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USDA to Survey Cattle Operations

Harrisburg, PA – In July, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey cattle operations nationwide to provide an up-to-date measure of U.S. cattle inventories.

“This information helps producers make timely, informed business decisions and plan for herd expansion or reduction. It also helps packers and government leaders evaluate expected slaughter volume for future months and determine potential supplies for export,” explained King Whetstone, director of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office. “Obtaining the current count of cattle will serve as an important decision-making tool for the entire agricultural industry,” stated Whetstone.

During the first two weeks of July, Northeastern regional producers will have the opportunity to report their beef and dairy cattle inventories, calf crop, death loss and cattle on feed information. To make it as convenient as possible for producers to participate in the survey, NASS offers the option of responding online, by mail, over the phone or a personal interview with a local NASS representative.

“At NASS we have a strong commitment to respondent confidentiality,” Whetstone said. “We are required by law to protect the privacy of all responses and publish data only in aggregate form, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified.”

The July *Cattle* report will be released on July 19, 2019. This and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at 1-800-498-1518.

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