

Agricultural Chemical Usage

2006 Dairy Cattle & Dairy Facilities

By Adam W. Pike

The agricultural chemical use estimates in this report are based on data compiled from the 2007 General Dairy Management Survey. This survey was a cooperative project between the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and the National Animal Health Monitoring System within the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The 17 Program States in the survey account for approximately 91 percent of the milk cow inventory in the United States, based on the January 2007 Milk Production release published by the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA-NASS). This report provides insecticide use information during 2006 on dairy cattle and dairy facilities in the following States: California, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

- Highlights -

Dairy Cattle: Agricultural producers applied a total of 174,000 pounds of insecticides to dairy cattle during 2006 in the 17 States surveyed. The insecticides most commonly used on dairy cattle during 2006 were Piperonyl butoxide, at 44,800 pounds, followed by Permethrin, at 42,300 pounds. Tetrachlorvinphos (Z-isomer) was the third most commonly used active ingredient, with 37,600 total pounds used during 2006 in the States surveyed. These three active ingredients accounted for 72 percent of the total pounds of active ingredients applied to dairy cattle. Of the total chemical applications made to dairy cattle during 2006 in the 17 selected States, 58 percent were made as pour-on applications, 28 percent were made using a sprayer, and 4 percent used dust bags or hand dusters. Ear tags, rubbing devices, and various other methods of application accounted for the remaining 10 percent of applications made to dairy cattle. Of the total chemical applications made to dairy cattle during 2006 in the 17 Program States, 59 percent of the applications were to control flies, 23 percent for lice, and 9 percent were for mange/mites. All other pests accounted for the remaining 9 percent.

Piperonyl butoxide – PBO-8 (EC), Pyrenone 25-5 Pyrethrins 5% Spray, Pyrocide fogging Concentrate, Pyrenone General Purpose, DeLice Pour-On (Synergized), Purina Insecticide Mist, Purina Fly-A-Rest, Permethrin Plus, Python Ear Tags, Excalibur Ear Tag, Saber Extra Ear Tag, Farnam Wipe Citronella Spray II, Dy Fly Dairy Aerosol, LD-44Z Farm Insect Fogger, Heartland Farm and Dairy Insecticide, Farnam Wipe Fly Repellent, Cutter Blue Ear Tag, Permethrin CD Pour-On (aka Buzz Off), Repel-X RTU, CB-80 Insecticide, Fly Spray (generic), CB- 38 Insecticide, CB Farm Dairy Insect Fogger, C-Em-Die, Py-Vona Stock Fly Spray, Max-Con Ear Tags, CB-40 Insecticide, CT 511, Pyrethrin Plus Spray with Vapona, C-Em-Die II, Tox-OWik Insecticide, Prozap VIP Insect Spray, Synergized Pour-On, Genie Fogger X Insect Killer, Dairy Cattle Spray, Moorman's Fly Spray, Pyrenone Multi-Purpose Knockout Spray, CV-80D Country Vet Farm & Dairy Spray, CV-40 Country Vet Farm & Home Insecticide, Back Side Plus, Kent/ Opticare Dairy Aerosol, Ultra Boss Pour-On Dairy Aerosol, Ultra Boss Pour-On Insecticide, Revenge Farm & Home Fly Bomb Insect Fogger, Super Kill IBA aka Livestock Fogging Spray, CB Purge I Timed Mist, Konk Too Flying Insect Killer, Fly-A-Rest Aerosol II, Dairy Aerosol Insect Spray, Durasect II, Cessco 7 C, Dy-Fly I Livestock Spray, Heartland Auto-Mist 3 Insect Killer, CT-75 Aerosol Insecticide, Fly Foil Spray

Permethrin - Arctic 3.2 EC, Permethrin 3.2 EC, Evercide Permethrin Permethrin 10% EC, Permethrin 10 EWC, Atroban (11% EC, Atroban 25% WP, DeLice Pour-On, Delice Pour-On (Synergized), Ectiban D (25%), Ectiban EC, Ectiban WP (25%), Expar 11EC, Expar 1%, Hard Hitter 5.7% EC, Insectaban EC, Insectrin EC, Insectrin WP (25%), GardStar Plus Ear Tags, New Z Permethrin Ear Tag, Permethrin Fly and Louse Dust, Permethrin II 10% EC, Permethrin 25% WP, Permethrin Plus, Durasect, Brute Pour-on for Cattle, Permethrin CD Pour-On(aka Buzz Off), Repel-X RTU, Permethrin 20 MEC Spray, 5% Permethrin Pour-on, 0.25% Permethrin Dust, Raid Wasp and Hornet Killer 13, Synergized Pour-On, Unicom Backup Pour-On, Atroban 42.5% EC, Gardstar 40% EC, Genie Fogger X Insect Killer, MEC Permethrin Premise Spray, Back Side, Boss Pour-

