



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
Great Lakes Regional Field Office
Cooperating with Indiana, Michigan and Ohio



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Dear Producer:

Your operation has been selected to participate in the USDA/NASS Monthly Agriculture Yield Survey for 2024. Enclosed is your May Ag Yield Survey questionnaire. Please take the time to complete it in the next few days.

The information you and others provide is extremely important. The May 1 survey provides the basis for the first official USDA yield forecast for winter wheat. It also provides indications of on-farm hay stocks across our region. Follow-on surveys over the next few months will be conducted to update and finalize yields for small grain crops. Survey findings will be published monthly in USDA's *Crop Production* reports. This month's report will be available on the internet at 12:00 p.m. on May 10, 2024 at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. A brief summary of the report's findings for our region may be e-mailed to you at your request.

Your participation is important. Because we want to make it as easy as possible for you to report, we offer you the following options to respond:

- **Online** at <http://portal.agcounts.usda.gov>. This method is fast, easy and secure. You will need the 12-digit survey code found on the survey mailing label to begin; Once on the website, look for the box where you can "Enter Your Unique Survey Code", then press "Submit & Get Survey(s)" to get started.
- **By mail or fax.** Complete the survey questionnaire and return it in the envelope provided or fax it to (855) 270-2709.

Your response will be kept confidential by federal law. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Producers not responding by mail or Internet will be contacted by phone only beginning April 30. With the short time frame for data collection there is a chance that we may call before you have had the opportunity to respond by mail or online. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this very important project. Thank you for your support and for your contributions to agriculture in our region.

Sincerely,

Marlo D. Johnson, Director
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Enclosures