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USDA TO SURVEY FARMERS' PLANTING INTENTIONS FOR 2021

Jackson, MS – As the 2021 crop production season begins, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact approximately 1,500 (Mississippi producers to determine their plans for the upcoming growing season.

"Each year, the agriculture industry eagerly awaits USDA's *Prospective Plantings* report, which provides the first survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' planting intentions for the year," said NASS' Mississippi State Statistician Esmerelda Dickson. "The March *Agricultural Survey* provides the factual data that underpins these projections, making it one of the most important surveys we conduct each year."

NASS will mail the survey questionnaire in February, asking producers to provide information about the types of crops they intend to plant in 2021, how many acres they intend to plant, and the amounts of grain and oilseed they store on their farms. NASS encourages producers to respond online or by mail. Those producers who do not respond by the deadline may be contacted for a telephone interview by a National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) enumerator.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Survey results will be published in the *Prospective Plantings*, quarterly *Grain Stocks*, and *Rice Stocks* reports to be released on March 31, 2021. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Field Office at (800) 327-2970.

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