

# Introduction



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# What is ARMS?

- Agricultural Resource Management Survey
- Project conducted in cooperation with ERS
- Primary source of information for agricultural resource use, costs, and farm finance
- Supports key uses of enterprise, farm, and household data



# What is TOTAL?

- Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agriculture Land
  - Incorporated within ARMS3
  - This survey is mandatory
- Study of all land rented out for agricultural purposes
  - Includes
    - Operator Landlords
      - This data is collected within ARMS3
    - Non-Operator Landlords
      - This data has its own survey



# ARMS: Data Collection Phases

- Phase I (May – July): Screens list frame operations for in-business status, operating arrangement, and presence of targeted commodities.
- Phase II: (Oct – Dec): Collects data on chemical use, production practices, and variable input costs for targeted commodities.
- Phase III/TOTAL: (January – April): Focuses on farm economics and risk management practices; typically includes the entire ARMS II sample and a general sample.



# Expectations

- Read & review mailed packages from RFO
- Study manual
- Work with supervisors
- Participate in trainings
- Practice exercises



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# Thanks for Watching!



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