

Friday Feedback for Friday, November 3, 2023

Ag Yield and Potato PDI: – Collom

Just a reminder that November 1 Ag Yield and Potato PDI are both due Sunday night by 11:59 pm. Harvest has been challenging this fall and we're hearing that soybean yields are being affected by white mold in some areas, so this month's Ag Yield is important. Please do your best to get reports from those farms assigned to you and get those reports entered into CAPI by Sunday night.

ARMS II and FCUS – Weber, Goings

First, thank you all for your hard work on these surveys and all the surveys currently underway. We realize, especially for Soybeans ARMS II, that contacting operators during peak harvest is no easy task. We wanted to share the national return rate for FCUS, Oats ARMS II, and Soy ARMS II in the table below as of November 3rd. I included other Midwest states to see how we compare when looking 'apples to apples'. The numbers speak for themselves – we are doing well in some spots, and not so well in others. It appears to be tough to get data all around the Midwest – particularly for soybeans. HQ still wants to encourage us to send in 50% of good, completed forms by November 8th for ARMS II and by December 9th for FCUS– which we can all see is quite a challenge. At the very least, please get appointments on the books to collect data with enough time to send complete reports back to the NOD (Nov. 30th last day to ship for ARMS II, Dec. 29th for FCUS). I also want you to know that your efforts don't go unnoticed, here in the office and in HQ – so please keep up the good work – and please ship your forms back early and often as every form helps to push us ahead of the rest of the pack. Good luck and be safe.

State	FCUS			OATS ARMS II			SOY ARMS II		
	IN	OUT	% IN	IN	OUT	% IN	IN	OUT	% IN
IL	0	0		18	77	18.9%	27	271	9.1%
IN	0	0		0	0		14	228	5.8%
IA	0	0		14	275	4.8%	11	272	3.9%
KS	0	0		22	78	22.0%	29	222	11.6%
MI	44	533	7.6%	65	132	33.0%	35	156	18.3%
MN	0	0		10	287	3.4%	7	288	2.4%
MO	0	0		0	0		28	218	11.4%
NE	0	0		9	91	9.0%	23	225	9.3%
ND	0	0		57	142	28.6%	28	170	14.1%
OH	0	0		46	148	23.7%	18	230	7.3%
SD	37	222	14.3%	41	251	14.0%	0	0	
PA	0	0		44	155	22.1%	18	182	9.0%
WI	0	0		76	331	18.7%	7	187	3.6%
USA	639	5240	10.9%	557	2464	18.4%	322	3749	7.9%

Upcoming Due Date Reminders

Please be mindful of the following due dates:

- ARMS Phase II: September 27 – November 30
- Fruit Chemical Use Survey: October 1 – December 29
- Ag Labor: October 19 – November 9
- Potato Acreage and Disposition: October 30 – November 5
- November Ag Yield: October 30 – November 5
- Cost of Pollination – Matches with ARMS II/FCUS: October 25 – November 29
- Cost of Pollination – All Others: November 6 – November 29
- Vegetable Grower Inquiry: November 15 – December 30

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Friday Feedback for Friday, November 10, 2023

Veteran's Day Holiday – November 11

The Regional Field Office will be closed this Friday, November 10, in recognition of Veteran's Day. This federal holiday is celebrated every year on November 11, regardless of the day of the week it falls on. First recognized as Armistice Day in 1919, Veterans Day marks the date when Germany and the allies signed a 1918 agreement to cease World War I hostilities. The fighting ceased on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day, saying: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory." In 1938, Congress passed a law to mark November 11 as a legal holiday. In 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a law that changed the name to its current form.

New Chemical Listing for ARMS II and FCUS – Goings/Weber

We have uploaded a new chemical listing for the FCUS and ARMS II Surveys . We will continue to update this list each Friday if we receive new chemical data during the week until the data collection period ends.

Vegetable Grower Inquiry– Laird/Hendrixson

Just a reminder that Vegetable Grower Inquiry (aka Vegetable PDI) data collection begins on Nov 15th. If the vegetable record matched with another record in a different survey that has an earlier data collection date, those records have already been activated. There are training resources [HERE](#) – including a link to a 15-minute video at the top, the PowerPoint slides referenced in the video, average yields and prices, etc. Please take some time (up to 30 minutes of training time to project code 137 if you have vegetable assignments) and familiarize yourself with the training before collecting data. Good luck!

