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August 18, 2023

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Sincerely,

Doug Bounds  
State Statistician, Kansas Field Office  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
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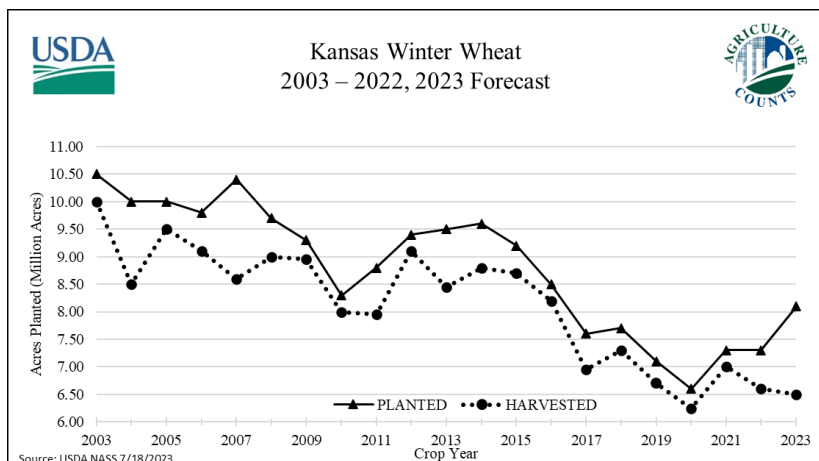
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Nicholas Streff, Regional Director  
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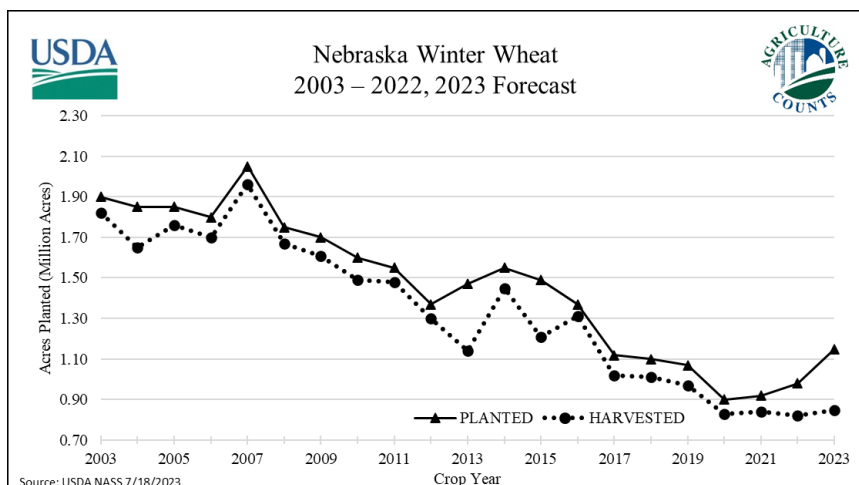
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Sincerely,

Erik Gerlach  
State Statistician, South Dakota Field Office  
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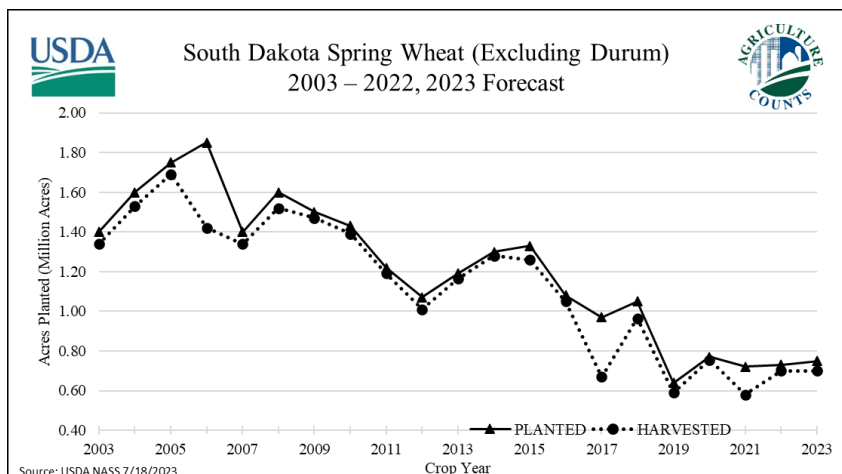


