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USDA TO SURVEY FARMERS' PLANTING INTENTIONS FOR 2021

ATHENS, GA – As the 2021 crop production season begins, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact producers nationwide to determine their plans for the upcoming growing season.

"Each year, the agriculture industry awaits USDA's *Prospective Plantings* report, which provides the first survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' planting intentions for the year," explained NASS Southern Regional Director Anthony Prillaman. "The March Agricultural Survey provides the factual data that underpins these projections, making it one of the most important surveys we conduct each year."

NASS will mail the survey questionnaire in late February, asking producers to provide information about the crops they intend to plant in 2021, how many acres they intend to plant, and the amounts of grain and oilseed they have stored on their farms. NASS encourages producers to respond online or by mail. Those producers who do not respond by the deadline may be contacted for a telephone interview.

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.

Survey results will be published in the *Prospective Plantings* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* report to be released on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call the NASS Southern Regional Office at (800) 253-4419.

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