On, Backrubber Oil, Dragnet, Permethrin Insecticide Spray, Zema 35-Day Dip, Permethrin 10% WB Multipurpose Concentration, CT Backrubber Oil, Back Side Plus, Ultra Boss Pour-On Insecticide, Kattleguard 1% Permethrin Insecticide, Permethrin Livestock & Premise Spray, Hard Hitter 5.7% Insecticide, Prozap Insectrin Dust, Durasect II, Permethrin 3.2 SFR

Tetrachlorvinphos (Z-isomer) - Rabon 3 Livestock Dust, Ravap Livestock Spray EC, Oral Larvacide 97.3%, Rabon 7.76 Oral Larvacide Premix, Mineral Block w/ Rabon

Dairy Facilities: In the 17 Program States surveyed, a total of 149,100 pounds of insecticide were applied to dairy cattle facilities in 2006. Imidacloprid had the highest total quantity used at 27,500 pounds. Cyfluthrin had the second highest quantity used at 25,300 pounds followed by Piperonyl butoxide at 22,700 pounds. These three active ingredients accounted for 51 percent of the total pounds of active ingredients applied to dairy cattle facilities. Of the total chemical applications made to dairy facilities in the 17 Program States in 2006, 24 percent were made to the milking parlor, 18 percent were made to tie stall/stanchion, 17 percent were made to freestall barns, 13 percent to calf hutches, and 9 percent to individual or multi-pen.

Imidacloprid – QuickBayt Fly Bait

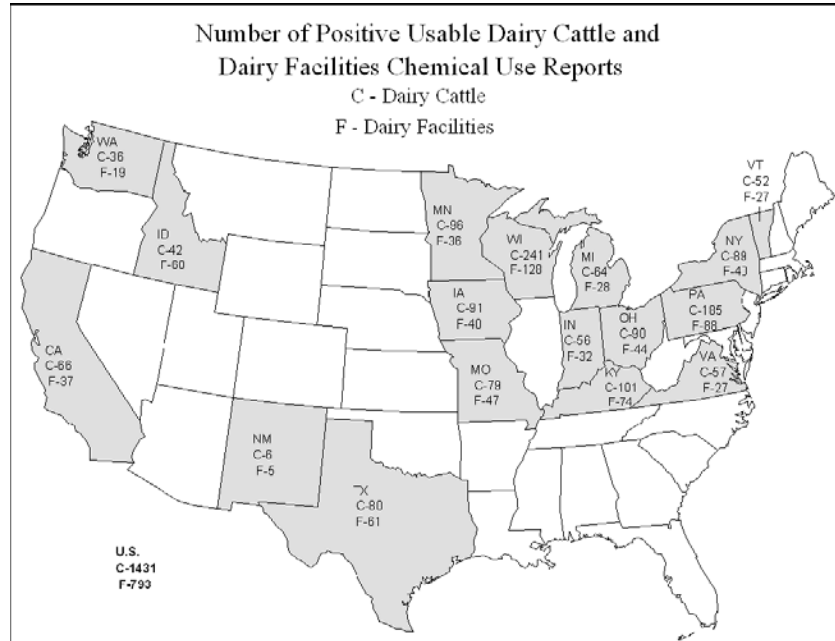
Cyfluthrin – Tempo 20 WP, Countdown WP Premise Insecticide, Tempo2, Temp 2% Dust, Countdown EC Premise, Temp SC Ultra, CyLence Pour-On, Prozap CyLence Animal Insecticide Dust

Piperonyl butoxide (previously mentioned)

