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USDA to Survey New York Onion Growers

HARRISBURG, PA – During November 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct its biannual *Onion Grower Inquiry*. NASS will reach out to more than 100 New York onion growers in order to gather information for the November Onion Grower Inquiry.

The survey will collect information on acreage, production, and value of the 2016 summer dray onion crop. NASS will compile, analyze and publish the survey results in the Annual Vegetable Report, to be released in January 2017.

“Participating in this survey is a convenient and effective way for farmers to analyze and compare the different practices of production, acreage and values within their own communities, as well as at the National level. Data from the survey will benefit farmers, processors, and agribusinesses, by providing timely and accurate information to help them make crucial business decisions for the next growing and marketing season. Furthermore, policymakers use these statistical reports to update their understanding and to make decisions, I encourage farmers to take advantage of this opportunity to help by providing accurate data,” said King Whetstone, USDA/NASS Northeastern Regional Director.

The November Onion Grower Inquiry will be available online for sampled respondents starting November 1st, 2016. This database and all NASS reports are available on the agency’s website: www.nass.usda.gov. As with all NASS surveys, information provided by the respondents is confidential, as required by Federal Law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at 1-800-498-1518.

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