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USDA/NASS to Conduct Annual Mushroom Survey

HARRISBURG, PA, May 21, 2015 - USDA/NASS is again conducting the Mushroom Inquiry to document the past growing year. All mushroom growers will be contacted about growing area, production, and value of sales for the growing year of 2014 to 2015, as well as growing intentions for the coming year. Growers should receive a questionnaire in mid-June. If you do not receive a questionnaire, please contact the Northeastern Regional Field Office of USDA/NASS at 800-498-1518. Those not responding by mail will be contacted either by phone or in person during early July.

It is important that all mushroom growers participate in the Mushroom Inquiry so that accurate statistics on the mushroom industry are published. Mushroom statistics are used to help support the industry in many ways. All individual operation information is kept confidential and protected from freedom of information act requests.

Agaricus mushroom volume of sales totaled 882 million pounds during the 2013-2014 growing season, up 1 percent from the previous year. Pennsylvania accounted for 65 percent of the total volume of sales. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$1.05 billion dollars, up 1 percent from the 2012-2013 season. In Pennsylvania, the Agaricus crop was valued at \$539.7 million where growers received on average, 94.4 cents per pound for all Agaricus mushroom sales, up 1.1 cents from the previous year.

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in the U.S. during 2013-2014 totaled \$65.7 million, up less than 1 percent from the 2012-2013 season. A specialty grower is defined as having at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and \$200 or more in sales. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$3.70, was up 19 cents from the previous season.

These figures were taken from the 2014 U.S. Department of Agriculture's, National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS) Mushrooms release. The entire report is available via the internet at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. This year's survey results will be available on August 20, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.

The complete Mushrooms release and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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