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## USDA to Survey Maryland and New Jersey Potato Growers

**HARRISBURG, PA** – Beginning in late November, the Northeastern Regional Field Office of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be conducting the annual *Summer Potato Production, Disposition and Income Survey*. The results of this survey will be used to establish final USDA statistics for the 2018 summer potato crop, including planted and harvested acreage, production and yield, utilization, and price data.

NASS gathers the data for the survey online, by mail, and through phone and in-person interviews. “The cooperation of potato farmers is crucial to ensure that your state’s potato crop is accurately represented in national potato production statistics.” explained King Whetstone, director of the NASS 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 on January 11, 2019 in the *Crops Production* publication, as well as the *Potato 2018 Summary* due for release in September 2019. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at 1-800-498-1518.

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