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USDA TO MEASURE AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUES

Concord, NH - Agricultural producers in New England will be asked to help with an important project this winter. The 2010 Agricultural Land Values Survey will be conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) during January and February of 2010. Land value data will be combined with information collected during the 2010 June Agricultural Survey, also conducted by NASS.

"Green Space is an important issue in New England," explained Gary Keough, director of the NASS New England Field Office. "Programs that promote land preservation need accurate land values. This information is also needed for Federal and State deliberations on farm programs, for lending agencies, and for individual producers to determine their net worth."

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified.

NASS will publish the *2010 Land Values and Cash Rents Report* with State and national estimates in August 2010. This and all NASS reports are available online at: www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS New England Field Office at 800-642-9571.