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USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service to Conduct Hemp Survey

LINCOLN, Neb. January 09, 2024 – USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will mail the 2023 Hemp Production and Disposition Inquiry to Nebraska producers on January 22. The survey will collect information on the total planted and harvested area, yield, production, and value of hemp in the United States in 2023.

"The Hemp Production and Disposition Inquiry will provide critical data about the hemp industry to assist producers, regulatory agencies, state governments, processors, and other key industry entities," said Nicholas Streff, Director of the NASS Northern Plains Field Office.

NASS estimated the total value of hemp production nationally at \$238 million in 2022. Planted area for industrial hemp grown in the open for all utilizations in the United States totaled 28,314 acres. Area harvested for all utilizations totaled 18,251 acres. These and other statistics can be found in the 2022 *National Hemp Report*.

Survey recipients are asked to respond securely online at <u>agcounts.usda.gov</u>, by mail or fax. Those who do not respond by January 31 may be contacted to arrange an interview to complete the survey.

As defined in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill), the term "hemp" means the plant species Cannabis sativa L. and any part of that plant such as the seeds, all derivatives, and extracts with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3% on a dry weight basis. The <u>Domestic Hemp Production Program</u> established in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 allows for the cultivation of hemp under certain conditions.

All information reported by individuals will be kept confidential, as required by federal law. The *National Hemp Report* will publish on April 17, and will be available on the NASS website at <u>nass.usda.gov</u> and in the NASS Quick Stats database at <u>quickstats.nass.usda.gov</u>. For more information about the 2023 Hemp Production and Disposition Inquiry, visit the hemp survey web page at <u>www.nass.usda.gov/go/hemp</u>. For assistance with the survey, producers are encouraged to call the NASS Nebraska Field Office at (800) 582-6443.

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