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USDA SURVEYING CATFISH OPERATIONS

Jackson, Mississippi – In July, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey catfish operations nationwide to provide an up-to-date measure of U.S. catfish inventories and water acreage used for production.

“NASS surveys catfish producers in July to create an accurate estimate of catfish inventories in Mississippi and the Nation,” said Esmerelda Dickson, State Statistician, Mississippi State Office, Delta Region. In Mississippi, NASS will survey approximately 160 catfish farmers in July asking them to provide the total water area and inventory breakdown of its usage into subcategories (broodfish, foodsize, and fingerlings).

To make it as easy as possible for producers to participate in the survey, NASS offers the option of responding via the Internet, telephone, mail, or a personal interview with a local NASDA representative.

The *Catfish Production* report will be released on July 21, 2020 at 3:00 pm ET. This and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

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