Dairy Cattle & Dairy Cattle Facilities: Agricultural Chemical Use
Total Amount Applied, Program States and Total, 2006

| State | Total Applied | |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Cattle | Facilities |
| | 1,000 Pounds | 1,000 Pounds |
| CA | 10.0 | 7.4 |
| ID | 6.7 | 8.1 |
| IN | 8.8 | 7.8 |
| IA | 5.3 | 14.8 |
| KY | 2.2 | 1.3 |
| MI | 4.9 | 2.9 |
| MN | 10.8 | 12.5 |
| MO | 3.9 | 7.0 |
| NM | 9.1 | 0.3 |
| NY | 7.9 | 10.2 |
| OH | 5.2 | 1.6 |
| PA | 14.8 | 16.0 |
| TX | 19.7 | 34.8 |
| VT | 20.1 | 1.0 |
| VA | 10.8 | 1.0 |
| WA | 8.8 | 1.9 |
| WI | 24.9 | 20.5 |
| Total | 174.0 | 149.1 |

In the 17 States surveyed, there were 1,431 reports summarized for chemicals applied directly to dairy cattle and 793 reports summarized for chemicals applied to dairy facilities.



Dairy Cattle: Agricultural Chemical Use Pennsylvania, 2006

| Agricultural Chemical | Rate per Head per Application Grams | Rate Per Head per Year Grams | Total Applied 1,000 Pounds |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Insecticides: | | | |
| Coumaphos | (¹) | 0.3 | * |
| Cyfluthrin | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Dichlorvos | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| Eprinomectin | 7.4 | 11.8 | 1.9 |
| Moxidectin | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Permethrin | 1.8 | 8.7 | 3.6 |
| Piperonyl butoxide | 0.3 | 4.2 | 1.1 |
| Pyrethrins | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.2 |
| Tetrachlorvinphos (Z-isomer) | 5.5 | 240.6 | 7.7 |

Table represents only those states data was collected for.

* Total applied less than 50 pounds

¹ Rate per head less than .05 grams

Dairy Cattle Facilities: Agricultural Chemical Use, Pennsylvania, 2006

| Agricultural Chemical | Total Applied 1,000 Pounds |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Insecticides: | |
| Cyfluthrin | 0.1 |
| Dichlorvos | 0.1 |
| Dimethoate | 1.5 |
| Esfenvalerate | 3.5 |
| Imidacloprid | 0.3 |
| Lambda-cyhalothrin | 3.0 |
| Methomyl | 0.1 |
| Octacide-264 | * |
| Permethrin | 1.2 |
| Piperonyl butoxide | 1.8 |
| Pyrethrins | * |
| Pyriproxyfen | * |
| Tricosene | 0.1 |

Table represents only those states data was collected for.

* Total applied less than 50 pounds

Agricultural Chemical Usage

2006 Swine & Swine Facilities

By Adam W. Pike

The agricultural chemical use estimates in this report are based on data compiled from a survey conducted in the summer of 2006 in 17 Program States, which contain approximately 94 percent of the U.S. hog inventory. The Program States are the 17 States published individually in the *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* report: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, **Pennsylvania**, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin. This report provides insecticide use information on the swine sector of agriculture. All data refer to the on-farm use of active ingredients contained in insecticides applied during the 2005 calendar year.

- Highlight -

Swine: Agricultural producers applied 22,856 pounds of insecticides to hogs and pigs in the 17 Program States in 2005. Phosmet, at 12,154 pounds, was the top active ingredient used on swine with respect to total quantity used, followed by Malathion at 5,415 pounds, and Tetrachlorvinphos (Z-isomer) at 3,224 pounds. These three active ingredients accounted for 91 percent of the total pounds of active ingredients applied to swine in the 17 Program States in 2005. Of the total chemical applications made to swine in 2005 in the 17 Program States, 45 percent were applied by spray, 25 percent by injection, 10 percent through feed additives, 15 percent as pour-on, and 2 percent by dust bag. All other methods accounted for the remaining 3 percent of the chemical applications. Of the total chemical applications made to swine in 2005 in the 17 Program States, 53 percent were for mange/mites, 27 percent for lice, and 10 percent for flies. All other pests accounted for the remaining 10 percent.

