

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**  
County Agricultural Production Survey  
2021 Row Crops

The “day to day decisions” question and partner information is very important. Correct information here is key to accurately summarizing the data back in the office

Principal county information ensures that the data is allocated to wherever the bulk of the value of production occurs

Collecting crop data on:

Acres planted

Acres harvested

Production OR yield per acre

Acres for all other purposes

For a wide variety of row crops. Commodities asked varies by state

Corn harvested for grain and corn harvested for seed are asked in two separate questions for all states. (Be sure yield for seed is given as actual yield and not a converted yield for payment purposes as yield for seed is typically much lower than the yield for grain.)

For dry hay crops we are looking for:

Acres harvested

Production OR yield per acre

Across several different types of dry hay (not haylage, silage, or baleage), which again varies by state

You *may* encounter growers with none of the survey commodities—that’s OK. A “zero” is still a valid report and useful information. This doesn’t mean the operation is ‘out of business’.

Irrigation varies by geographic area. For select crops, we collect information by irrigated and non-irrigated. If a grower reports irrigating a crop which is not broken out into these two categories, please leave a note that irrigation was used

If production/yield is unknown, probe to get as much information as possible and record in a note: how big of a bin did it fill; was it better/worse/the same as last year; etc

Capture any other acres planted but not harvested (flooded, droughted out, planted but then replanted to another crop, etc). Record the acres planted and then the acres for all other purposes. If a crop was harvested for silage and silage information is not asked separately for that crop, record those acres in the all other purposes category. **Please leave notes for “acres for all other purposes” as to what these acres were used for or why they were not harvested.**

Western USA facing severe drought conditions across multiple states. Some operators might report having no crops when in reality crops were abandoned. Double check to confirm no row crops.

We are *only* looking for dry hay in the hay questions. Record acres only once regardless of number of times harvested. Record production/yield for all cuttings. Acres and production of haylage should be excluded (unless specifically asked in that state). Don’t confuse small grain hay with straw

Make sure to leave notes for any high or low yields; large portion of acres planted not harvested/used for other purposes; etc.

The impact of mistakes is greater when making county-level estimates versus state or national level. Therefore, careful interviewing and recording of data are crucial to the success of the CAPS survey program. As are your comments!