

United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service Great Lakes Region Serving Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio



TO:	NASDA Field/Telephone Enumerators
FROM:	Paul Goings
DATE:	March 1, 2024
SUBJECT:	April Agricultural Labor Enumeration Reminders

GENERAL INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

	APRIL AGRICULTURAL LABOR
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Project Code	956
Sample Size	IN – 415, MI – 358, OH – 466
Mail Date	Thursday, March 28, 2024
EDR (Respondent Web Reporting)	Thursday, March 28 – Thursday, May 9
Phone Enumeration	Wednesday, April 17 – Tuesday, May 7 Tuesday, April 23 (Delayed Start Date)*
Potential Call-Outs to Field	Friday, April 26
Last Date to enter in CAPI	Tuesday, May 7 @ 11:59 pm
Release Date	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 @ 3:00 pm

***DELAYED START:** Records with a positive history of mail/web response will be turned off in CAPI during the first week of data collection to allowed operators time to respond by mail or web.

<u>WHO USES THIS INFORMATION:</u> NASS labor estimates impact the entire agricultural community. The Department of Labor uses the results of this survey in establishing minimum wage rates for agricultural workers and assisting legislators in determining labor policies. USDA and the Department of Labor use the data to estimate the demand for, and availability of seasonal agricultural workers. Agencies responsible for administering farm labor recruitment and placement programs use the statistics in their planning and evaluation.

NOTE FOR APRIL 1 MILK MATCHES: The Ag Labor and April 1 Milk production survey matches should be collected together using the MILK PRODUCTION DUE DATES. This may mean you will have to collect the Ag Labor on paper and enter the data when it opens in CAPI. We will try to open the CAPI for those records that match with Milk so you can put the Labor into the system early. Please ask the farmer to project what his labor will be for the reference week in April.

As a reminder, the April questionnaire collects data for January and April. It is imperative that we collect data for previous quarters. Please convey this to your respondents if they are reluctant to provide the data. We realize that it may be cumbersome to pull the records but it is important for accurate reporting, data analysis and estimation.

Thank you in advance for your hard work! 3001 Coolidge Rd., Ste. 400 · Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 324-5300 · (855) 270-2709 FAX · www.nass.usda.gov