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## USDA TO SURVEY CORN PRODUCERS

[ATHENS, GA] – In October, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will begin contacting corn growers to learn about their production practices during the 2016 growing season for the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). NASS and USDA’s Economic Research Service (ERS) jointly conduct this three-phase survey, the second phase of which gathers data on farmers’ chemical use, pest management and irrigation practices for these crops.

ARMS, which is conducted in three separate phases during the growing season, serves as the primary source of information on production practices, resource use and economic well-being of America’s farm operations and farm households. During the second phase of ARMS, NASS will collect information only through personal interviewing. Trained representatives will conduct face-to-face interviews with approximately 4,200 corn growers nationwide, including 150 in Georgia, beginning in October and continuing through mid-November.

“Interviewers will ask all growers to provide information on their fertilizer or nutrient use and biocontrol or pesticide use, and their pest management and irrigation practices,” said NASS Southern Region Field Office director Jim Ewing. “Early next year, we will follow up with some participants to obtain additional economic and cost of production data.”

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes data only in aggregate form, ensuring that no individual operation or grower can be identified.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) or call the NASS Southern Region Field Office at 1-800-253-4419.

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