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USDA SEEKS FEEDBACK FROM GROWERS ABOUT 2016 CROPS

AUSTIN, TX – During the next several weeks, the 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 thousands of farmers and ranchers across Oklahoma and Texas to get a clear indication of the production and supply of major commodities for 2016.

“Due to the widespread and significant impact of its results, the June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey, are two of the most important and well-known surveys NASS conducts,” explained Wilbert Hundl, Jr, director of the NASS Southern Plains Regional Field Office. “Everyone who relies on agriculture for their livelihoods is interested in the results. For instance, producers rely on the survey results to make production, marketing, and investment decisions.”

NASS gathers the data for the June Agriculture Survey by mail, phone, in-person interview, or by secure internet self-reporting. For the June Area Survey, agency representatives visit randomly selected tracts of land and interview the operators of any farm or ranch within each selected land tract. Operators will be asked to provide information on crop acreage, 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.

“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 Hundl. “We recognize this is a hectic time for farmers and ranchers, but the information they provide helps U.S. agriculture remain viable and capable.” said Hundl.

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 Southern Plains Regional Field Office at 800-626-3142.

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