



## NASDA Quick Tips

### Ag Yield 2026

#### Common reporting issues

- *Updates to operation/operator name, address, phone numbers should be made on the verification screen – do not put these in comments*
- Planted acres & yield reported, harvested acres blank – update harvested acres
- Planted & harvested acres positive, yield blank – probe for yield guess or enter DK
- Planted & harvested acres positive, enumerator comment indicates corn was for silage, small grains were for forage or hay, etc. – planted acres should be reported, harvested acres & yield should be zero
- Planted & harvested acres blank, yield reported – update planted & harvested acres
- Hay production is often reported as *total production* – should be reported as *yield per acre*
- Hay reported in bales, but bale weight is not provided – this causes yield not to be calculated, probe for bale weight (are they small 40-50 lb bales or are they large 800-1,100lb round bales)
- Yield range reported in enumerator comment, but not reported in the yield cell – use the average of the reported range (reports 40-50 bushels per acre, record 45 bushels in the yield cell)

#### Common reporting issues that might not be obvious while enumerating (especially in CAPI)

- *When in doubt if a decimal is allowed in a cell, refer to the electronic copy of the form*
- Acres or yield reported in previous month, but now blank – you won't always know, but if you do know based on the interview or your recollection, enter values or make a comment explaining the zero harvested acres is valid
- Large change in acres or yield from the previous month - you won't always know, but if you do know they changed, make a comment explaining why the difference

#### A comment is needed when the following situations are encountered

- *Enumerator comments should always reference the crop(s) they are commenting on*
- *General comments such as, “only grows corn & cuts hay, no small grains”, are also very useful*
- Extreme high or low yields – note should verify & explain why high or low
- Operator refused to make a guess for acres or yield – encourage respondent to make a guess, we will ask again next month & his guess can be adjusted then, worst case enter DK in yield cell
- Zero yield - was it a valid zero (harvested acres should be zero) or were acres harvested & yield should be DK
- Yield equal to harvested acres - might be a valid coincidence but needs to be verified & comment added
- Corn will be harvested for silage, small grains will be harvested for hay or used as forage, etc. – acres harvested for grain or seed should be zero