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## **USDA to Survey Maine Potato Growers**

**HARRISBURG, PA** – Beginning in late July, the Northeastern Regional Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be conducting the annual *Potato Production Disposition and Income Survey*. The results of this survey will be used to establish final USDA statistics for 2023 fall potato crop planted and harvested acreage, production and yield, utilization, and price data.

NASS gathers the data for the survey online, by mail, and by phone currently. "The cooperation of potato farmers is crucial to ensure that each state's potato crop is accurately represented in national potato production statistics. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only State and National level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," explained Kevin Pautler, acting regional director of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in the September 26, 2024 annual *Potatoes* publication. The publication will be available on the USDA-NASS website at <a href="https://www.nass.usda.gov/">https://www.nass.usda.gov/</a>.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at 1-800-498-1518.

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