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## USDA TO CONDUCT SURVEY ON FARM LABOR

**Baton Rouge, LA** – Throughout October, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct its biannual Farm Labor Survey. NASS will reach out to more than 200 of Louisiana producers to accurately measure hired labor in the Delta Region.

“Farm labor is one of the most important aspects of farm businesses today,” said Becky Cross, Director of the NASS Delta Regional Office. “By responding to this survey, farmers will provide accurate farm labor data that help ensure that agriculture decision-makers have the accurate, timely information they need.”

The Farm Labor Survey has a widespread impact. USDA and the Department of Labor will use the statistics obtained from farmers to help establish minimum wage rates for agricultural workers, administer farm labor recruitment and placement service programs, and assist legislators in determining labor policies.

The survey asks participants to provide information about farm labor on their operations, including total number of hired farm workers, hours worked, and wage rates paid for the weeks of July 6-12 and October 12-18. For their convenience, survey participants will have the option to respond online or by mail.

“This is a great opportunity for all farmers who receive the survey to impact farm labor policies, both locally and on the national level, which is why I hope every farmer will take the opportunity and respond to this important survey,” said Cross.

NASS will compile, analyze and publish survey results in the *Farm Labor* report, to be released on November 20. All farm labor reports are available online at <http://bit.ly/FarmLabor>. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

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