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USDA to survey farmers' planting intentions for 2022

SACRAMENTO, CA, February 7, 2022 – As the 2022 crop production season begins, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact producers nationwide to determine their plans for the upcoming growing season.

"Each year, the agriculture industry anticipates USDA's Prospective Plantings report, which provides the first survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' planting intentions for the year," said Gary R. Keough, NASS Pacific Regional Director. "The March Agricultural Survey provides the factual data that underpins these projections, making it one of the most important surveys we conduct each year." NASS will mail the survey to producers in February, asking producers to provide information about the types of crops they intend to plant in 2022, how many acres they intend to plant, and the amounts of grain and oilseed they store on their farms. Producers can respond online at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail. Those who do not respond by February 26 may be contacted for an interview.

"Responses to the producer survey will also be included in the County Agricultural Production Survey and used in calculating county yields," explained Keough. "Farmers who receive this survey are not included in the County Agricultural Production Survey; therefore this is their only opportunity to be included in the calculation of California county yields."

In accordance with federal law, NASS keeps responses confidential and publishes data in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Survey results will be published in the Prospective Plantings and quarterly Grain Stocks reports on March 31, 2022. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information call the NASS Pacific Regional Field Office at 1-800-851-1127.

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