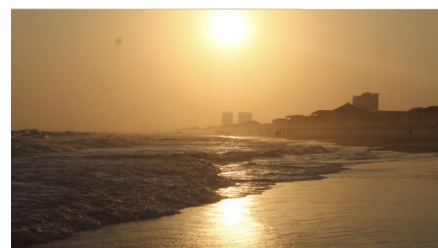
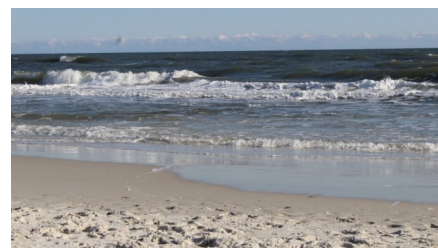


Cindy Adamson, Surveys Deputy Director

Happy Spring to all! Hopefully by the time you are reading this, it has warmed up in your area and all the snow has melted. Spring brings to mind change. As I am writing this today, I am riding (not driving) back from Gulf Shores, Alabama (see 2 pics on the right) where I spent a week vacation over Spring Break with my family. As we travel north, the landscape is continually changing. At the start of or trip there was green grass, and all the trees were in full bloom, not the case as we enter into Iowa. I am also remembering the many changes in the two years since we have been here last. In 2020, we also spent this same week in Gulf Shores, Alabama for Spring Break. It was quite a different drive back. The beaches closed on Friday night, so we ended our vacation a day early and headed home. When I got back to Iowa, we were not allowed to go into the office to work because of COVID. We found out we would all be working from our homes. This meant figuring out a new way to do a lot of things. Life became very, very different for a lot of people. At NASS, we continually had to look for new ways to do things and still are. For 27 years working for NASS I trained the same way, now I had to come up with a new way to train. Talk about teaching an old dog new tricks. Hopefully through the past two years of constant transition, we have been able to continue to provide you with some quality training and communication. I can not thank each one of you enough for your continued hard work and flexibility helping NASS collect data these past two years. I do not know what the future holds for anyone, but I am certain it will include change.



Springtime also brings the release of one of the most anticipated reports NASS publishes, the March planting intentions. This report lets farmers and many others in the Midwest and world know how many acres of corn and soybeans farmers intend to plant this year. Thank you to all of you that helped collect the data for the March Ag Survey. The results of your efforts are published [here](#).

I hope this finds you all healthy and happy. Thank you for all the work you do and remember to stay safe out on the roads as spring planting rolls into full swing.

UPCOMING SURVEYS

AG YIELD

The 2022 Ag Yield Survey cycle begins in May. As it is an integral part of in-season yield forecasts, here is a brief overview of the survey program.

The monthly Ag Yield Survey provides indications for hay stocks in May and crop yields used to establish monthly production forecasts. Participants are sampled each month of the survey period in order to measure potential changes in production over the growing season as well as harvest progress.

- The Small Grains portion of Ag Yield runs from May through August.
- The Row Crops portion of Ag Yield runs from August through November.
- Some operators are chosen for both the Small Grains and Row Crops samples, so they would be sampled for the entire program, May through November.
- The August Ag Yield sample is the largest of the year since it includes both the Small Grains and Row Crop samples.
- The table below shows which crops are asked, by state, for each month of the survey.
- For Winter Wheat, Corn and Soybeans, once an operator states harvest is complete, they will be removed from that part of the sample and not contacted in subsequent months.
- Although operators are contacted multiple times throughout the Ag Yield cycle, the questionnaires are some of the shortest and simplest NASS uses.

	Small Grains – sampled from March Ag Survey						
				Row Crops – sampled from June Ag Survey			
	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
Barley			MN, WI	MN, WI			
Canola						MN	
Corn				IA, MN, WI	IA, MN, WI	IA, MN, WI	IA, MN, WI
Dry Edible Beans				MN		MN	
Hay – All	IA, MN, WI						
Hay - Stocks	IA, MN, WI						
Hay – Alfalfa & Alfalfa Mixtures				IA, MN, WI		IA , MN, WI	
Hay - Other				IA, MN, WI		IA, MN, WI	
Oats			IA, MN, WI	IA, MN, WI			
Soybeans				IA, MN, WI	IA, MN, WI	IA, MN, WI	IA, MN, WI
Sunflower - Oil & Non-Oil						MN	
Wheat - Spring			MN	MN			
Wheat - Winter	WI	WI	WI	WI			

Steve Maliszewski, Estimates Deputy Director



Over the past month or so some highly utilized and anticipated NASS data has been published. First, at the end of February, corn and soybean county estimates for the 2021 crop year were published. We receive a lot of calls about this data and the paper publications we create are very popular at trade shows throughout the region.

