

Friday Feedback for Friday, December 1, 2023

NASDA Enumerator of the Year – Morris

The 2023 NASS Awards for Excellence Ceremony will be held on December 6th, in which Ohio field enumerator Ralph Barbee, one of only five nationwide, will receive the Field Enumerator of the Year Award. Congratulations Ralph!

NAHMS Sheep Survey – Hiegel/Courser

The NAHMS Sheep 2024 Study is being conducted jointly by NASS and the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS). The purpose of the study is to compile important information about the sheep industry, such as flock health, animal management, and biosecurity practices. Upon completion of the NASS questionnaire, producers will have the opportunity to consent to participate in the NAHMS follow-up phase, which will involve free biological testing of their sheep.

NASS data collection for the Great Lakes Region will begin in late January and continue through the end of February. Data collection will be conducted by mail, web, and calling from the Data Collection Centers. ***There will be no local phoning for this survey.*** However, while doing your own survey work, you may end up speaking to a producer who received a NAHMS survey. For your reference and theirs, the NAHMS Sheep website can be found at this [LINK](#). The questionnaire is located at this [LINK](#).

Also, please note that the NAHMS Sheep Study is not the same as the regular NASS Sheep and Goat Report. The NASS survey focuses on sheep inventory, while the NAHMS survey focuses on health and management. There are a number of operations that were sampled for both surveys. While conducting interviews for the Sheep and Goat Report, please advise producers that they may be receiving another survey about their sheep and explain to them the difference between the two reports. If you have any questions or concerns about the study, please contact your supervisor, NASDA Coordinator, or the Regional Field Office.

December APS – Segelhorst

Regrettably, a clerical error occurred at the Print and Mail Center during the December Crops APS printing and mailing process which led to the distribution of the survey's 2021 pre-survey letter rather than the current 2023 version. The survey questionnaires that were mailed were unaffected by this error.

We share your concerns about this oversight. We kindly request your support in this unfortunate circumstance by acknowledging the error if a respondent mentions that they received an outdated pre-survey letter, while continuing to encourage survey participation.

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.

ARMS II Data Collection Extension (12/27) and Current Return Rates – Laird

HQ has issued a data collection extension for ARMS II. The last day to ship completed forms to the NOC is 12/27/23. All refusal/inaccessible/out of business responses will still be submitted via CAPI. 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! We

have seen a couple (by chance) in the scanned forms sent to the NOC, so please remember to send bubble sheets to the East Lansing office, not the NOC. We want to make sure operators get their credits and that they don't literally get lost in the paper shuffle!

State	OATS ARMS II			SOY ARMS II		
	IN	OUT	% IN	IN	OUT	% IN
IL	38	57	40.0%	139	157	47.0%
IN				109	133	45.0%
IA	97	192	33.6%	86	197	30.4%
KS	46	54	46.0%	111	140	44.2%
MI	117	80	59.4%	116	75	60.7%
MN	101	196	34.0%	80	215	27.1%
MO				111	134	45.3%
NE	36	64	36.0%	81	167	32.7%
ND	142	57	71.4%	89	109	44.9%
OH	136	58	70.1%	91	157	36.7%
SD	119	173	40.8%			
PA	107	92	53.8%	74	126	37.0%
WI	193	214	47.4%	59	135	30.4%
US	1554	1466	51.5%	1758	2310	43.2%

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 set appointments and make visits as time is getting shorter to complete this survey. Also, please remember to send back the bubble sheets to East Lansing (completed FCUS forms go to the NOC). Good luck!

