



August Ag Yield Survey Information Sheet



Overview:

Collecting crop information: acres to be harvested, expected yield, hay production, current stocks, irrigated/non-irrigated crops, single/double cropped, harvest complete. This information varies by month, commodity, and state.

Purpose:

- The purpose of our Ag Yield surveys is to provide accurate estimates on yield and production.
- Producers use the information when developing marketing plans for their operations.
- Enables the industry to forecast transportation and storage requirements and evaluate export potential.
- USDA agencies use the information to determine crop insurance and disaster aid payments along with other program benefits.
- Congress relies on current yield and production data in formulating farm legislation.

Crops Asked:

August is the transition month getting the final production/yield information for small grains and begins collecting data on row crops, hay, and tobacco (crops asked varies by state).

- Small Grains
 - Collecting final harvested acres and yield on the varying wheat types, oats, and barley
- Row Crops
 - Corn, Pima & Upland Cotton, Dry Edible Beans, Peanuts, Rice, Soybeans, Sorghum, Canola, Chickpeas, & Sunflowers (oil/non-oil)
- Hay Production & Stocks
 - Dry hay produced from all cuttings during the current year
 - Regardless of when or where it was produced.
 - All Hay, Alfalfa, & Other Hay
- Tobacco
 - Burley, Dark Air Cured, Flue cured, Fire Cured

Things to Remember:

- Row Crops: asking for acres harvested for grain or seed only
 - Exclude any other uses (silage, haylage, cover crop, etc.)
- Dry Hay: asking for dry hay ONLY
 - Exclude haylage and green chop
 - Looking for the *Total* expected yields for the entire year, not just what has been harvested to point in time.
- If units reported are different than what the survey asks for, please leave notes
 - Example: Respondent reports his tobacco production in bales per acre instead of in pounds per acre. You will need to ask the weight of one of those bales and leave a note so yield can be calculated.
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- Ask questions and leave notes if yield is greatly different than what was reported the previous month
- Watch for irrigated and non-irrigated yields. If the farmer has both make notes of acres and yield (or production) for each.
- If the respondent has dry beans leave a note stating what type they are (navy, pinto, etc.)