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Sincerely,

Darin Jantzi  
State Statistician, North Dakota Field Office  
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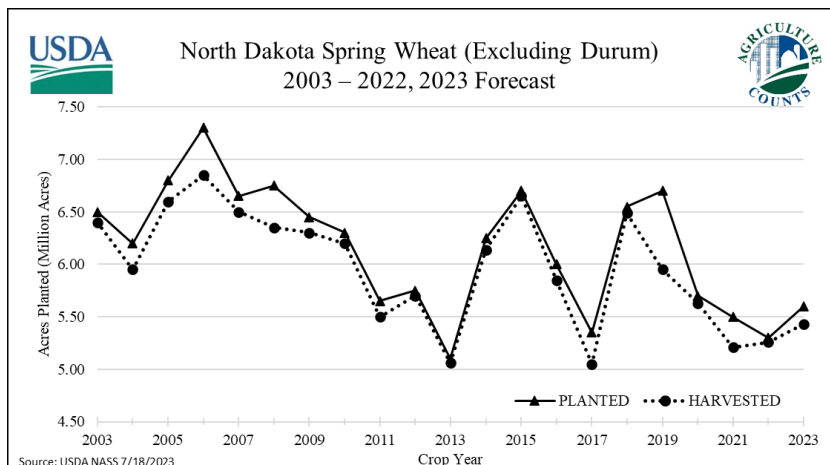


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August 23, 2023

### Why am I getting this letter?

Enclosed is your Hogs and Pigs Survey. Please complete it at your earliest convenience. Your participation is important. Your information will be used to produce detailed statistics on market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as pig crop and farrowing intentions.

You may receive an email reminder to complete your survey. If we do not hear from you by August 31, 2023, we may contact you to schedule an interview.

### How will the data be used?

The information collected in this survey allows NASS to accurately measure and report conditions and trends in the U.S. pork industry over the course of the year. This information is used by all sectors of the industry to help make sound and timely business decisions.

We recommend you respond online. On the Respondent Portal, you can complete your surveys, track upcoming surveys, access data visualizations and reports of interest, link to other USDA agencies, and more.

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form. We will publish the data Thursday, September 28, 2023, in the *Hogs and Pigs* report at [nass.usda.gov/publications](http://nass.usda.gov/publications) and in NASS's searchable database, Quick Stats, at [quickstats.nass.usda.gov](http://quickstats.nass.usda.gov).

Thank you for your participation and support of U.S. agriculture. For more information about this survey, visit [www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide\\_to\\_NASS\\_Surveys/Hog\\_Inventory/index.php](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide_to_NASS_Surveys/Hog_Inventory/index.php). If you need assistance, please contact us at 888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Parsons  
Chair, Agricultural Statistics Board  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
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August 24, 2023

### Why am I getting this letter?

Enclosed is your 2023 September Agricultural Yield Survey. Please complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience, via the Internet if possible, to avoid receiving follow-up contacts. Your information is important because it provides data regarding yields throughout the growing season and relays any changes related to the current growing conditions.

### How will the data be used?

Producers, processors, buyers, commodity markets, state and Federal agencies, and others use the data to understand the market, plan ahead, and conduct research.

The results of this survey will be kept confidential and will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. We will publish the survey findings from May through November 2023 in their respective months' *Crop Production* report. Final yield and production estimates will be published in the *Annual Crop Production* report in January 2024.

Thank you for participating and for your support of our programs and U.S. agriculture. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (800) 582-6443.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Streff  
Director, Northern Plains Regional Field Office

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September 22, 2023

### Why am I getting this letter?

Enclosed is your 2023 October Agricultural Yield Survey. Please complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience, via the Internet if possible, to avoid receiving follow-up contacts. Your information is important because it provides data regarding yields throughout the growing season and relays any changes related to the current growing conditions.

### How will the data be used?

Producers, processors, buyers, commodity markets, state and Federal agencies, and others use the data to understand the market, plan ahead, and conduct research.