State	FCUS		
	IN	OUT	% IN
CA	456	1965	18.8%
FL	179	315	36.2%
GA	69	114	37.7%
MI	142	435	24.6%
NJ	26	107	19.5%
NY	65	116	35.9%
NC	65	17	79.3%
OR	229	264	46.5%
SD	70	189	27.0%
SC	21	38	35.6%
TX	51	42	54.8%
WA	295	609	32.6%
US	1668	4211	28.4%

Keep your passcode (to get into your iPad) up to date! – Morris

When an iPad device passcode (the PASSCODE to get logged into your iPad) expires you will be allowed into the device as normal, but a pop-up window will appear at some point in the near future to let you know you must change your passcode. It will ask you to first input your current passcode. A second pop-up will direct you to enter a new passcode. A third pop-up will appear asking you to re-enter this new passcode. After successful re-entry of the new passcode, you will be back at your HOME screen and good to go.

If you have entered an incorrect passcode too many times, your iPad will display a message that you have to wait 2 min, 10 mins, 1-3-5-8 hours. After you have waited 8 hours – then your iPad will automatically reset and you will be able to get into the iPad simply by clicking the home button/or Swipe up (depending on your model of iPad).

Please call/e-mail Brooke Morris, NASDA Coordinator, if you have any questions.

To sum up, if you receive an alert on your iPad saying that you need to update your passcode, be sure to make the update right away. Locked iPads mean lost work time, and none of us want that.

Cost of Pollination Data Collection Extension (12/3) – Presberry

Headquarters has extended the Cost of Pollination survey until Sunday, December 3. Outstanding surveys have been reactivated in your CAPI instrument. Please use the extra time to make additional attempts to complete these surveys. The Cost of Pollination interviews are generally very quick. Thank you in advance for your efforts!

Upcoming Due Date Reminders

Please be mindful of the following due dates:

- Cost of Pollination: November 6 – ~~November 29~~ **December 3**
- Potato Stocks Inquiry – December: November 29 – December 8
- Hog Report – December: November 29 - December 11
- 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
- ARMS Phase II: September 27 – ~~November 30~~ **December 27**
- Fruit Chemical Use Survey: October 1 – December 29
- Vegetable Grower Inquiry: November 15 – December 30

Please enter your time and mileage into iSolved every day.

Friday Feedback for Friday, December 8, 2023

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.

ARMS II Data Collection Extension (12/27) and Current Return Rates – Laird

Just another reminder that HQ has issued a data collection extension for ARMS II. The last day to ship completed forms to the NOC is 12/27/23. All refusal/inaccessible/out of business responses will still be submitted via CAPI. 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).

State	OATS ARMS II			SOY ARMS II		
	IN	OUT	% IN	IN	OUT	% IN
IL	53	42	55.8%	188	108	63.5%
IN				137	105	56.6%
IA	137	152	47.4%	121	162	42.8%
KS	63	37	63.0%	151	100	60.2%
MI	134	63	68.0%	141	50	73.8%
MN	148	149	49.8%	114	181	38.6%
MO				145	100	59.2%
NE	55	45	55.0%	127	121	51.2%
ND	154	45	77.4%	119	79	60.1%
OH	165	29	85.1%	153	95	61.7%
SD	142	150	48.6%			
PA	133	66	66.8%	113	87	56.5%
WI	247	160	60.7%	81	113	41.8%
US	1933	1087	64.0%	2389	1679	58.7%

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 set appointments and make visits as time is getting shorter to complete this survey. Help us move up the pecking order! Good luck!

State	FCUS		
	IN	OUT	% IN
CA	645	1776	26.6%
FL	339	155	68.6%
GA	100	83	54.6%
MI	179	398	31.0%
NJ	30	103	22.6%
NY	74	107	40.9%
NC	75	7	91.5%
OR	253	240	51.3%
SD	79	180	30.5%
SC	30	29	50.8%
TX	77	16	82.8%
WA	338	566	37.4%
US	2219	3660	37.7%

Upcoming Due Date Reminders

Please be mindful of the following due dates:

- Potato Stocks Inquiry – December: November 29 – December 8
- Hog Report – December: November 29 - December 11
- 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
- ARMS Phase II: September 27 – ~~November 30~~ **December 27**
- Fruit Chemical Use Survey: October 1 – December 29
- Vegetable Grower Inquiry: November 15 – December 30
- Quarterly Colony Loss: December 13 – January 16
- Bee and Honey Inquiry: December 29 – February 12

Please enter your time and mileage into iSolved every day.

