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USDA SEEKS FEEDBACK FROM GROWERS ABOUT 2016 CROPS, STOCKS, INVENTORIES, VALUES

HARRISBURG, PA – During the next several weeks, U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct two major mid-year surveys, the June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey. The agency will survey nearly 10,000 operators across the Northeastern Region to determine crop production and supplies levels in 2016.

“Due to the widespread and significant impact of its results, the June Agricultural Survey, also known as the Crops/Stocks Survey, and the June Area Survey, are two of the most important and well-known surveys NASS conducts,” explained King Whetstone, Director of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office. “When growers respond to the June Agricultural Survey, they provide essential information that helps us determine the prospective production and supply of major commodities in the United States and this region for the 2016 crop year. Everyone who relies on agriculture for their livelihoods is interested in the results.”

NASS gathers the data for the June Agriculture Survey online, by mail, phone and in-person interview. For the June Area Survey, agency representatives visit randomly selected tracts of land and interview the operators of any farm or ranch on that land. Growers provide information on crop acreage – including biotech crops—as well as grain stocks, livestock inventory, cash rents, land values, and value of sales.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the annual *Acreage* report and quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released June 30, 2016. Survey data contribute to NASS’s monthly and annual *Crop Production* reports, as well as the annual *Small Grains Summary* and USDA’s monthly *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*.

“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. “We recognize this is a hectic time for farmers and ranchers, but the information they provide helps U.S. agriculture remain viable and capable. I urge them to respond to these surveys and thank them for their cooperation,” said King Whetstone.

All reports are available on the NASS website: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications>.

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

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