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October 25, 2023

### Why am I getting this letter?

Enclosed is your 2023 November Agricultural Yield Survey. Please complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience, via the Internet if possible, to avoid receiving follow-up contacts. Your information is important because it provides data regarding yields throughout the growing season and relays any changes related to the current growing conditions.

### How will the data be used?

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Sincerely,

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Director, Northern Plains Regional Field Office

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August 23, 2023

### Why am I getting this letter?

Enclosed is your Chickpea Acreage and Production survey. Your participation is important. Please complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

You may receive an email reminder to complete your survey. If we do not receive your completed questionnaire by Tuesday, September 5, 2023, we may contact you for an interview.

### How will the data be used?

The data report will provide a reliable source of information for the industry. Growers can use the data to help make informed decisions for their own operations.

We recommend you respond online. On the Respondent Portal, you can complete your surveys, track upcoming surveys, access data visualizations and reports of interest, link to other USDA agencies, and more.

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form. We will publish the data Tuesday, September 12, 2023, in the *Crop Production* report at [nass.usda.gov/publications](https://nass.usda.gov/publications).

Thank you for your participation and support of U.S. agriculture. If you need assistance, please contact us at 888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

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July 21, 2023

### Why am I getting this letter?

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**If we do not receive your completed questionnaire by August 9, we may contact you to arrange an interview or email you a reminder.**

### How will the data be used?

This survey will provide the data needed to estimate acreage and production of selected crops in the United States. County yield data resulting from this survey will be used by USDA for various programs, including those administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency. When drought or flooding impacts crop production, these data are crucial to the agriculture industry.

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Thank you for your participation and support of agricultural statistics and U.S. agriculture. If you have any questions or need assistance completing your questionnaire, please call 888-424-7828. For more information on this survey, visit [nass.usda.gov/go/county-production](http://nass.usda.gov/go/county-production).

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United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
Northern Plains Regional Field Office



August 23, 2023

### Why am I getting this letter?

Enclosed is your 2023 Turkeys Raised Survey. Please complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience. Your information is important as it will help provide vital information to the turkey industry.

If we do not hear from you by Thursday, August 31, 2023, we may attempt to contact you to arrange an interview.

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form. We will publish the survey findings in the *Turkeys Raised* report, to be released Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Thank you for participating and for your support of our programs and U.S. agriculture. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (800) 582-6443.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Streff, Regional Director  
Northern Plains Regional Office  
U.S Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service

Enclosure

### What should I do next?

Complete your survey in one of the following ways:



**Online** at [www.agcounts.usda.gov](http://www.agcounts.usda.gov)  
**Online reporting is fast, cost-effective, and secure.** All you need is your unique survey code on the enclosed form to begin.



**By mail or fax.** Complete the survey questionnaire and mail it back in the return envelope provided or fax it to (855) 270-2720.

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July 18, 2023

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Dear Producer:

The Objective Yield Survey plays an important part in estimating U.S. crop production forecasts. USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) combines field measurements from Objective Yield plots with farmer-reported survey data and satellite-based vegetative information measurements to prepare monthly crop production estimates. Your cooperation is key to accurate crop production estimates.

The Objective Yield Survey for corn and soybeans will begin in August. A NASS representative will call you and other selected producers to verify crop acreage reported on previous NASS surveys. The initial call will take 15 to 25 minutes of your time.

An aerial photo and county section map are enclosed.

- Please keep the map as a reference for your phone interview.
- The survey includes questions about the crop acreage you reported within the red boundaries on the map.

With your permission, we will then enter your field(s) at the end of each month during the growing season to collect plant and crop measurements. Monthly follow-up visits, if needed, will not require your time or personal contact.

NASS publishes data for these crops each month, September through December, in the monthly *Crop Production* report. All sectors of the agricultural industry rely on these data to help make sound business decisions. Thank you in advance for your support of our programs and U.S. agriculture. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 888-424-7828.

Sincerely,  
Joseph L. Parsons  
Chair, Agricultural Statistics Board

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The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your response 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 and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2018, Title III of Pub. L. No. 115-435, codified in 44 U.S.C. Ch. 35 and other applicable Federal laws. For more information on how we protect your information please visit: <https://www.nass.usda.gov/confidentiality>. Response is voluntary.

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