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USDA to Measure Small Grain Production

Madison, Wisconsin – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey producers in 32 states, including Wisconsin, for its 2023 County Agricultural Production Survey (CAPS) and September 1, 2023 Agricultural Survey. The agency is taking a comprehensive look into the 2023 production and supply of small grains, including wheat, oats, barley, and rye.

NASS will contact Wisconsin producers to gather information on their 2023 production and the quantities of commodities stored on the farm. The surveys will collect information on total acres planted and harvested, and yield and production of small grains crops down to the county level.

"The data provided will help federal and state programs support the farmer," said Greg Bussler, State Statistician of the Wisconsin State Office. "I hope every producer understands the importance of these data and will take the time to respond if they receive this survey. Producers can lose out when there are no data to determine accurate rates for loans, disaster payments, crop insurance price elections, and more. Without data, agencies such as USDA's Risk Management Agency and Farm Service Agency do not have information on which to base the programs that serve those same producers."

Farmers are encouraged to respond online at <u>agcounts.usda.gov</u> or by mail. Producers who have not responded by August 30 may be contacted by a NASS representative to schedule a time to help fill out the survey.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law.

NASS will publish state and national data in the annual Small Grains Summary and quarterly Grain Stocks reports Friday, September 29, 2023 on the NASS website (nass.usda.gov). County-level survey results will be published on the NASS Quick Stats database (quickstats.nass.usda.gov) on Friday, December 15, 2023. For more information, call

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