

Friday Feedback for Friday, July 7, 2023

Census Non-Response Data Collection - Kalaus

In order to measure the misclassification and coverage portion of the Census, the model relies on the Census Mail List/June Area-ACES matches. Based on early model runs, improved response to these matched records is necessary for the model to perform effectively. Also, other impactful demographic records have been identified. Since these are critical records, additional field enumeration is needed to boost response and improve the quality of the model output.

Assignments are currently being made and field enumeration is scheduled for July 10 – July 24. All enumerators selected to work this data collection effort will be shipped a supply of blank Census questionnaires on Monday, July 10. Data collected should be submitted using the iPad. For the enumerative effort, use NASDA project code 651.

Thank you in advance for your help on this important project.

June Area Photos – Kalaus

Please continue to send June Area questionnaires and photographs into the office.

Upcoming Due Date Reminders:

Please be mindful of the following due dates:

- ARMS 1: May 30 – July 12
- July Milk Production: June 30 – July 12
- July Cattle: June 30 – July 12
- Quarterly Colony Loss: June 30 – July 13
- Census Non-response Data Collection: July 10 – July 24

Please enter your time and mileage into iSolved every day.

Friday Feedback for Friday, July 14, 2023

Objective Yield - Collom

Corn and Soybean Objective Yield Pre-School Training Materials were sent via UPS on Wednesday, July 12. If you are an enumerator in Indiana or Ohio and are going to work Objective Yield you should receive one of these kits. If you do not receive one by Tuesday, July 18, please contact your supervisor.

Upcoming Due Date Reminders:

Please be mindful of the following due dates:

- Census Non-response Data Collection: July 10 – July 24
- Wheat Objective Yield Final UPS Mailing Date: July 31

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Friday Feedback for Friday, July 21, 2023

August 1 Enumerator Packets - Collom/Courser:

UPS Packages containing August 1 Survey materials for enumerators will be shipped from East Lansing on Monday, July 24. The packages will include materials for Ag Yield, Small Grain CAPS, August 1 Fruit (MI only) and Potato PDI (MI only). Also included for Ohio and Indiana Supervisors will be the overnight UPS labels to be used for Objective Yield. Enumerators should receive their package no later than Thursday, July 27. If you do not receive a package and are expecting work, please contact the Regional Field Office and we will track it down.

Potential UPS Strike:

To prepare for a potential UPS strike, data collection and sample shipment procedures have been adjusted for this month. See changes to Wheat OY below.

Timing of Wheat OY Fieldwork:

- Continue Harvest of Mature Samples.
- Begin counts for immature samples starting July 24.
- All lab samples must be shipped by July 28, at the latest, using UPS next day air.
- After July 28, hold samples until further information is received.

Upcoming Due Date Reminders:

Please be mindful of the following due dates:

- Census Non-response Data Collection: July 10 – July 24
- Wheat Objective Yield Final UPS Mailing Date: July 28 (updated to accommodate UPS strike)
- Ag Yield Enumeration: July 29 – August 06
- Fruit Production Inquiry Enumeration: July 28 – August 06

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Friday Feedback for Friday, July 28, 2023

Seeking Volunteers - Kalaus

Our Headquarter Survey Methodologists are looking for ARMS 2 enumerators to participate in a brief survey asking for feedback on the list of machinery included in the ARMS 2 respondent booklet. Anyone can participate who has been an enumerator for ARMS 2, but they are particularly interested in opinions from supervisory enumerators, or those who have enumerated ARMS 2 multiple times. They anticipate the survey should take no more than one hour of their time. Time should be charged to project code 906.

If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to Ty Kalaus (ty.kalaus@usda.gov) by 10:00am on Monday, July 31. They will email the questionnaire to you later that day.

Timing of Wheat OY Fieldwork:

An agreement has been reached, and the potential UPS strike has been averted. There is no longer a need to hold Objective Yield (OY) samples after July 28 as mentioned in the previous Friday Feedback. Please proceed as normal with the wheat OY survey. Enumerators are encouraged to ship samples early and often to the lab for processing.

Upcoming Due Date Reminders:

Please be mindful of the following due dates:

- Wheat Objective Yield Fieldwork: July 25 – August 1
- Ag Yield Enumeration: July 28 – August 6
- Fruit Production Inquiry Enumeration: July 28 – August 6
- Potato Disposition Enumeration: August 1 – August 25

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