Phosmet – Prolate / Lintox-HD, Prolate 1-E

Malathion – Malathion ULV 9.7lbs. (95%), Malathion 5 Dust, Malathion 8E, Malathion 5 EC (57%), 4% Malathion Powder Insecticide

Tetrachlorvinphos (Z-isomer) – Rabon 50 WP, Rabon 3 Livestock Dust, Ravap Livestock Spray EC, Rabon 7.76 Oral Larvacide Premix

Swine Facilities: In the 17 Program States, a total of 12,925 pounds of insecticides were applied to hog and pig facilities in 2005. Malathion had the highest quantity used at 4,073 pounds. Cyfluthrin had the second highest quantity used at 2,361 pounds followed by Imidacloprid at 1,753 pounds. Of the total chemical applications to hog facilities in the 17 Program States in 2005, 75 percent were applied to total confinement buildings, 13 percent to open buildings with no outside access, and 10 percent to open buildings with outside access. All other buildings accounted for 2 percent of the chemical applications.

Malathion (previously mentioned)

Cyfluthrin – Countdown WP Premise Insecticide, Countdown EC Premise, CyLence Pour-On, Duraplex TR, Tempo (1%) Dust, Tempo 2, Tempo 20 WP Demon EC, Viper Insecticide Concentrate

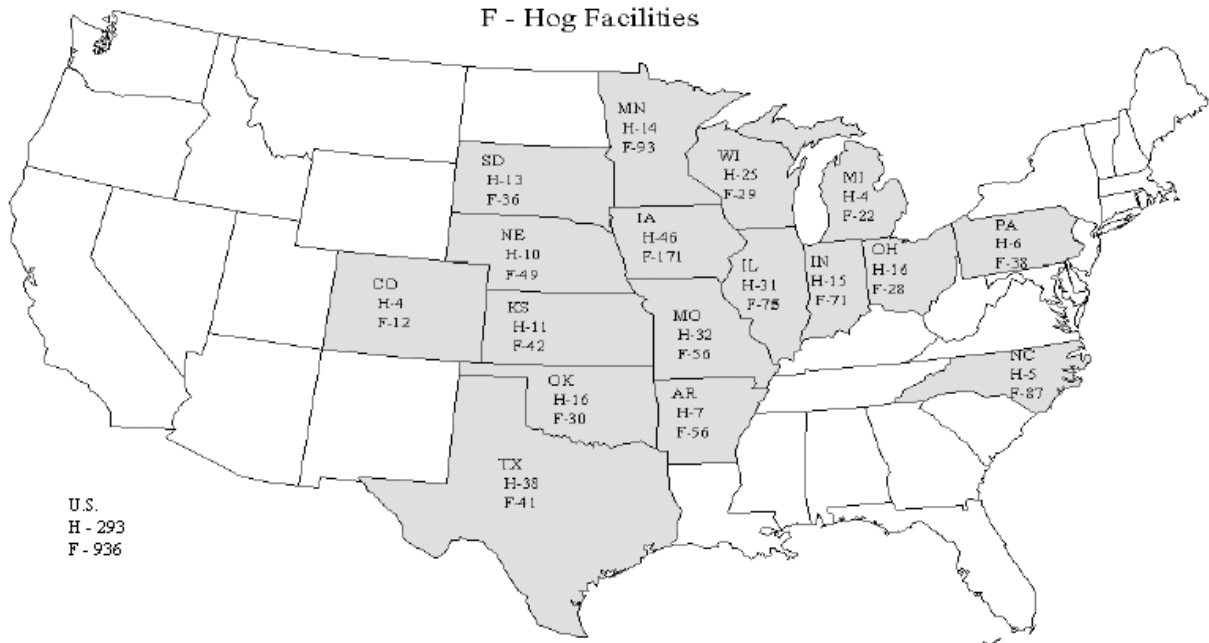
Imidacloprid – QuickBayt Fly Bait

In the 17 States surveyed, there were 293 reports summarized for chemicals applied directly to the swine and 936 reports summarized for chemicals applied to swine facilities.

