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USDA to Conduct Annual Potato Processing Survey

HARRISBURG, PA – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is encouraging potato producers and agribusinesses to respond to the annual Potato Processing Survey.

Potato processors make up a significant share of the United States economy. In recent years, the majority of potatoes grown within the U.S. were utilized for processing, and most potato exports consisted of processed potatoes. The results of this survey will be used to establish final USDA statistics about 2020 potato crop processing for official processing states. Data collected includes the total quantity of potatoes processed as chips, frozen French fries, other frozen, starch, flour, other dehydrated potatoes, canned potatoes, and other potato products.

NASS gathers the data for the survey online, by mail, and by phone currently. "The cooperation of potato industry is crucial to ensure that each state's potato processing data is accurately represented in national potato statistics." explained King Whetstone, regional director of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office. "NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only State and National level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Whetstone.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in the September 28, 2021 annual *Potatoes* publication. The publication will be available on the USDA-NASS website at https://www.nass.usda.gov/.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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