More recently, our *Prospective Plantings* report was published on March 31. This report provides this year's first look at potential planted acreage which is critical to help farmers adjust their production plans and develop marketing strategies for the year.

I appreciate your hard work to collect the important data that goes into these reports. Your efforts and dedication make these reports possible, thank you.

UPCOMING TRAINING

IOWA

AREA/ACES: May 12

MINNESOTA

AREA/ACES: May 11

WISCONSIN

AREA/ACES: May 10

NASDA Newsletter: July 2022

The next NASDA Newsletter will be published in July 2022. What exciting and innovative things are going on in your NASDA group? Have you learned any new skills or picked up a new hobby during the pandemic? Do you want to share a picture with your co-workers??

Submit your items to your NASDA Coordinator by **June 17** to be included in the next newsletter.

MADE JUST FOR YOU!

Visit www.nasda.org often to keep informed—the NASDA/NASS website contains a wealth of information for you, including your handbook, accident forms, safety tips, newsletters, survey training,



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team



This feature is meant to help you get to know your NASDA co-workers better. **Linda Hubbling** has worked for NASDA since 2007 and is currently the Supervisor for Southwest Minnesota.

In what city/state were you born: Hull, IA. I was a Sioux County farm girl for quite a few years.

What was/is your career before/outside of NASDA? I started out working for an attorney and for a Register of Deeds creating abstracts. After that, I was offered a job for Sanford Health and worked for them in the Medicare and prior authorization areas.

What are your hobbies? Creating counted cross-stitch pictures, knitting, reading and planning for outings. I enjoy the planning as much as actually traveling to a destination.

What is your favorite book? I prefer historical literature, both fiction and nonfiction.

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life what would it be? Pizza, fresh fruit and flavored coffee. Maybe some chocolate as well!

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? In a climate that stays above 60 degrees all year, preferably close to a seashore.

What special certifications/degrees do you have? All business related through Sanford Health.

What is your most memorable moment? When I was invited by a Secret Service agent to be his guest on the White House lawn for a 4th of July celebration.

What motivates you to do a great job? My father instilled in me to never put off until tomorrow what you can do today. The inner drive comes from having a Type A personality and wanting to always “do it right”. It’s not always good because I have a hard time relaxing.

What has been your best vacation ever? We have been able to go to Europe in 2019 and 2021 to visit my daughter and her husband in Belgium. We were able to visit the NATO base (SHAPE) and Bastogne, Belgium where the Battle of the Bulge was fought. Knowing that my father took part in that battle under General Patton made a huge impression on me as well as learning how much the French people in Belgium appreciated being liberated by the Allies. Seeing the monuments honoring the Allies was inspiring and realizing how much we were appreciated in obtaining their freedom from Hitler and his armies is unforgettable.

Awards



Congratulations to **Linda Hubbling (MN)** for being awarded Enumerator of the Year!

Linda is one of only 12 NASDA staff that received the award. Each award recipient will be recognized at the Agency's annual Awards for Excellence ceremony held on April 28 and will also receive a \$1,000 monetary award for their outstanding efforts.



THANK YOU for all of your hard work!



NEW EMPLOYEES

Jamie Urbatsch (IA)
Joseph Paulson (IA)
Heather Landolt (IA)
Dale Mormann (IA)
Richard Gehrke (IA)
David Loupee (IA)
Verle VanderPloeg (IA)





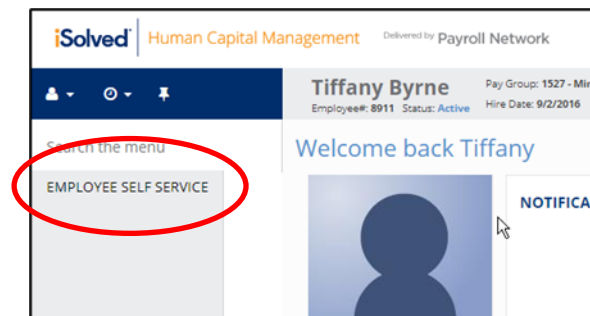
GET TO KNOW YOUR iPad!!



There was a suggestion from last Falls' Survey Monkey to include how to find your hours and pay level in iSolved. In 2020, documentation titled 'ISOLVED INSTRUCTIONS' was provided to all enumerators to help with a variety of items in iSolved. If you need another copy, please contact your NASDA Coordinator.

