



NASS Programs

Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS)

What is the Agricultural Resource Management Survey?

The Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) is an annual USDA survey of farmers and ranchers to gather objective information on the finances and production practices of U.S. farms and the characteristics and economic well-being of farm households.

Why is ARMS Important?

It's really about helping farmers:

- ARMS is the primary source of financial information on the nation's farms and ranches and their households.
- Policymakers use ARMS financial information to evaluate impacts of programs introduced in the Farm Bill.
- University extension services use ARMS data in cost of production analysis and forecasting.
- The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis uses ARMS data to calculate the farm sector portion of the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP).

How does USDA Collect ARMS Data?

We mail the survey on December 27, 2021 to more than 30,000 producers and collect the data:

- **Online** – Producers can respond online at accounts.usda.gov. Responding online is fast, easy and secure. To get started, all you need is your unique survey code which is included on your survey form.
- **By mail or fax** – Producers can fill out their paper survey and return it by mail in the prepaid envelope provided or fax it to 812-218-2232.
- **By telephone interview** - Interviewers may contact producers who do not respond by January 18, 2022 and set up a telephone appointment to complete the questionnaire. This interview can take over an hour. It can be done all at once or in multiple appointments.

Want to Know More?

We will publish the farm economic data in the annual *Farm Production Expenditures* report on July 29, 2022 at nass.usda.gov. Data highlights will be available at nass.usda.gov/go/arms. Visit ers.usda.gov/arms for reports from the Economic Research Service that include ARMS data.

ARMS Data are Confidential by Law

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only and combined with responses from many others to ensure that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

