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USDA seeks feedback from producers about 2020 crops and stocks

ATHENS, GA – During the next several weeks, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the June Agricultural Survey. The agency will contact nearly 5,000 producers across Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina to determine crop acreage and stock levels as of June 1, 2020.

“The June Agricultural Survey is a critical survey of commodities for the 2020 growing season,” said Anthony Prillaman, Director of the NASS Southern Regional Office. “When growers respond to this survey, they provide essential information that helps determine the expected acreage and supply of major commodities in the United States for the 2020 crop year. Results from this survey are used by farmers and ranchers, USDA, businesses, exporters, researchers, economists, policymakers, and others who use the survey information in making a wide range of decisions that benefit the producer.”

Producers can respond to the June Agricultural Survey by mail or over the phone, but are encouraged to respond online. Responding on-line is convenient, fast, and secure and means little to no additional outreach is needed during this time of social distancing. Producers will be asked to provide information on planted and harvested acreage, including acreage for biotech crops, and grain stocks.

“NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents by keeping all individual information confidential, and publishing the data in aggregate form only to ensure that no operation or producer can be identified,” said Prillaman. “We recognize that this is a hectic time for farmers, but the information they provide helps U.S. agriculture. I urge them to respond to the June Agricultural Survey and thank them for their cooperation.”

NASS will analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the annual *Acreage* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports, to be released Tuesday, June 30, 2020. The survey data also contribute to NASS’ monthly and annual *Crop Production* reports, and USDA’s monthly *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*.

These and all NASS reports are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS Southern Region Field Office at (800)253-4419.

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