

Prices Paid Surveys Information Sheet

Overview

- Project code: 171 – Prices Paid Survey
- Mailings:
 - Questionnaires - February 25, 2021
- Data Release: “*Agricultural Prices*” - April 30, 2021 3pm (EST)
 - Since 2015, data for individual prices are not published, but are used in index construction
- Sample: Mostly agribusinesses, with 80% carryover from last year. All states except Alaska and Hawaii. Approximately 15% of records are in multiple PP surveys.
- Reference Period: 2020 calendar year
- Purpose: The Prices Paid by Farmers Survey provides price data for the construction of Prices Paid indexes, which measure the change in the average price of agricultural inputs purchased by farmers and ranchers. Prices are indexed and compared to specific base periods, so that changes in the cost of agricultural inputs can be measured over time

Terms and Definitions:

- See Chapter 3 of the Prices Paid Surveys Interviewer’s Manual for Terms and Definitions.

Survey(s):

- Target population mostly input suppliers, rather than producers, as with most other NASS surveys.
- Pay close attention to the Include/Exclude statements for each section, as some switch based on which item is reported.
- In cases where multiple brands of the same product are reported, ask the respondent to report the most commonly sold item.
- Use the chemical trade names when asking questions in the Fert/Chem. survey.
 - (Ex: “Did you sell any Glyphosate, such as RoundUp?”)

- A list has been provided that gives the active ingredients and their respective trade names.
 - The list might not be all-inclusive, but should contain most items.
- Machinery reported should be **new** and include accessories or options normally purchased. Exclude value any trade-in or discounts.
- If an item is reported in conjunction with something not asked (includes application costs, etc.) and the respondent cannot separate, be sure to include a note explaining that the product has additional services or goods included with the price.
- “Fall Wheat Seed Price” is referring to price as it was last year (in Fall of 2020).
- Before marking a record as Out of Business, be sure the operation is completely out of business, and does not have any of the other PP Surveys items of interest.
- DCC Enumerators:
 - If respondent reports package sizes not listed in Blaise, use F5 key to denote “unknown,” but then make an F9 note to add as much detail as possible regarding the size/weight/price of the item in question.
 - Price warnings in Blaise will refer back to a standard unit and price, regardless of the unit in which it was reported.