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## North Carolina producers still have time to respond to USDA's hemp survey

Raleigh, NC – February 13, 2023 – It is not too late to respond to the <u>2022 Hemp Production and Disposition Inquiry</u>, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). NASS will accept responses through March 8, 2023. The survey collects information on the acreage, yield, production, price, and value of hemp in the United States.

If a survey recipient is not a current hemp producer, NASS encourages them to respond to the questions at the beginning of the questionnaire to ensure NASS does not contact them regarding hemp in the future.

"Every response matters to ensure we have accurate data needed to inform decisions about the hemp industry," Dee Webb, NASS NC Statistician. "This critical survey data could influence producers' decisions about growing and selling hemp as well as policy decisions that impact them."

NASS has begun phone follow-up with survey recipients. Producers can complete their survey through phone interview, securely online at <a href="https://www.agcounts.usda.gov">www.agcounts.usda.gov</a>, by mail or fax.

All information reported by individuals will be kept confidential, as required by federal law. Survey data will be released April 19, 2023, on the NASS website at <a href="nass.usda.gov">nass.usda.gov</a> and in NASS's Quick Stats database at <a href="quickstats.nass.usda.gov">quickstats.nass.usda.gov</a>. For more information about the hemp survey, visit <a href="nass.usda.gov/go/hemp">nass.usda.gov/go/hemp</a>. For assistance with the survey, producers are encouraged to call the NASS NC field office at (919) 733-6333.

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