

## **United States Department of Agriculture**

National Agricultural Statistics Service Great Lakes Region



TO: NASDA Field/Telephone Enumerators

FROM: Ben Magen DATE: February 7, 2025

2024 TOTAL LLO Survey Enumeration Reminders SUBJECT:

## **GENERAL INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS**

TOTAL LANDLORD ONLY (LLO)		
Stat Contact	Ben Magen	
Stat Phone	517-324-5305	
Project Code	682	
Sample Size	2800	
Mail Date	January 3 (First) and March 5 (Second)	
Field Enumeration	March 1 – April 24	
Available for Field	Approx 230	
EDR (respondent web reporting)	November 27, 2024 – April 24, 2025	
Last Date to Submit Via CAPI	Thursday, April 24	
Release Date	Friday, October 31, 2025	

## **General Notes**

- Make good notes on any answer that you think would require further explanation.
- Additional information is available on the NASDA website.
- Please use good judgment when tracking the landlords down. If the landlord is in a different county or another state in the region, inform your supervisor, NASDA coordinator, or RFO staff. We can use CAPI to reassign to a closer enumerator.
- If you can find a phone number for a landlord, then call them to complete the survey.
- We will include several blank questionnaires in case there is a reassigned landlord.
- You are allowed 2 hours of home study.

## Notes on completing the TOTAL LLO questionnaire

- Landlord Only Definition: To be in scope for the TOTAL Landlord Only survey the person or institution that NASS has identified must have had an ownership interest in agricultural land located in the target state in 2024. The person or institution must also rent or lease that land to others as part of a farm or ranch operation for cash, on shares, or as part of a hybrid or rent free arrangement. They are not in scope if they operate their own farm or ranch.
- There is only one questionnaire version, but the questionnaire refers to land rented out in the State listed on the questionnaire label, referred to as "THIS STATE" throughout:

2.	Did the person or legal entity named on the mailing label have an ownership interest in agricultural land located in THIS STATE in 2024?	
	Note: Answer "yes" if you have power of attorney, are a trustee, or otherwise are a proxy for the landowner.	
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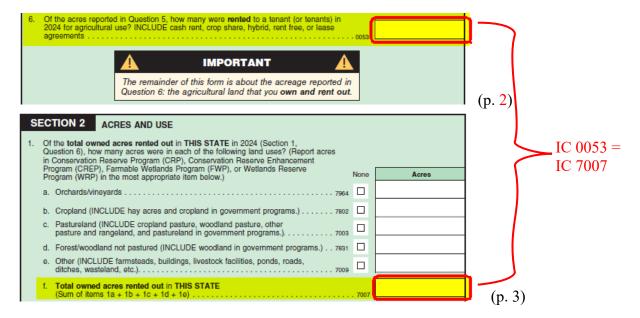
• If the landlord is actually a farmer and rents a portion of his land out, he does not qualify for this survey. On page 2, record 7000 = 1, 0143 = 1, and 7002 = 1. Skip to section 11 on page 12.

<ol> <li>Did the person or legal entity named on the mailing label have an ownership interest in agricultural land located in THIS STATE in 2024?</li> </ol>			
	Note: Answer "yes" if you have power of attorney, are a trustee, or otherwise are a proxy for the landowner.		
	1 X Yes - Continue 3 No - Go to Section 11		
3	<ol> <li>Was any of this land in THIS STATE rented to others as part of a farm or ranch operation? INCLUDE cash rent, crop share, hybrid, rent free, or lease agreements.</li> </ol>		
	1 Yes - Continue 3 No - Go to Section 11		
4	. In 2024, did the person or legal entity named on the mailing label make day to day decisions for a farm or ranch operation? INCLUDE operations with crops, livestock, cropland in government programs, etc.		
	1 Yes - Go to Section 11 3 No - Continue		
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• The information is completed for only acres rented out. The landlord may own additional land, but those acres should not appear at any point past the warning on page 2.



• On page 3, the total on question 1 needs to equal the value from question 6 on page 2. Make sure the landlord does not included land that is not rented out in question 1.



- If the landlord receives CRP payments, this makes the landlord a farm operator. The government program questions on page 3 refer to the landlord renting out land and the farm operator operating those acres.
- All farm income, expenses, and capital investments refer to the land rented out. If the landlord lives in the house and makes improvements to the house, do not record them. If the farm operator lives in the house and the landlord makes improvements to the house, then record those improvements.
- The landlord may have expenses pertaining to fertilizer and pesticides. If they do, then one would expect rent to be higher or part of a share agreement.
- Landlord Debt questions (page 10) refer to land rented out only. Do not include debt costs for acres not rented out.