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USDA to Survey County Small Grains Acreage

Jackson, MS – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey producers in 32 states, including Mississippi, for its 2023 Small Grains County Agricultural Production Survey (CAPS). The survey will collect information on total acres planted and harvested as well as yield and production of small grains crops down to the county level. CAPS will provide the data needed to estimate acreage and production of selected crops such as barley, oats, and wheat in the United States.

“The data provided will help federal and state programs support the farmer,” said Mississippi State Statistician Esmerelda Dickson. “I hope every producer understands the importance of these data and will take the time to respond if they receive this survey. Producers can lose out when there are no data to determine accurate rates for loans, disaster payments, crop insurance price elections and more. When enough producers do not respond to surveys, NASS is not able to publish data at the county level. Without data, agencies such as USDA’s Risk Management Agency or Farm Service Agency do not have information on which to base the programs that serve those same producers.”

You are encouraged to respond online at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail. Alternatively, within the next few weeks, NASDA representatives will contact selected Mississippi growers to arrange telephone or personal interviews to complete the survey.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law.

The CAPS data will be published in NASS’s Quick Stats database (quickstats.nass.usda.gov) at 3:00 p.m. ET on Friday, December 15, 2023. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Delta Regional Field Office at (800) 327-2970.

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