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NASS RELEASES CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT PROFILES AND RANKINGS

Lakewood, CO – May 15, 2024 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) today released the <u>Congressional District Profiles and Rankings</u> from the 2022 Census of Agriculture. This summary presents data by congressional district from the 118th Congress that includes land, farms, market value of agricultural products sold, rankings and producer characteristics.

"The 2022 Census of Agriculture generated a tremendous number of data points that tell the story of American agriculture, as well as agriculture across Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming," said NASS Mountain Regional Field Office Director, Rodger Ott. "In addition to those items mentioned above, these Congressional District Rankings and Profiles also highlight selected livestock and poultry inventories, crops harvested, and marketing practices. This data can be used to compare production agriculture across districts, and help policymakers, as well as other stakeholders, identify industry shifts and make informed decisions."

To address questions about the Congressional District Rankings and Profiles, NASS will host a live X Stat Chat @usda_nass for the public on Thursday, May 16, at 1 p.m. EDT.

NASS released the Census of Agriculture State and County Profiles on March 27. Upcoming releases include the Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Profiles on June 28; the Watersheds report on July 24; the American Indian Reservations Report on August 29; and Zip Code Tabulations on November 7. All these products will be available at nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2022.

Other products to be released this summer and fall include additional census Highlights publications found on the NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Highlights. Census of Agriculture Highlights cover topics such as information about producer demographics, commodity-specific information and more.

Nationally, data from the 2022 Census of Agriculture, collected directly from producers, found a continued decline in farms and farmland and a rise in the number of new and beginning (operating 10 or fewer years on any farm) as well as young (under the age of 35) producers. Another continuing trend included a rise in internet access (79% compared to 75% in 2017). Spanning more than 6 million data points about America's farms and ranches and the people who operate them, the full ag census report can be found at nass.usda.gov/AgCensus. Ag census data can also be found in NASS's searchable online database, Quick Stats.

In preparation for the 2027 Census of Agriculture, NASS is already asking for <u>content change suggestions</u> and for new producers who did not receive a 2022 Census of Agriculture form last year to <u>sign up to be counted</u> in future censuses and surveys. Both forms can be found at <u>nass.usda.gov</u>.

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