Record your time to Project Code 350.

Log into iSolved and start at the Employee Self Service tab on the left.



HOURS WORKED

From the Employee Self Service Menu, select SS Misc. Data Sets

SS Misc Data Sets		
Category: ASFE Data	<input type="checkbox"/> Show Inactive	Filter
Check_Date	First_Quarter	Second_Quarter
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9/22/2017	90.75	149.75
9/8/2017	90.75	149.75
8/25/2017	90.75	149.75
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To fill in the bottom table, click on any number in the top table (in the example above this would be 90.75 or 149.75). The bottom table will then fill with the hours worked by quarter for each pay period that has been processed (see image on next page).

GET TO KNOW YOUR iPad!!

Check_Date:	10/6/2017
First_Quarter:	90.75
Second_Quarter:	149.75
Third_Quarter:	146.50
Fourth_Quarter:	0.00
YTD_Hours:	387.00
Service_Hours:	387.00
Enumerator_Hours:	1393.50
Supervisor_Hours:	0.00
Coach_Hours:	0.00

YTD_Hours = Hours worked in the current calendar year.

Enumerator_Hours = Total hours worked to be used for promotion hours

Supervisor_Hours = Total hours worked to be used for promotion hours

PROMOTIONS

From the Employee Self Service Menu, select Miscellaneous Data

Miscellaneous Data

Misc Fields

Misc Field History

Miscellaneous Field Category

Category: All

Filter

ASFE ID #

ASFE ID #: 901

Pay_Level: 3 - LEVEL III

Pay Level Date: 3/19/2017

ASFE ID# = Your enumerator number

Pay_Level = Your current pay level

Pay Level Date = When you first received pay at the Pay Level Listed

In the Annual Information Brochure provided to you in January 2022, page 4 lists the Promotion Criteria for NASDA Staff. This information can also be found in the NASDA Handbook.

MY IOWA HOMETOWN IS KNOWN FOR

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Ruth Wojahn, Emmetsburg, IA:

My hometown is known for its St Pats Parade and celebration.

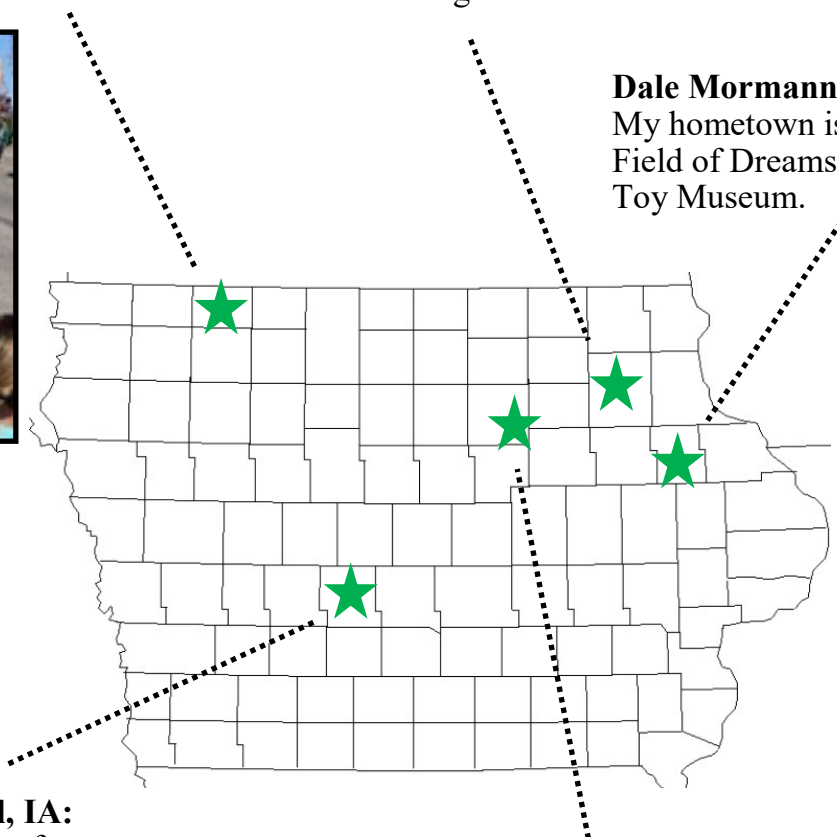


Jan Bear, Waucoma, IA:

My hometown is known for hogs.

Dale Mormann, Dyersville, IA:

My hometown is known for the Field of Dreams and National Farm Toy Museum.