Friday Feedback for Friday, December 15, 2023

December Surveys - Collom

Sunday, December 17 is the last day to submit the December Agricultural Survey (Crop/Stocks), Dry Beans, and Popcorn. Please make at least one more attempt to contact all outstanding surveys before Sunday. Thanks for your efforts!

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

We will upload 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.

ARMS II Data Collection Extension (12/27) and Current Return Rates – Laird

Just another reminder that HQ has issued a data collection extension for ARMS II. The last day to ship completed forms to the NOC is 12/27/23. All refusal/inaccessible/out of business responses will still be submitted via CAPI. 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).

State	OATS ARMS II			SOY ARMS II		
	IN	OUT	% IN	IN	OUT	% IN
IL	64	31	67.4%	213	83	72.0%
IN				141	101	58.3%
IA	171	118	59.2%	159	124	56.2%
KS	78	22	78.0%	172	79	68.5%
MI	136	61	69.0%	147	44	77.0%
MN	220	77	74.1%	171	124	58.0%
MO				172	73	70.2%
NE	77	23	77.0%	153	95	61.7%
ND	164	35	82.4%	124	74	62.6%
OH	168	26	86.6%	161	87	64.9%
SD	166	126	56.8%			
PA	145	54	72.9%	134	66	67.0%
WI	268	139	65.8%	98	96	50.5%
US	2189	831	72.5%	2715	1353	66.7%

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). **If you are having trouble completing these assignments, please discuss this with your supervisor or NASDA coordinator as time is running short and we need more reports!** Good luck!

State	FCUS		
	IN	OUT	% IN
CA	762	1659	31.5%
FL	375	119	75.9%
GA	104	79	56.8%
MI	200	377	34.7%
NJ	31	102	23.3%
NY	79	102	43.6%
NC	76	6	92.7%
OR	280	213	56.8%
SD	109	150	42.1%
SC	35	24	59.3%
TX	88	5	94.6%
WA	346	558	38.3%
US	2485	3394	42.3%

Upcoming Due Date Reminders

Please be mindful of the following due dates:

- 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

- ARMS Phase II: September 27 – ~~November 30~~ **December 27**
- Fruit Chemical Use Survey: October 1 – December 29
- Vegetable Grower Inquiry: November 15 – December 30
- Milk Production Report – January: December 30 – January 14
- Cattle Report – January: December 30 – January 15
- Sheep and Goat Report – January: December 30 – January 15
- Quarterly Colony Loss: December 29 – January 16
- Bee and Honey Inquiry: December 29 – February 12
- 2023 Census of Aquaculture: December 30 – March 1

Please enter your time and mileage into iSolved every day.

Friday Feedback for Friday, December 22, 2023

Holiday Message – Great Lakes Region Staff

As we approach the end of 2023, the Great Lakes Region would like to thank all of the enumerators who have worked tirelessly over the past year to collect the data necessary to inform the world about the greatness of American agriculture. Thank you for finding ways to connect with our farmers and for your perseverance and flexibility under heavy workloads and tight due dates. We know the work we do would be impossible without your efforts and we treasure your passion and talent. From all of us in the Great Lakes Region, we wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Regional Office Holiday Schedule – Kalaus

The Regional Office will be closed on Monday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. The office will also be closed on Monday, January 1 in observance of the New Year's Holiday. While the office will be open the week between Christmas and New Year's, staffing is expected to be limited. To that end, there will be no edition of Friday Feedback published on December 29.

January Survey Materials - Collom

Packets containing assignments and information for the January surveys were sent on Tuesday, December 19. All enumerators and supervisors expecting work should have received their packages via UPS already. If you are expecting work and have not received your packet, please contact your supervisor or the office immediately.

