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### USDA MEASURES TEXAS VEGETABLE CHEMICAL USAGE

AUSTIN, TX – Beginning in October, representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will visit vegetable growers in 19 states, including Texas, to gather information for the Vegetable Chemical Use Survey. In Texas, the survey will collect information on pesticides usage, acreage treated and rates applied to eight vegetable crops. “The data collected is essential to ensuring that factual information is available for the re-registration of chemical products that agricultural producers rely on every year,” said Wilbert Hundl Jr., Director of the Southern Plains Regional Field Office.

Questions about vegetable growers’ pest management and microbial food safety practices will be surveyed. The resulting State level estimates may help address water quality, food safety and pest management issues by presenting factual information on vegetable production practices used by policy makers, agricultural producers and researchers.

The report will be published on the NASS website: [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) and the data available in the on-line *Quick Stats* database in July 2017. For more information, call Rebecca Baillie in the Southern Plains Regional Field Office (800) 626-3142.

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