

NASS Programs

June Area Survey

About the Survey

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts the June Area Survey each year to develop comprehensive estimates of land uses and agricultural activities across the United States.

In June, the survey will sample nearly 40,000 producers on approximately 11,000 selected segments of land.

Results of this survey will contribute to numerous crop-related reports NASS will publish throughout the year. NASS will make all of its reports available online at: www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Response Confidentiality

The results of this and all NASS surveys will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

How NASS Collects Data

Using aerial photographs to identify the land segments, NASS representatives will contact and interview all producers operating within the boundaries of each selected land segment. Most segments cover approximately one square mile; some segments in western states may be larger.

Data gathered during the June Area Survey include:

- Crop acreage, including biotech crops
- Land Use
- Grain stocks
- Livestock inventory
- Farm numbers
- Cash rents
- Land values
- Value of sales

Who Uses the Information?

The data collected in this survey provide the most timely, accurate, and useful information on the current state of U.S. agriculture. The June Area Survey provides direct data, and is a critical component of data collection and estimation, for numerous NASS reports, including:

- *Acreage* (published in June)
- *Land Values and Cash Rents* (published in August)
- *Small Grains* (published in September)
- *Sheep and Goats* (published in January)
- *Prospective Plantings* (published in March)
- *Cattle* (published in January)
- *Hogs and Pigs* (published in March, June, September and December)
- *Crop Production* (published monthly, with an annual summary in January)

