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USDA to measure fruit, cranberry, and berry production

HARRISBURG, PA – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct its end of season surveys for the 2024 non-citrus tree fruit, cranberry, and berry production. The surveys will collect information about acres, production, and prices from more than 2,500 growers in the northeastern region of the United States.

“The information from these surveys directly impacts our regions’ fruit, berry, and cranberry growers in many positive ways,” said Charles Butler, acting director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. “Growers can use the survey results when making business plans and marketing decisions. USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) relies on the average yields and prices to administer farm programs. Cooperative Extension uses the data to provide needed outreach and education, and state departments and agencies of agriculture use the information to aid growers,” added Butler.

In these surveys, NASS asks participants to answer a variety of questions about apples, blueberries (wild and tame), cranberries, raspberries, strawberries, cherries (tart), peaches, and pears, depending on state and version of the questionnaire. For their convenience, survey participants have the option to respond online. As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential as required by law. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses and publishes only state and national level data, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified.

NASS will publish the survey results in the annual *Non-citrus Fruit and Nuts* report on May 7, 2024. All NASS reports are available online at nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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