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## USDA TO MEASURE AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUES

Concord, NH - Agricultural land values are one of the major indicators of the financial health of the agricultural sector. The value of land and buildings owned accounts for 75 percent of all farm assets. Accurate land values are necessary for Congressional deliberations on farm programs, for lending agencies, and for individual producers to determine their net worth.

The increase in farm real estate values continues to be driven by a combination of mostly nonagricultural factors, including relative low interest rates and strong demand for nonagricultural land uses. Demand for farm real estate as an investment continues to be a strong market influence.

Agricultural producers in New England will be asked for their help on this important project this winter. The 2009 Agricultural Land Values Survey will be conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) during January and February of 2009. Land value data will be combined with information collected during the 2009 June Agricultural Survey, also conducted by NASS.

NASS safeguard the confidentiality of all survey responses. Data collected from individual operations are combined with other responses to provide the needed data. We will not disclose any data about an individual operation.

NASS will publish the *2009 Land Values and Cash Rents Report* with State and national estimates in August 2009. This and all NASS reports are available online at: [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS New England Field Office at 800-224-9639.