Connie Merkey, Adel, IA:

Adel is the county seat of Dallas County, the fastest growing county in Iowa population wise. Each August Adel hosts a sweet corn festival. Adel is home of Stine Seed which is the largest private seed company in the world and its founder, Harry Stine is the richest person in Iowa. Adel is home of the 1939 Heisman Trophy winner Nile Kinnick.



Linda Swanson, Parkersburg, IA:

My hometown is known for EF5 Tornado. My son and daughter-in-law came to help clean up.



MY MINNESOTA HOMETOWN IS KNOWN FOR

Michelle Fussy, Pierz, MN:

My hometown is known for the
“famous Thielen Meats Bacon”.

Carla Draack, Dawson, MN:

My hometown is known as
Gnometown but to me it'll always be
known by the house behind the tree
across from the coolest park ever! I
literally grew up on monkey bars,
swimming and ball games.



Sandy Guth, Blue Earth, MN:

My hometown is known for our
60 foot Green Giant Statue.



MY WISCONSIN HOMETOWN IS KNOWN FOR

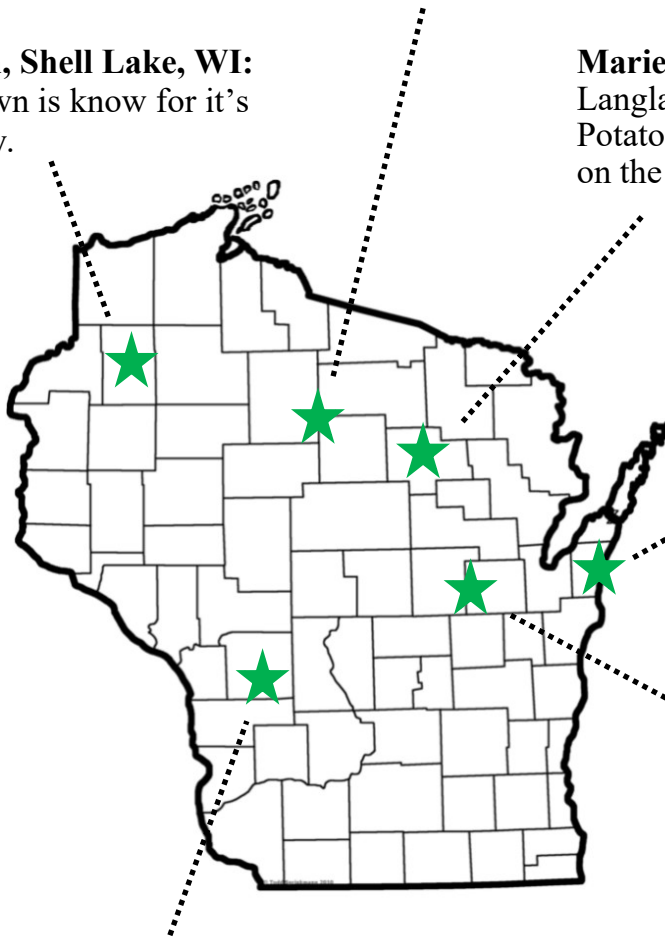
Louise Lukes, Town of Hill, WI: Timms Hill in Town of Hill is the highest elevation in Wisconsin. The Swanson farm is located about a mile from Timms hill. The farm, 2 feet lower than Timms, is known as the farm with the highest elevation in Wisconsin. The operation is no longer a working farm, but the heirs are renovating the barn and other buildings for tourism. On clear days, you can see over thirty miles from the observation tower on Timms Hill, which is a Price County park, or from the field south east of the homestead on the farm. By hiking or skiing on the Ice Age Trail, you can reach both of these points.

Lynda Cain, Shell Lake, WI:
My hometown is known for its fish hatchery.

Marie Graupner, Langlade County, WI:
Langlade County is known for their Potatoes, Gateway to Tourism, and Rafting on the Wolf River.

Joe Pribek, Kewaunee WI:
Kewaunee, Wisconsin is known for Commercial Fishing and Tourist Industries.

Ernie Anderson, New London, WI:
My hometown of New London is known for its week long celebration of St Patrick's day, they call it "New Dublin"



Bonnie Swan, Tomah, WI:

Tomah is where I-94 and I-90 divide, halfway between Chicago and the Twin Cities. Anyone traveling the interstate has probably gone right past Tomah, population 9,383. In the summer, they close off Main Street and have free live music six Thursdays in the summer, as shown in the picture.

