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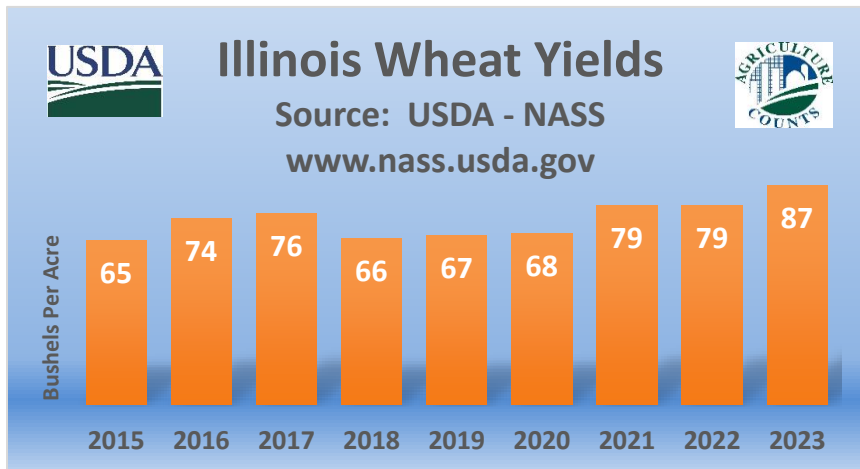


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USDA to measure small grain production

Springfield, IL -- August 2024 – Starting in late August, a sample of producers around the country will receive Agricultural Survey questionnaires from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The agency is taking a comprehensive look into the 2024 production and supply of small grains, including wheat, oats, and rye in Illinois.



NASS will contact nearly 2,500 Illinois producers to determine 2024 acreage, yield, and production for small grain crops. Additionally, NASS will survey commercial grain storage operations to determine estimates of grain stocks stored in any off-farm facility. The data help the industry evaluate export potential and

calculate the supply of crops available for the marketing year.

Producers can respond to the Agricultural Survey online at agcounts.usda.gov, by phone, or mail. Producers who have not responded by Aug. 31 may be contacted by a NASS representative to schedule a time to help fill out the survey.

“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 Mark Schleusener, Illinois State Statistician. “Individual reports are confidential by law and exempt from the Freedom Of Information Act, but the totals and averages are helpful to the ag community. I urge farmers to respond, and I thank them in advance for their participation.”

NASS will publish state and national data in the annual *Small Grains Summary* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports Sept. 30 on the NASS website. These survey data also contribute to USDA’s World Agricultural Outlook Board’s monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates. All NASS reports are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications/.

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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