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## USDA NASS TO COLLECT 2024 SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION AND STOCKS DATA

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. August 06, 2024** – During the first two weeks of September, growers of small grains around the country will be contacted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The agency is taking a comprehensive look into the 2024 production and supply of small grains, which include wheat, oats, barley, and rye.

“The small grains industry is important to South Dakota agriculture, and it is crucial for everyone to have accurate data about this key sector of the economy,” said NASS South Dakota State Statistician Erik Gerlach. “We will contact more than 3,000 producers in South Dakota to accurately measure 2024 acreage, yield, and production for small grains and the quantities of grains and oilseeds stored on farm. The results are used by farmers and ranchers, USDA, businesses, exporters, researchers, economists, policymakers, and others who use the survey information in making a wide range of decisions that benefit the producer.”

The data collected from this survey, along with additional information, will be used to help set small grain acreage, yield, and production estimates which will be available on the NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) and in NASS’s Quick Stats database at [quickstats.nass.usda.gov](http://quickstats.nass.usda.gov).

“NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified,” stated Gerlach. “We recognize that this is a hectic time for farmers and ranchers, but the information they provide becomes useful data for decision-making on the farm, for federal farm programs, and the markets. I urge them to respond to this survey and thank them for their time and cooperation.”

Survey results will be published in several reports, including the annual *Small Grains Summary* and the quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released on September 30. These survey data also contribute to USDA’s World Agricultural Outlook Board’s monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates. All NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For more information call the NASS South Dakota Field Office at 800-582-6443.

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