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NASS Southern Plains Region announces 2023 Enumerator of the Year

AUSTIN, TEXAS – March 14, 2024 – USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Southern Plains Region named [Sherman Clem](#) the Enumerator of the Year for 2023. Clem received the award because of his exceptional dedication to the NASS mission of providing timely, accurate and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.

“Without a doubt, Sherman Clem more than deserves the **2023 Enumerator of the Year** for the Southern Plains Region,” said Wilbert Hundl, Jr., regional director of the NASS Southern Plains Region Field Office. “In all projects, from the complex to the urgent, Sherman Clem continually demonstrates excellence in teamwork, data collection, and strengthening respondent relations.”

Clem began his career in agriculture 51 years ago working for the Texas Department of Agriculture. His unrelenting work ethic has been outstanding as he completes assignments ahead of time and creates a high success rate. Clem has built a good working relationship with the agriculture community. In 2011, Clem started with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) as a NASS enumerator, partnering with agricultural producers to provide quality statistical data.

An enumerator is a person trained to conduct interviews or make field counts and record the information gathered. NASDA and NASS partner to hire enumerators under a cooperative agreement to serve the United States, its agricultural producers, and rural communities.

Under the cooperative agreement, NASDA employs over 2,000 part-time enumerators who collect statistical data for NASS agricultural surveys. The cooperative agreement began in 1972. NASDA and NASS have operated this cooperative program continuously in all 50 states since 1978.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, visit www.nass.usda.gov or call the NASS Southern Plains Region Field Office at 1-800-626-3142.

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