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USDA to Survey Farmers' Planting Intentions for 2024

Jackson, Mississippi – As the 2024 crop production season begins, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact farmers 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 NASS Mississippi State Statistician Esmerelda Dickson. “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 approximately 1,400 Mississippi farmers on February 20, asking them to provide information about how many acres and the types of crops that they intend to plant in 2024 as well as the amounts of grain and oilseed that they store on their farms. Farmers can respond online at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail. Those who do not respond by February 28 may be emailed a reminder or contacted for an interview by a National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) representative.

In accordance with federal law, NASS keeps responses confidential and publishes data in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or farmer can be identified. The data will be published in the *Prospective Plantings* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports on March 28, 2024. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Field Office at (800) 327-2970.

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