ARMS III Review Info – Erickson

Supervisors – an email memo was sent to you explaining that the ARMS III records have been pushed to your iPad for a preliminary review. Please read that email to find more info about the ARMS III review – this first

push you don't have to make assignments (but you can if you would like) but it serves more as a gauge to see how much work you will have in which areas in early 2024. Please check your email for the detailed memo for further explanation. Thanks.

ARMS II and FCUS Notifications – Laird

I will be sending email notifications to supervisors who have low return rates for FCUS and ARMS II and include some return rate information. I hope it will help encourage your folks to send in FCUS and ARMS II forms as the data collection window is closing and other end of year survey work will be ramping up before you know it. Some groups have 0 reports turned in to date and there should be 0 groups in that category at this point in the process. We realize there are unique challenges this year, but we still need to strive to meet our goals. Thanks for all your hard work.

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 - Others: November 6 – November 29
- Potato Stocks Inquiry – December: November 29 – December 8
- Mint Production and Disposition: November 29 – December 13
- Agricultural Survey – December: November 29 – December 17
- Popcorn Grower Inquiry: November 29 – December 17
- Dry Bean Inquiry: November 29 – December 17
- County Agricultural Production Survey:
 - CAPI December Matches: November 29 – December 17
 - CAPI Non-Matches: December 6 – January 16
 - CAPI January Matches: December 30 – January 16
- Fruit Chemical Use Survey: October 1 – December 29
- Vegetable Grower Inquiry: November 15 – December 30

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Friday Feedback for Friday, November 17, 2023

Passing of Pat Wehr

We are sorry to announce the passing of former NASDA Supervisor in southeast Indiana, Pat Wehr, age 87. She passed away on Monday, November 14, 2023. Funeral service will be held on Friday, November 17 at 2:00 pm in Brookville, Indiana.

Pat was a soft-spoken leader that built a solid core of enumerators and always did a great job for NASDA and NASS. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

December 1 Surveys: – Collom

Packets containing December 1 survey information (Quarterly Ag Survey, Row Crop CAPS, Hogs, Potato Stocks, Mint, Dry Beans) were sent to supervisors and enumerators on Tuesday via UPS. Enumerators expecting a package should have received it by now. If you were expecting work and haven't received something via UPS please let the office know.

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ARMS II Return Rates – Laird

Thank you all for your hard work on ARMS II – here is how we measure up compared to other Midwest states and the US (bottom line includes ALL states, not just Midwest). MI Enums, please remember to mail in those bubble sheets!

State	OATS ARMS II			SOY ARMS II		
	IN	OUT	% IN	IN	OUT	% IN
IL	25	70	26.3%	71	225	24.0%
IN*	0	0	0.0%	47	195	19.4%
IA	52	237	18.0%	46	237	16.3%
KS	39	61	39.0%	55	196	21.9%
MI	100	97	50.8%	76	115	39.8%
MN	34	263	11.4%	35	260	11.9%
MO	0	0	0.0%	68	177	27.8%
NE	21	79	21.0%	45	203	18.1%
ND	106	93	53.3%	62	136	31.3%
OH	107	87	55.2%	47	201	19.0%
SD	78	214	26.7%	0	0	0.0%
PA	81	118	40.7%	34	166	17.0%
WI	127	280	31.2%	24	170	12.4%
US	1069	1951	35.4%	903	3165	22.2%

*Indiana is not in the Oats program

FCUS Return Rates – Laird

Thank you all for your hard work on FCUS – here is how we measure up compared to all other FCUS states and the US (bottom line contains all states shown in the table). Please remember to send back the bubble sheets!

State	FCUS		
	IN	OUT	% IN
CA	305	2116	12.6%
FL	100	394	20.2%
GA	42	141	23.0%
MI	105	472	18.2%
NJ	22	111	16.5%
NY	50	131	27.6%
NC	53	29	64.6%
OR	171	322	34.7%
SD	59	200	22.8%
SC	21	38	35.6%
TX	37	56	39.8%
WA	259	645	28.7%
US	1224	4655	20.8%

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Thanksgiving:

We are thankful for our entire NASDA staff for the work you did throughout the year. You collected the data needed to publish accurate, timely and useful statistics in service to agriculture. The last year has had its

challenges, but you maintained your professionalism and continued to work hard to get the job done, for which we are grateful. From our family to yours, we wish you all the best this Thanksgiving season.

Please note that the Regional Field Office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The office will be open with limited staffing on Friday, November 24, and there will be no edition of Friday Feedback published that day.