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USDA to survey Illinois producers on wheat production practices and costs

Springfield, IL – October 2024 – This fall, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will gather information about production practices from Illinois producers, as part of the 2024 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS).

“ARMS is a vital survey that tracks how Illinois farmers use technology to manage production of their major field crops,” said Mark Schleusener, Illinois State Statistician. “The data help producers, policymakers and farm groups understand the factors that drive the costs and returns of crop production.”



This year, NASS is surveying wheat producers across the country, including 100 in Illinois. NASS will conduct the survey starting in October and recommends that farmers have their fertilizer and pesticide spray records available to assist the survey process. A USDA NASS representative will call producers to set up an interview to assist in the completion of the questionnaire. Producers may also receive an email reminder, if they opted for email service.

ARMS is conducted in three phases, from May 2024 through April 2025. The first phase has been completed. It screened participants to make sure they have the commodity of interest and would accurately represent the entire U.S. farm sector. In this current phase, NASS is collecting information on production practices. In the final phase, NASS will survey producers on cost of production, farm income, and production expenditures.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents. The information provided will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, survey responses will be kept confidential and will not be published in identifiable form.

ARMS is a joint effort of NASS and USDA's Economic Research Service. For more information about ARMS, visit nass.usda.gov/go/arms. For reports and tutorials on using ARMS data, visit ers.usda.gov/arms. All NASS reports are available online 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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