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NASS releases Census of Agriculture Congressional District Profiles and Rankings

May 15, 2024 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) today released the <u>Congressional District Profiles and Rankings</u> from the 2022 Census of Agriculture. This summary presents data by congressional district from the 118th Congress that includes land, farms, market value of agricultural products sold, rankings and producer characteristics.

"Congressional District profiles are very important to our elected officials as they provide important agricultural data for their district farmers and ranchers. Virtually every district in Missouri is heavily affected by the farming economy," said NASS Regional Director Brad Summa. "This information is also vitally important when congress debates programs and policies that impact the farmers in their district."

To address questions about the Congressional District Rankings and Profiles, NASS will host a live X Stat Chat @usda_nass for the public on Thursday, May 16, at 1 p.m. EDT.

NASS released the Census of Agriculture State and County Profiles on March 27. Upcoming releases include the Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Profiles on June 28; the Watersheds report on July 24; the American Indian Reservations Report on Aug. 29; and Zip Code Tabulations on Nov. 7. All these products will be available at nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2022.

Other products to be released this summer and fall include additional census highlights publications found on the NASS website at <u>www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Highlights</u>. Census of Agriculture Highlights cover topics such as information about producer demographics, commodity-specific information and more.

Data from the 2022 Census of Agriculture, collected directly from producers, found a continued decline in farms and farmland, but a significant rise in value of products sold. Another continuing trend for Missouri farms included a rise in internet access (76% compared to 72.5% in 2017). Spanning more than 6 million data points about America's farms and ranches and the people who operate them, the full ag census report can be found at <u>nass.usda.gov/AgCensus</u>. Ag census data can also be found in NASS's searchable online database, Quick Stats.

In preparation for the 2027 Census of Agriculture, NASS is already asking for <u>content change suggestions</u> and for new producers who did not receive a 2022 Census of Agriculture form last year to <u>sign up to be counted</u> in future censuses and surveys. Both forms can be found at <u>nass.usda.gov</u>.

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