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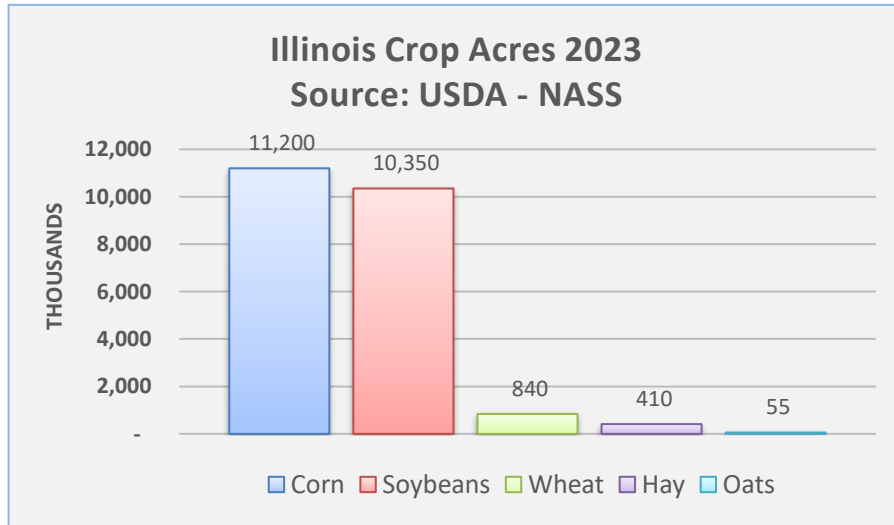
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USDA seeks feedback from producers about 2024 crop acreage, grain and oilseed stocks, and livestock inventories

Springfield, IL – May 2024 – Over the next several weeks, USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct two major mid-year surveys, the June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey. The agency will contact over 5,500 producers across Illinois to determine crop acreage and stock levels as of June 1, 2024.

“The June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey are two of the most important and well-known surveys NASS conducts,” said Mark Schleusener, Illinois State Statistician for USDA-NASS. “When producers respond to these surveys, they provide essential information that helps determine the expected acreage and supply of major commodities in the United States for the 2024 crop year. The results are used by farmers and ranchers, USDA, policymakers, and others to inform a wide range of decisions.”



Producers can respond to the June Agricultural Survey online at agcounts.usda.gov, by phone, or mail. They will be asked to provide information on planted and harvested acreage, including acreage for biotech crops and grain stocks.

For the June Area Survey, agency representatives will interview farm and ranch operators in randomly selected segments over the phone and in person. Producers will be asked to provide information on crop acreage, grain stocks, livestock inventory, land values, and value of sales.

“NASS safeguards the privacy of respondents by keeping all individual information confidential and publishing the data in aggregate form only to ensure that no operation or

producer can be identified,” said Schleusener. “We recognize that this is a hectic time for farmers, but the information they provide helps U.S. agriculture remain viable and capable. I urge them to respond to these surveys and thank them for their participation.”

NASS will publish the data in a series of USDA reports, including the annual Acreage and quarterly Grain Stocks reports on June 28, 2024. These data also contribute to NASS’s monthly and annual Crop Production reports, USDA’s monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, and more.

For assistance with the survey, or for more information, contact the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at (800) 551-1014 or nassrfohlr@usda.gov.

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