January Surveys Begin- Collom

Enumeration for January surveys (Floriculture, Bees, Quarterly Colony Loss, Cattle, Sheep, Milk, Census of Aquaculture) all begin either Friday, December 29 or Saturday, December 30. Don't wait to start enumerating.

Floriculture – Carpenter/Collom

As a reminder, all labeled floriculture questionnaires (complete, refusal, inaccessible) should be returned to the Great Lakes Regional Office in East Lansing. Watch your CAPI listing for mail returns and do not contact those operations. You can destroy labeled questionnaires that were returned by mail. Unfortunately there were a few poorly printed questionnaires that have duplicates of certain pages and omissions of others. Before enumerating (phone or field) double check your labeled questionnaires to make sure they are complete. If they are not, use one of the blanks that were sent to you.

Removing Completed December Crops CE from CAPI listings on 12/26/23 @ 11:59pm – Laird/Hendrixon

We will start to remove December Crops CE surveys from CAPI listings if they have been received/checked-in. This will help with CAPI performance now that January surveys have been activated on CAPI listings. The first wave of removals will occur on 12/26/23 @ 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

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

This is the final new chemical listing for 2023.

ARMS II – Shipment of Forms DUE 12/27/23 – Laird

The last day to ship completed forms to the NOC is 12/27/23. All refusal/inaccessible/out of business responses will still be submitted via CAPI. 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).

State	OATS ARMS II			SOY ARMS II		
	IN	OUT	% IN	IN	OUT	% IN
IL	90	5	94.7%	289	7	97.6%
IN				152	90	62.8%
IA	253	36	87.5%	247	36	87.3%
KS	82	18	82.0%	184	67	73.3%
MI	142	55	72.1%	151	40	79.1%
MN	283	14	95.3%	254	41	86.1%
MO				234	11	95.5%
NE	80	20	80.0%	171	77	69.0%
ND	181	18	91.0%	140	58	70.7%
OH	170	24	87.6%	175	73	70.6%
SD	195	97	66.8%			
PA	152	47	76.4%	145	55	72.5%
WI	331	76	81.3%	155	39	79.9%
US	2522	498	83.5%	2725	843	76.4%

FCUS Return Rates – Laird

The last date to ship completed forms to the NOC is 12/30/23. 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).

	FCUS		
State	IN	OUT	% IN
CA	915	1506	37.8%
FL	385	109	77.9%
GA	112	71	61.2%
MI	259	318	44.9%
NJ	32	101	24.1%
NY	85	96	47.0%
NC	76	6	92.7%
OR	298	195	60.4%
SD	121	138	46.7%
SC	42	17	71.2%
TX	92	1	98.9%
WA	353	551	39.0%
US	2770	3109	47.1%

Upcoming Due Date Reminders

Please be mindful of the following due dates:

- ARMS Phase II: September 27 – ~~November 30~~ **December 27**
- Fruit Chemical Use Survey: October 1 – December 29
- Vegetable Grower Inquiry: November 15 – December 30
- Milk Production Report – January: December 30 – January 14
- Cattle Report – January: December 30 – January 15
- Irrigation and Water Management Survey:
 - Livestock Matches: December 30 – January 15
 - Floriculture Matches: December 29- March 1
 - Non-Matches: January 29 – May 15
- Sheep and Goat Report – January: December 30 – January 16
- County Agricultural Production Survey:
 - CAPI Non-Matches: December 6 – January 16
 - CAPI January Matches: December 30 – January 16
- Quarterly Colony Loss: December 29 – January 16
- Census of Aquaculture:
 - Trout Sample (MI Only): December 30 – February 1
 - Census of Aquaculture: December 30 – March 1
- Bee and Honey Inquiry: December 29 – February 12
- Commercial Floriculture Survey: December 30 – February 28
- 2023 Census of Aquaculture: December 30 – March 1

Please enter your time and mileage into iSolved every day.