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USDA to measure aquaculture production in Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG, PA -- February 28, 2022-- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be collecting information about aquaculture production in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Aquaculture Census survey will be conducted during March and April 2022. This survey collects information about production and sales of fish, crustaceans, mollusks, and other invertebrates from over 100 producers in Pennsylvania.

"The information from this survey will directly impact the aquaculture industry in Pennsylvania," said King Whetstone, director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. "Producers can use the survey results when making business plans and marketing decisions. Cooperative extensions use the data to provide needed outreach and education, and state departments and agencies of agriculture use the information to better understand the industry in Pennsylvania," added Whetstone.

Response to this census by producers is required by Pennsylvania law per section 4217 of the Agriculture Act of 1998. NASS will mail the questionnaires to all producers selected for the surveys in early March. To ensure all survey participants have an opportunity to respond, NASS interviewers will contact producers who do not respond by mail to conduct telephone interviews. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

The Pennsylvania aquaculture census results will be combined with the results of the annual trout survey and published online during May of 2022. All NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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