. Hemp production in the open was valued \$212 million, while hemp grown under protection was valued at \$26.1 million. Acres of hemp grown in the open were estimated at 28,314 planted and 18,251 harvested. Hemp grown under protection was estimated at 4.58 million square feet. These and other statistics can be found in the 2022 [National Hemp Report](#).

Survey recipients are asked to respond securely online at [agcounts.usda.gov](https://agcounts.usda.gov), by mail or fax. Those who do not respond by Jan. 31 may be contacted to arrange an interview to complete the survey.

As defined in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill), the term "hemp" means the plant species *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of that plant such as the seeds, all derivatives, and extracts with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3% on a dry weight basis. The [Domestic Hemp Production Program](#) established in the 2018 Farm Bill allows for the cultivation of hemp under certain conditions.

All information reported by individuals will be kept confidential, as required by federal law. NASS will publish the survey results April 19, 2024, on the NASS website at [nass.usda.gov](https://nass.usda.gov) and in the NASS Quick Stats database at [quickstats.nass.usda.gov](https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov). For more information about the 2023 Hemp Production and Disposition Inquiry, visit the hemp survey web page at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/hemp](https://www.nass.usda.gov/go/hemp).

For assistance with the survey, or for more information, contact the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at (800) 551-1014 or [nassrfohr@usda.gov](mailto:nassrfohr@usda.gov).

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