Number of Positive Usable Swine and Swine Facilities Chemical Use Reports

H - Hogs and Pigs

F - Hog Facilities



All Swine: Agricultural Chemical Applications, All Program States, 2005

| Agricultural Chemicals | Rate per Application | Rate per Market Year | Total Applied |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | <i>Grams per head</i> | <i>Grams per head</i> | <i>Pounds</i> |
| Insecticides: | | | |
| Amitraz | 0.751 | 2.344 | 637 |
| Carbaryl | * | * | * |
| Coumaphos | * | * | * |
| Cyfluthrin | * | * | * |
| Dichlorvos | * | * | * |
| Dormectin | 0.012 | 0.013 | 6 |
| Ivermectin | 0.027 | 0.034 | 81 |
| Malathion | 6.192 | 22.537 | 5,415 |
| Methomyl | * | * | * |
| Permethrin | 0.401 | 1.184 | 929 |
| Phosmet | 1.961 | 5.026 | 12,154 |
| Piperonyl butoxide | 0.037 | 0.426 | 162 |
| Pyrethrins | 0.005 | 0.057 | 20 |
| Sulfur | * | * | * |
| Tetrachlorvinphos (Z-isomer) | 0.262 | 1.512 | 3,224 |
| Tricosene | * | * | * |
| Total Insecticides | NA | NA | 22,856 |

Table represents only those states data was collected for. * Insufficient number of reports to publish data.

All Swine Facilities: Agricultural Chemical Applications, All Program States, 2005

| Agricultural Chemicals | Total Applied |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| | <i>Pounds</i> |
| Insecticides: | |
| Abamectin | * |
| Acephate | * |
| Butoxypolypropylene glycol | * |
| Carbaryl | 41 |
| Chlorpyrifos | * |
| Coumaphos | * |
| Cyfluthrin | 2,361 |
| Cypermethrin | * |
| Diazinon | 1,702 |
| Dichlorvos | 128 |
| Dioxathion | * |
| Doramectin | * |
| Fenvalerate | * |
| Imidacloprid | 1.753 |
| Lambda-cyhalothrin | 5 |
| Malathion | 4,073 |
| Methomyl | 435 |
| Naled | * |
| Octacide-264 | * |
| Permethrin | 910 |
| Phosmet | 102 |
| Piperonyl butoxide | 528 |
| Pyrethrins | 81 |
| Pyriproxyfen | * |
| Tetrachlorvinphos (Z-isomer) | 101 |
| Tetramethrin | 1 |
| Tricosene | 370 |
| Total Insecticides | 12,925 |

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2006 Farm and Ranch Safety

By Pamela K. Kanagy

There were an estimated 2.5 million tractors in use on farms in the United States (U.S.) that were equipped with Roll-Over Protective (ROPS) in 2006. This represented 59 percent of the tractors used on U.S. farms. This finding was based on a random telephone survey of 25,000 farm operations conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), an agency of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Farm operators were asked questions about farm tractors and other safety and health issues associated with their farm in 2006. These issues ranged from questions about tractors and other machinery used on their operations in 2006 to the use of hearing protection and other protective equipment used by farm operators while working on their farms.

Farms or ranches located in the South region (see table 1) of the U.S. reported the highest percentage of tractors with ROPS protection (65 percent), followed by the West, which reported 60 percent of their tractors being protected by a ROPS, and the Midwest with 56 percent of tractors having a ROPS. The lowest use of ROPS was found in the Northeast at 51 percent. ROPS represent the best available protection to tractor operators from serious or fatal injuries in the event of a tractor overturn. There were an estimated 6,700 tractor rollovers in the U.S. between September of 2005 and September of 2006 based on this study. The majority of these overturn events (4,200) involved tractors with no ROPS.

About 900,000 operators had all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on their operations, for a total of 1.2 million ATVs, with the majority of the ATVs (1.1 million) being used for farm work tasks at least some of the time by the farm operator. For other farm machinery, the study asked farm operators about the presence of guards and shields on the implements. For power take-off driveline shields, farm operators reported that 93 percent of hay balers on their farming operations in 2006 had the shield in place. For brush-cutting mowers, 86 percent were reported to have the PTO driveline shield in place, while 84 percent of sickle bar-type mowers were reported to have these shields.

Only 40,000 operators were estimated to have manure pits on their operation in 2006, accounting for 57,000 manure pits in total. Of the farm operators with manure pits, 63 percent reported never entering the pits during the 12-month period prior to this study, while 19 percent reported entering the pit 1-5 times, with 19 percent stating they entered their pit 6 or more times in the previous 12 months. About 60 percent of the manure pit openings were

covered with grates, concrete lids, or some other type of guarding. Only 35 percent of the manure pits were reported to be equipped with powered ventilation systems.

