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USDA seeks feedback from producers about crops and stocks

CHARLESTON, WV – Beginning this weekend, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be conducting the June Agricultural Survey. The agency will contact nearly 600 producers across West Virginia 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 Charmaine Wilson, West Virginia state statistician. “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, USDA, businesses, exporters, economists, policymakers, and others who use the survey information in making a wide range of decisions that benefit the producer.”

Growers can respond to the June Agricultural Survey online, by phone, or mail. They will be asked to provide information on planted and harvested acreage, and grain stocks.

“We recognize that this is a hectic time for farmers, but the information they provide helps U.S. agriculture remain viable and capable,” said Wilson. “I urge them to respond to the June Agricultural survey and thank them for their cooperation.” 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.

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

These and all NASS reports are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS West Virginia Field Office at (800) 535-7088.

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