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USDA to forecast grape production

HARRISBURG, PA – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct a forecast survey for 2024 grape inquiry during August 2024. The survey will collect information about acreage and projected production from growers in the northeastern region of the United States.

"The information from these surveys directly impacts our regions' grape growers by providing a forecast of grape production in the northeast," said Kevin Pautler, acting director of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office. "Growers can use the survey results when making business plans and marketing decisions. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) relies on the average yields to administer farm programs. Cooperative Extension uses the data to provide needed outreach and education, and State Departments and Agencies of Agriculture use the information to aid growers."

In this survey, NASS asks participants to answer a variety of questions about grapes, depending on state and version of the questionnaire. The survey participant sample will be phoned by the New York NASDA staff. As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses and publishes only State and National level data, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified.

NASS will compile, analyze, and publish survey results in the August 12th, 2024, *Crop Production* report. Publications are available online at <u>http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications</u>. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at 1-800-498-1518.

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