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## USDA SEEKS INPUT FROM GROWERS ABOUT 2015 CROPS

**Jackson, MS** – During the first several weeks of June, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct two major mid-year surveys, the June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey. The agency will survey nearly 1,800 farmers across Mississippi to determine crop acreage and grain stocks on farms in 2015.

“Due to the widespread impact of its results, these two surveys provide the first clear indication of the potential production and supply of major commodities in the United States for the 2015 crop year,” explained Becky Cross, Director of the NASS Delta Regional Office.

NASS gathers the data for the agriculture survey online, by mail and/or by phone. For the June Area Survey, agency representatives will visit randomly selected tracts of land and interview the operators of any farm or ranch on that land. Growers will provide information on crop acreage – including biotech crops—as well as grain stocks and other items.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the annual *Acreage* report and quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released June 30, 2015. The survey data collected are also used in other NASS and USDA reports.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is kept strictly confidential, as required by federal law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

All reports are available on the NASS website: [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

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