For farm structures, the survey estimated 430,000 operators used tower silos on their farms. These farms accounted for 1.5 million silos, for an average of 3.4 silos per operation. About 90,000 of these tower silos were the oxygen-limiting type. Nearly 1.1 million (75 percent) of the silos had permanent external ladders attached to them; however, only 360,000 (33 percent) had restricted access (padlock on the ladder entry or pull down ladder system to enter the ladder cage) to these attached ladders. Enclosed cage system ladders comprised 22 percent (250,000) of the total attached ladders.

Nearly 980,000 farming operations had underground power lines. Of these operations, about one-third (320,000) reported all of their power lines were underground. An additional 30 percent (290,000) reported that around half of their power lines were underground, with the remaining farms (37 percent) reporting less than half of their power lines being underground.

Portable PTO-driven grain augers have been identified as serious hazards due to both contact with overhead power lines and for PTO and chute guarding issues.

Operators on 270,000 farms reported having 420,000 portable PTO-driven grain augers. The average auger height when fully extended was 41 feet, with the highest auger height reported of 120 feet. About 40 percent of all augers were 20-39 feet; 26 percent between 40-59 feet; 24 percent 60 feet or higher; and 10 percent less than 20 feet in height. Farm operators reported that 92 percent of the augers had the intake chute guard and 92 percent had the PTO shaft driveline guard.

On questions related to personal protective equipment use, only 37 percent (780,000) of the operators reported using a respirator or dust mask on their operations during the 12-month period prior to this study. The most common reason given for using a respirator or dust mask was for working in dusty environments (550,000 positive responses). With regards to noise exposure, 1.3 million (64 percent) farm operators reported working around loud noise on their operation at some point during the 12 months prior to the study. Of these operators self-reporting exposure to loud noise, 880,000 (66 percent) responded that they wore ear plugs or ear muffs at least some of the time while working in these noisy environments.

Table 1 - 2006 Farm and Ranch Safety Survey

| Region ² | Tractors | | | ATVs | Manure Pits | Tower Silos | Underground Power Lines |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Total | ROPS | % ROPS | | | | |
| Northeast | 302,000 | 155,000 | 51 | 57,000 | 6,000 | 54,000 | 47,000 |
| South | 1,432,000 | 932,000 | 65 | 478,000 | 8,000 | 198,000 | 327,000 |
| Midwest | 1,970,000 | 1,099,000 | 56 | 480,000 | 38,000 | 1,067,000 | 456,000 |
| West | 532,000 | 319,000 | 60 | 220,000 | 6,000 | 142,000 | 151,000 |
| U.S. | 4,236,000 | 2,505,000 | 59 | 1,236,000¹ | 57,000¹ | 1,463,000¹ | 980,000¹ |

¹ Estimates do not add to total due to rounding.

² Northeast CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.
 South AL, AR, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, and WV.
 Midwest IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.
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USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is a network of 46 field offices (including the Harrisburg office), serving all 50 states and Puerto Rico through cooperative agreements with state departments of agriculture or universities. These field offices regularly survey thousands of farm operators, ranchers, and agri-businessmen who voluntarily provide information on a confidential basis. Consolidating these reports with field observations, objective yield measurements, and other data, statisticians then produce state statistics. These statistics are forwarded to NASS headquarters in Washington, D.C., where they are combined and released to the public.

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As part of USDA, the federal program includes the **Census of Agriculture** conducted every five years and an **Annual Statistics Program**. The Ag Census publishes all agricultural commodities at the state and county level with farm counts by zip code. The Annual Statistics Program provides more timely state level statistics but it is limited to major crop and livestock commodities and fewer data series at the county level. The College of Agriculture at Penn State cooperates with NASS-PA on special studies to measure various aspects of Pennsylvania agriculture, such as economic status, Integrated Pest Management, etc.

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The annual cycle of crop reports begins with projections of the acreage that farmers intend to plant, and continues with reports of acreage planted, acreage intended for harvest, probable yields, and potential production. Final reports of acreage harvested, actual yields, and production are made at the end of the crop production season.

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NASS also collects and publishes statistics on a variety of additional subjects pertaining to agriculture as part of the Annual Statistics Program. These include number and sizes of farms, farm labor and wage rates, prices received and paid by farmers, grain stocks, greenhouse & nursery production, fruits & vegetables, fertilizer & pesticide usage, mushrooms, mink, trout, plus many other commodities grown or raised in specialized areas of the country, as well as weekly weather and crop bulletins.

