

County Agricultural Production Survey (CAPS) - Row Crops

Practice Interviews

The crops listed in these practice exercises will not apply to all states, so you may need to substitute other crops as needed. Also, code a record as Out-of-business to get familiar with the screening questions.

Practice Interview 1

Who is responding? **Operator**

Let me verify the name, address, and phone number that I have for the operation. Is this information correct? **Yes**

For the total acres you operate, will you grow any crops or cut hay in 20XX? **Yes**

Are the day-to-day decisions for this operation made by: an individual operator, partners, or a hired manager? **Individual**

In 20XX, how many acres did this operation own? **200**

In 20XX, how many acres did this operation rent, lease (from others), or use rent free? **100**

In 20XX, how many acres did this operation rent to others? **0**

Then the total acres operated in 20XX, was 300. Is that correct? **Yes**

Do the 300 acres include the farmstead, all cropland, woodland, pastureland, wasteland, and government program land? **Yes**

Of the total 300 acres operated, how many acres are considered cropland, including land in hay, summer fallow, cropland idle, cropland used for pasture, and cropland in government programs? **275**

In what state is the largest value of your agricultural products raised or produced? **Whatever State is listed or whatever state you are working in**

In what county was the largest value of your agricultural products raised or produced? **Whatever County is listed or whatever county you are working in**

How many acres did you have in Whatever County? **300**

How many acres of corn were planted for all purposes? **50**

How many acres of corn were harvested or will be harvested for grain? **15**

What was the amount of corn produced for grain? **165 bu/ac**

How many acres of corn were harvested or will be harvested for seed? **0**

How many acres of corn were cut or will be cut for silage? **33**

What was the amount of corn silage produced? **561 tons**

How many acres of corn were for all other purposes, including abandonment? **2**

How many acres of soybeans were planted for all purposes? **45**

How many acres of soybeans were harvested or will be harvested for beans? **45**

What was the amount of soybeans produced? **46 bu/ac**

How many acres of upland cotton were planted? **35**

How many acres of upland cotton were harvested or will be harvested? **35**

What was the amount of upland cotton produced? **1 and a half bales per acre**

Did you grow any rice in 20XX on land you operate? **No**

Did you cut any alfalfa, grain, or other hay for dry hay? **Yes**

How many acres of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures were cut for dry hay? **65**

What was the amount of dry hay produced? **4200 bales**

What was the average weight of one bale in pounds? **65**

How many more bales of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures were harvested? **0**

How many acres of small grain hay were cut for dry hay? **0**

How many acres of all other hay were cut for dry hay? **60**

What was the amount of dry hay produced? **160 bales**

What was the average weight of one bale in pounds? **750**

How many more bales of other hay were harvested? **134 bales**

What was the average weight of one bale in pounds? **450**

Do you make any day-to-day decisions for another operation? **No**

Would you like a brief summary emailed to you at a later date? **No**

Practice Interview 2

Who is responding? **Operator**

Let me verify the name, address, and phone number that I have for the operation. Is this information correct? **Yes**

For the total acres you operate, will you grow any crops or cut hay in 20XX? **Yes**

Are the day-to-day decisions for this operation made by: an individual operator, partners, or a hired manager? **Individual**

In 20XX, how many acres did this operation own? **3,100**

In 20XX, how many acres did this operation rent, lease (from others), or use rent free? **700**

In 20XX, how many acres did this operation rent to others? **0**

Then the total acres operated in 20XX, was 3,800. Is that correct? **Yes**

Do the 3,800 acres include the farmstead, all cropland, woodland, pastureland, wasteland, and government program land? **Yes**

Of the total 3,800 acres operated, how many acres are considered cropland, including land in hay, summer fallow, cropland idle, cropland used for pasture, and cropland in government programs? **3,600**

In what state is the largest value of your agricultural products raised or produced? **Whatever State is listed or whatever state you are working in**

In what county was the largest value of your agricultural products raised or produced? **Whatever County is listed or whatever county you are working in**

How many acres did you have in Whatever County? **2,700**

How many acres of corn were planted for all purposes? **1,750**

How many acres of corn were harvested or will be harvested for grain? **1,000**

What was the amount of corn produced for grain? **275 bu/ac**

Leave a note (We had an exceptional year for corn. We got rains just when we needed them.)

How many acres of corn were harvested or will be harvested for seed? **676**

What was the amount of corn produced for seed? **75 bu/ac**
How many acres of corn were cut or will be cut for silage? **0**
How many acres of corn were for all other purposes, including abandonment? **74**
Leave a note (74 acres flooded out along the creek)

How many acres of soybeans were planted for all purposes? **975**
How many acres of soybeans were harvested or will be harvested for beans? **975**
What was the amount of soybeans produced? **49,725 bushels**

How many acres of upland cotton were planted? **850**
How many acres of upland cotton were harvested or will be harvested? **825**
What was the amount of upland cotton produced? **1,650 bales**

Did you grow any rice in 20XX on land you operate? **No**

Did you cut any alfalfa, grain, or other hay for dry hay? **No**

Do you make any day-to-day decisions for another operation? **No**
Would you like a brief summary emailed to you at a later date? **No**

Practice Interview 3

Who is responding? **Operator**

Let me verify the name, address, and phone number that I have for the operation. Is this information correct? **Yes**

For the total acres you operate, will you grow any crops or cut hay in 20XX? **Yes**

Are the day-to-day decisions for this operation made by: an individual operator, partners, or a hired manager? **Individual**

In 20XX, how many acres did this operation own? **2,200**

In 20XX, how many acres did this operation rent, lease (from others), or use rent free? **0**

In 20XX, how many acres did this operation rent to others? **500**

Then the total acres operated in 20XX, was 1,700. Is that correct? **Yes**

Do the 1,700 acres include the farmstead, all cropland, woodland, pastureland, wasteland, and government program land? **Yes**

Of the total 1,700 acres operated, how many acres are considered cropland, including land in hay, summer fallow, cropland idle, cropland used for pasture, and cropland in government programs? **1,500**

In what state is the largest value of your agricultural products raised or produced? **Whatever State is listed or whatever state you are working in**

In what county was the largest value of your agricultural products raised or produced? **Whatever County is listed or whatever county you are working in**

How many acres did you have in Whatever County? **1,700**

How many acres of corn were planted for all purposes? **0**

How many acres of soybeans were planted for all purposes? **150**

How many acres of soybeans were harvested or will be harvested for beans? **100**

What was the amount of soybeans produced? **4,650 bushels**

How many acres soybeans were for all other purposes, including abandonment? **50**

Leave a note explaining the “acres for all other purposes” – “Planted them after harvesting wheat, but due to dry July very few of the beans came up.”

How many acres of upland cotton were planted? **0**

Did you grow any rice in 20XX on land you operate? **Yes**

How many acres of long grain rice were planted? **400**

How many acres of long grain rice were harvested or will be harvested? **400**

What was the amount of long grain rice produced (including second cutting)? **7,000 lbs/ac**

Was the 7,000 lbs/ac reported in green weight or dry weight? **Green**

How many acres of medium grain rice were planted? **400**

Leave a note – Farmer stated he “upped the medium grain acreage this year, trying to fill a niche demand”

How many acres of medium grain rice were harvested or will be harvested? **400**

What was the amount of medium grain rice produced (including second cutting)? **2,680,000 pounds**

Was the 2,680,000 pounds reported in green weight or dry weight? **Dry weight**

How many acres of short grain rice were planted? **0**

Did you cut any alfalfa, grain, or other hay for dry hay? **No**

Do you make any day-to-day decisions for another operation? **No**

Would you like a brief summary emailed to you at a later date? **No**