

In their words. . .

"Farm programs and commodity markets depend on accurate data from NASS. We encourage farmers and ranchers to take the time to complete these important surveys."

– **Chip Bowling, National Corn Growers Association**

"Our job is to develop export markets all around the world, and the cornerstone of that is knowing where we are competitively, how many acres. We . . . use [NASS data] every day."

– **Tom Sleight, U.S. Grains Council**

"We look at supply and demand estimations for our short-term and long-range decision making. . . NASS tends to be a very reliable source of accurate data."

– **Richard Wilkins, American Soybean Association**

"We use NASS's service frequently in business planning. We need unbiased third-party sources of information that we can rely on to build those business plans."

– **Duane Martin, Syngenta Seeds**

"We rely on data from NASS almost on a daily basis . . . really the full spectrum of data products that NASS offers. We are avid users of that data just to help inform our decision making."

– **Geoff Cooper, Renewable Fuels Association**

"NASS has the strongest data for calculating the payments issued to those who participate in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) – County program. The more producers who respond to the confidential NASS surveys, the stronger our calculations become."

– **Farm Service Agency**

For more information

For help in filling out the survey, call or email
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866-294-8560 | nass@nass.usda.gov

For more about the APS survey program, see
www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide_to_NASS_Surveys/Crops_Stocks/index.php



Acreage, Production, and Stocks Surveys: Why They Matter

Confidentiality

Our mission is to provide timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture. In doing so, we are fully committed to protecting your privacy and your data.

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your responses will be kept confidential and any person who willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your operation is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both. This survey is conducted in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347, and other applicable federal laws. For more information on how we protect your information, please visit www.nass.usda.gov/confidentiality.

If USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service asks you to fill out the Acreage, Production, and Stocks quarterly survey, you might wonder whether it matters that you take time to respond and return the survey.

It does. Farmers and ranchers, USDA, businesses, exporters, researchers, economists, policymakers, and others use the survey information in making a wide range of decisions that benefit you as producer.












Let's see how you and others use the data.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

About 80,000 farmers receive the quarterly **Acreage, Production, and Stocks (APS) Survey** one to four times per year. Depending on where you live and the commodities you grow, you may receive one or more of these quarterly surveys.

	APS Quarterly Survey	What We Ask	Who Uses the Data?
	March Provides the first indication of acreage and stock levels for the year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acres you have planted and intend to plant • Grains/oilseeds stored on your operation • Cash rents (every other year) 	 Farmers – to make decisions about your operations, including planting and marketing plans.  USDA agencies – to evaluate and administer various farm programs, particularly Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and other insurance, disaster, commodity, conservation, credit, and loan programs.
	June Provides the first estimates of that year's expected production and supply of major commodities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acres you have planted and intend to plant • Acres harvested and to be harvested for small grains • Use of genetically modified/ genetically engineered seeds • Grains/oilseeds stored on your operation • Economic data 	 Agribusinesses – to develop marketing strategies and plans for an orderly flow of goods and services among producing, processing, marketing, transportation, storage, and related sectors.  Agriculture traders – to evaluate U.S. export potential; and international customers – to determine whether the United States remains a reliable supplier of major commodities.
	September Provides the basis for official USDA estimates of the year's acreage, production, and yield for small grains. Combined with data from the County Agricultural Production Survey, provides county-level yields for small grains.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acres planted and harvested for small grains • Yield for small grains • Grains/oilseeds stored on your operation • Unharvested production for small grains (barley, oats, rye, and wheat) 	 Commodity markets – to establish futures and commodity prices.  Federal and state agencies – to administer agriculture programs as well as programs related to trade, education, recreation, and consumer protection.
	December Provides the basis for official USDA estimates of the year's acreage, production, and yield for row crops, as well as supply estimates for the following year. Combined with data from the County Agricultural Production Survey, provides county-level yields for row crops.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acres planted and harvested for row crops • Yield for row crops • Grains/oilseeds stored on your operation • Unharvested production for row crops (corn, cotton, hay, peanuts, potatoes, pulses, oilseeds, rice, sorghum, soybeans, sweet potatoes, tobacco) 	 Researchers, economists, extension agents, farm media, and others – to identify and analyze emerging issues, trends, and their implications.

