

Hello partners,

We hope this update finds you well. I am sure it is no surprise to many of you that the top priority for USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service continues to be the Census of Agriculture. To date, NASS has received nearly 1.4 million completed questionnaires (you may contact us for state-level numbers), yet return rates are falling behind previous census years. **The stronger the response, the stronger the data, which means representation and resources for our nation's producers.** We have extended our deadline through the spring. **Please help us spread the word and encourage response.** Below are some outreach tools to assist. A sincere thank you to all who have and continue to assist us with promoting the ag census. We couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely,

Kristen Lenhardt
NASS Public Affairs Director

P.S. Don't forget to join us at our upcoming Data Users' Meeting (details below).

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

USDA is still collecting responses for the 2022 Census of Agriculture – find sample content below to help spread the word. You can pair content with our [partner tools](#) like social media graphics, ads, and flyers. You can also retweet NASS [here](#).

Newsletter/Email

The [Census of Agriculture](#) allows producers to tell the story of U.S. agriculture and it's not too late to respond. Since data collection began last fall, over a million ag census recipients across the country have returned their questionnaires, but many have yet to respond. USDA will continue to collect completed 2022 ag census forms through the spring to ensure all producers have the chance to be represented in widely used census data. Producers can respond online at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail.

Census data inform decisions about policy, farm and conservation programs, infrastructure and rural development, research, education, and more. **If you are a producer who has already submitted your 2022 Census of Agriculture, you may disregard any additional ag census letters and forms.**

Social Media

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**2023 USDA
Spring Data
Users' Meeting**

April 18, 2023

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Learn more and register here.

DATA USERS' MEETING – April 18

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will hold its biannual Data Users’ Meeting April 18 from 1-4:30 p.m. CT at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City – Omaha Branch. A virtual attendance option will also be available. The meeting is free and open to the public. The Data Users’ Meeting is held to share recent and pending statistical program changes with the public and to solicit input on these and other programs important to agriculture. The event is organized by NASS in cooperation with the World Agricultural Outlook Board, Farm Service Agency, Economic Research Service, Agricultural Marketing Service, Foreign Agricultural Service and U.S. Census Bureau. A detailed agenda and registration information for anyone interested in attending can be found on our website at www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/Meeting.

**Ninth International Conference
on Agricultural Statistics**

May 17 - 19, 2023 — Washington, DC



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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Regular registration is still open for the [Ninth International Conference on Agricultural Statistics](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/Meeting), taking place May 17 -19 in Washington, DC. A Keynote Speaker has been announced, Robert

M. Groves, Provost, Georgetown University, Gerard J. Campbell, S.J. Professor in the Math and Statistics Department and the Sociology Department.

Please ensure your stakeholders know about this important event, which provides unique networking opportunities to statisticians, economists, researchers and other experts from around the globe. You may [retweet NASS here](#) and share sample content (below) and by using the image attached.

Newsletter/Email

Regular registration is still open for the [Ninth International Conference on Agricultural Statistics](#) (ICAS IX), which will be held May 17-19 in Washington, DC. ICAS IX, organized by the World Bank and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), in coordination with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), will focus on the theme *Harnessing Data to Inform an Equitable and Sustainable Agri-food Systems Transformation*. **The Keynote Speaker is Robert M. Groves, Provost, Georgetown University, Gerard J. Campbell, S.J. Professor in the Math and Statistics Department and the Sociology Department.** He is a social statistician who studies the impact of social cognitive and behavioral influences on the quality of statistical information who has authored or co-authored seven books and scores of peer-reviewed articles.

The scientific program will also include sessions focusing on a variety of themes, including data collection/data quality, data use for policy making, food security, climate change, rural development and more. **Register at www.icas2023.org. Join us at ICAS IX!**

Social Media

The Ninth ICAS will provide a networking opportunity and forum for experts from across the globe to share views on food security, climate change, agriculture consumption, data collection, and more. #ICAS2023 Register at www.icas2023.org.

WANT TO HELP SHAPE USDA'S SCIENCE PRIORITIES?

The NAREEE Board and its 4 Committees/Subcommittees (C/S) will have approximately 20 membership slots to fill starting next fall. Members advise USDA on our ag science and research priorities, plans and programs. Applications for Board and C/S member vacancies starting in FY2024 – October 2023 – are now being requested. Applications for FY2024 membership appointment must be submitted by ***Wednesday, 5/31/23.*** More information can be found at the Board's website – applications page – [here](#). You can retweet [here](#).