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USDA TO MEASURE SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – **August 1, 2024** – Starting in late August, a sample of producers around the country will receive Agricultural Survey questionnaires from 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, including wheat, oats, barley, and rye.

NASS will contact nearly 6,000 producers across the Mountain Region states of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming to determine 2024 acreage, yield, and production for small grain crops. Additionally, NASS will survey commercial grain storage operations to determine estimates of grain stocks stored in any off-farm facility. The data will help the industry evaluate export potential and calculate the supply of crops available for the marketing year.

Producers can respond to the Agricultural Survey online at <u>agcounts.usda.gov/</u>, by phone, or mail. Producers who have not responded by August 29, 2024 may be contacted by a NASS representative to schedule a time to help fill out the survey.

"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 Rodger Ott, Director, Mountain Regional Field Office. "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 state and national data in the annual *Small Grains Summary* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports September 30, 2024 on the NASS website. The survey data also contribute to USDA's World Agricultural Outlook Board's monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates. These and all NASS reports are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications/.

Thank you for participating and for your support of our programs and U.S. agriculture. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202.

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