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## USDA begins to survey farmers' yield estimates in 2022

SACRAMENTO, CA, April 15, 2022 – As the 2022 crop season moves forward, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact producers nationwide to determine acreage, yield, and production estimates throughout the growing season.

"Each year, the agriculture industry anticipates USDA's Crop Production reports, which provides monthly survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' yields throughout the year," said Gary R. Keough, NASS Pacific Regional Director. "The May Agricultural Yield Survey provides the first indications of how farmers are doing." NASS will mail the survey to producers in April, asking producers to provide information about the types of crops they planted in 2022, how many acres they planted, and the anticipated yields on their farms. Producers can respond online at <a href="www.agcounts.usda.gov">www.agcounts.usda.gov</a> or by mail. Those who do not respond by April 29 may be contacted for an interview.

"Farmers reporting acreage of at least one commodity of interest are included in the monthly data collection to forecast crop yields," explained Keough.

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 Crop Production report on May 12, 2022. These and all NASS reports are available online at <a href="https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications">www.nass.usda.gov/Publications</a>. For more information call the NASS Pacific Regional Field Office at 1-800-851-1127.

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