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## USDA to Collect Data on Farmland Rental Rates

**Columbia, MO – February 19, 2019** -- Beginning in the middle of February, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service will contact Missouri farmers and ranchers to gather land rental rate information for the *Cash Rents and Leases* survey. The results of this survey will serve as a valuable decision-making tool for farmers, ranchers and other landowners and can be used for 2020 rental agreement negotiations.

"This brief survey is our only source of county cash rental rates," said Missouri State Statistician Bob Garino. "By responding, producers help the farming community and ensure USDA bases its decisions on the most accurate data."

NASS will publish average cash rental rates at national, state and county levels for non-irrigated cropland, irrigated cropland, and pastureland on September 10, 2019.

More than 10,000 of Missouri's farmers will receive the survey forms. NASS offers the option of responding online via a secure internet connection. In April, NASS representatives will begin calling and visiting landowners who have not yet responded.

"NASS combines producer responses in each county in Missouri, providing the only accurate and comprehensive estimate of average Missouri county rent and lease rates," Garino added.

For more information about the *Cash Rents and Leases* survey, call the NASS Heartland Field Office at (800) 551-1014. All NASS reports and data are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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