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USDA TO SURVEY COUNTY ROW CROPS ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

Madison, Wis – November 9, 2018 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey producers in 42 states, including Wisconsin, as part of its County Agricultural Production Survey (CAPS). The survey will collect information on total acres planted and harvested, and total yield and production of row crops down to the county level.

“The data provided by producers will help federal and state programs support the farmer,” said Greg Bussler, Wisconsin State Statistician, “We hope every producer understands the importance of these data and will take the time to respond if they receive this survey. Producers benefit when there are data available to help determine accurate loan rates, disaster payments, crop insurance price elections, and more. When enough producers respond to surveys, NASS is able to publish data. Without data, agencies such as USDA’s Risk Management Agency or Farm Service Agency may not have information on which to base the programs that serve those same producers.”

Within the next few weeks NASS representatives will contact selected Wisconsin growers to arrange telephone or in-person interviews to complete the survey.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified as required by federal law.

Survey results will be published on the NASS Quick Stats database (<https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov/>). For more information on NASS surveys and reports and for the release dates by commodity, call the NASS Wisconsin Field Office at 800-772-0825.

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