



# News Release

## USDA TO COLLECT FINAL 2020 CROP PRODUCTION AND STOCKS DATA

As the 2020 growing season officially comes to an end, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact producers nationwide to gather final year-end crop production numbers and the amount of grains and oilseeds they store on their farms. At the same time, NASS will survey commercial storage facility operators to determine year-end grain and oilseed stocks.

"These surveys are the largest and most important year-end surveys conducted by NASS," explained NASS's Ohio State Statistician Cheryl Turner. "They are the basis for the official USDA estimates of production and harvested acres of all major agricultural commodities in the United States and year-end grain and oilseed supplies. Data from the survey will benefit farmers and processors by providing timely and accurate information to help them make critical year-end business decisions and begin planning for the next growing and marketing season."

NASS will analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the *Crop Production Annual Summary* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports, both to be released Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

"Responses to the producer survey will also be used in the NASS County Estimate program," explained Turner. "County yield estimates resulting from this survey will be used by USDA for various programs, including those administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency. This is the one opportunity to be included in the calculation of Ohio county yields."

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by 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. These and all NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Great Lakes Regional Field Office at (800) 453-7501.

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