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USDA Seeks Feedback from Producers about 2024 Crops, Stocks, Inventories, and Values

Jackson, Mississippi – 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 nearly 1,200 producers across Mississippi to determine crop acreage and stocks levels as of June 1, 2024. In addition, NASS will collect data from producers from randomly selected land area segments across the state.

"The June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey are two of the most important and well-known surveys NASS conducts," said NASS Mississippi State Statistician Esmerelda Dickson. "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, exporters, researchers, economists, policymakers, and others to inform a wide range of decisions."

Producers can respond to the June Agricultural Survey online at <u>agcounts.usda.gov</u>, by phone, or by 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, representatives from the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) 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 Dickson. "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* and *Rice Stocks* reports on June 28, 2024. These and all NASS reports are available at <u>nass.usda.gov/Publications/</u>. For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Field Office at (800) 327-2970.

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