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Deadline approaches for forest and grazing managers to respond to the Conservation Practice Adoption Motivations Survey

ATHENS, GA – There is still time for forest and grazing managers across the nation to tell USDA what they think about conservation in agriculture in the <u>Conservation Practice Adoption</u> <u>Motivations Survey (CPAMS)</u>. CPAMS, a joint project between the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), seeks to understand why people choose to use or not use different conservation practices. NASS mailed a second copy of the survey on July 29 to Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina forest and grazing managers who have yet to respond. Recipients of the survey are encouraged to respond online at <u>agcounts.usda.gov</u>, by mail, or fax. Every response counts.

This year, the survey is focused on grazing practices and forestry practices. Crop practices and confined livestock practices were surveyed in 2022. Survey data will be used to guide the implementation of NRCS programs in the future.

"I encourage anyone who received a CPAMS questionnaire to respond," said Southern Regional Director Anthony Prillaman. "Survey results will help USDA better understand how conservation fits into existing agriculture and forest management and helps focus program resources on where they will be most effective."

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 In accordance with federal law, survey responses will be kept confidential and will not be published in identifiable form. The survey data will be published in October 2024. This and all other NASS reports are available online at <u>www.nass.usda.gov/Publications</u>. For more information, visit <u>nass.usda.gov/go/CPAMS</u> or call the NASS Southern Regional Field Office at (800) 253-4419.

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