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USDA to Measure Small Grains Production and Grain Stocks on Hand

Baton Rouge, LA— Starting in late August, a sample of producers around the country will receive Agricultural Survey questionnaires from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The agency is taking a comprehensive look into the storage of corn and soybeans on hand.

"Grain storage is an important part of Louisiana's agriculture. It is crucial for all involved to have accurate data about this key sector of the economy," said NASS State Statistician Kathy Broussard. "We will contact more than 1,100 producers in Louisiana to gather information of the quantity of corn and soybeans stored on the farm."

Producers are encouraged to respond online at agcounts.usda.gov or return their completed surveys by mail. Producers who have not responded by Wednesday, August 30, may be contacted by a NASS representative to schedule a time to help fill out the survey.

"NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents by keeping responses confidential and publishing the data in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Broussard. "We recognize that this is a busy time for farmers and ranchers, but the information they provide becomes useful data for decision-making on the farm, for federal farm programs, and the markets. I urge them to respond to this survey and thank them for their time and cooperation."

NASS will publish state and national data in the annual *Small Grains Summary* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports on September 29 on the NASS website. All NASS reports are available at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/index.php>. For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Field Office at (800) 327-2970.

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