Census of Agriculture - The national Census of Agriculture is conducted every 5 years. In some ways it resembles the population census with which most Americans are familiar, because the Census of Agriculture attempts to produce a complete quantification of all agricultural items and activities nationwide, just as the population census attempts to count and collect data about every man, woman, and child.

For more than 150 years, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, conducted the Census of Agriculture. However, the 1997 Appropriations Act transferred the responsibility from the Bureau of the Census to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The 1997 Census of Agriculture was the first census conducted by USDA and NASS.

The census of agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the Nation's agricultural production and an important source of consistent, comparable data at the county, State, and national levels. Census statistics are used by Congress to develop and change farm programs, study historical trends, assess current conditions, and plan for the future. Many national and State programs use census data to design and allocate funding for extension service projects, agricultural research, soil conservation programs, and land-grant colleges and universities. Private industry uses census statistics to provide a more effective production and distribution system for the agricultural community.

In keeping with the provisions of Title 7 of the United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms reporting an item is not considered a release of confidential information and is provided even though other information may be withheld. This allows farm counts to be published by zip code.

The Census of Agriculture is published in various forms including: national, state & county level data; state & county rankings; agricultural atlas; zip code tabulations; and congressional district tabulations & rankings. Special studies that are also part of the census program include the Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey, the Census of Horticultural Specialties and the Census of Aquaculture.

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| Canadian Ag Statistics: For Customer Service at the Agriculture Division of Statistics Canada, Call 1-800-263-1136 ~ E-mail: infostats@statcan.gc.ca ~ Internet: www.statcan.gc.ca | | | |

National Reports Available

National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA - - - Washington, D.C.

These reports include all states. Although National reports are available through E-mail and the Internet at no charge, paper reports are still available for a fee. For details, see the section named 'Need More Information' (page 175).

NASS Reports Arranged by Title ¹

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acreage • Adult Agricultural Related Injuries • Agricultural Cash Rents • Agricultural Chemical Usage • Agricultural Land Values & Cash Rents • Agricultural Prices • Broiler Hatchery • Capacity of Refrigerated Warehouses • Catfish Feed Deliveries • Catfish Processing • Catfish Production • Cattle • Cattle on Feed • Cattle Death Loss • Census of Agriculture • Cherry Production • Chickens and Eggs • Childhood Agricultural Injuries • Citrus Fruits • Cold Storage • Corn & Biotechnology Special Analysis • Corn, Soybeans & Wheat Sold Through Marketing Contracts • Cotton Ginnings • Cranberries • Crop Production • Crop Progress • Crop Values • Dairy Products • Dairy Products Prices • Egg Products | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equine • Ethanol Co-Products Used for Livestock Feed • Farm Computer Usage & Ownership • Farm Labor • Farm Production Expenditures • Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations • Floriculture Crops • Fruit & Wildlife Damage • Grain Stocks • Hatchery Production • Hogs & Pigs (Quarterly - Monthly) • Honey • Hop Stocks • Layers & Egg Production • Licensed Dairy Herds • Livestock Slaughter • Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income • Milk Production • Milk Production, Disposition & Income • Milkfat Prices • Mink • Minnesota Wisconsin Manufacturing Grade Milk • Mushrooms • NASS Ag. Newsletter • National Hop Report • Non-Ambulatory Cattle and Calves • Non-Ambulatory Sheep and Goats • Noncitrus Fruits & Nuts Preliminary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noncitrus Fruits & Nuts • Nursery Crops • Peanut Prices • Peanut Stocks & Processing • Pest Management Practices • Potato Stocks • Potatoes • Poultry - Production & Value • Poultry Slaughter • Price Reactions After USDA Crop and Livestock Reports • Prospective Plantings • Rice Stocks • Sheep & Goats • Sheep & Goats Death Loss • Small Grains • Trout Production • Turkey Hatchery • Turkeys Raised • U.S. Broiler and Egg Production Cycles • U. S. Broiler Industry Structure • Usual Planting & Harvesting Dates for U.S. Field Crops • U.S. Hog Breeding Herd Structure • U.S. Wildlife Damage • U. S. & Canadian Cattle • U.S. and Canadian Hogs and Pigs • Vegetables • Weekly Weather & Crop Bulletin • Winter Wheat Seedings • Wool and Mohair |
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¹ See website for report descriptions and release dates at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Reports_By_Title/index.asp

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