

## **Friday Feedback for Friday, June 2, 2023**

### **June Area Odds and Ends – Goings/Kalaus**

Thanks to everyone for their hard work on June Area to date! We're making good progress, but still have a long way to go. Here are a few reminders regarding CAPI data entry based on the records that we have seen this week:

- If the operator doesn't live inside the segment, then the total acres operated in Section E must be greater than the tract acres reported in Section D. Similarly, acres of cropland always must be less than total acres operated, knowing we must account for a farmstead somewhere on the operation (the exception is if the operation is managed).
- Please make sure the difference between total land and cropland reported in section E accounts for any non-tillable land reported in the tract in Section D. For example, if an operator reports total acres operated in Section E is 135 acres, of which 130 are cropland, then that means only 5 acres are not tillable. However, if the operator reports 20 acres in section D that are accounted for by the farmstead, waste, and woods, that's going to be a problem.

Over the next twelve days, you may receive messages from NASDA Coordinator Brooke Morris or an office staff member asking to clarify something about one of your segments or tracts that may not have come through CAPI properly or may require some clarification as to who the operator might be. When you get this message, please be sure to return the message as soon as possible. The data collection period for June Area is very short, so it's important to not let these questions linger for too long.

As a final reminder, please be sure to enter your time and mileage into iSolved daily. We will be monitoring expenditures for June Area daily and will be in regular communication with supervisors on where things stand. If we see that we are spending more than 75 percent of our allocation, we may need to stop data collection early so that we can focus our efforts on data entry with what remaining funds we have.

### **Upcoming Due Date Reminders**

Please be mindful of the following due dates coming in the next week:

- The last day to submit Cherry Production Forecast records in CAPI is Monday, June 5 at 11:59 p.m.
- The last day to submit June Ag Yield records in CAPI is Monday, June 5 at 11:59 p.m.
- The last day to submit Potato Stocks records in CAPI is Thursday, June 8 at 11:59 p.m.
- The last day to submit June Hogs records in CAPI is Wednesday, June 14 at 11:59 p.m.
- The last day to submit June APS records in CAPI is Wednesday, June 14 at 11:59 p.m.
- The last day to enumerate any June Area records is Friday, June 9. Please focus on getting new segments completed first, where possible by Wednesday, June 7.
- All June Area data must be entered into CAPI by Sunday, June 11.

### **Farewell from Joe Samson**

I have retired as of May 30. I have enjoyed working with you and your colleagues in the Great Lakes region and regions around the country. NASDA enumerators are the backbone of NASS programs and I couldn't do my job without your dedication. I would get compliments from HQ survey administrators and census

administration on having one of the highest response rates in the country. I thank them but I also tell them it was because of the great enumerators we have.

I tip my hat to everyone!!

If you would like to stay in touch, my email is [GenealogyJoe4@gmail.com](mailto:GenealogyJoe4@gmail.com).

### **Friday Feedback for Friday, June 9, 2023**

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Please note that Brooke will be communicating with supervisors on Saturday June 10 if we see any segments with missing tracts or missing segment-level information. Office staff will also be available on Saturday to clean up work submitted this week.

As a reminder, just because forms are submitted doesn't mean that we're completely done with those segments. We've had to do some callbacks to verify that names or acres were recorded correctly, that new tracts need to be added when there has been a change in the tract operator, and there may be other items as we do some deeper analysis of the data. Please hold on to all paperwork for this survey until June 20, after which you can start packing the materials up to ship back to East Lansing. Guidance on what materials absolutely need to be shipped will be included in next week's edition of Friday Feedback.

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### **Friday Feedback for Friday, June 16, 2023**

#### **Instructions for Returning June Area Paperwork to East Lansing- \*SHIP BY FRIDAY, JUNE 30\***

It is time to begin sending June Area work back to East Lansing. Enumerators should ship June Area photos, screening forms and ag tracts back to the regional office no later than Friday, June 30, though shipping sooner than that would be appreciated.

Here are some general instructions regarding this process:

- All aerial photos should be returned to East Lansing in the photo boxes they arrived in. Please do not include survey materials in the same box as the aerial photos.
- Group together the white ag tract questionnaires with the blue screener forms. Keep the white tract questionnaires ordered alphabetically by tract letter within each segment.
- All ag tract questionnaires, with or without data, must be returned to the Regional Field Office in East Lansing by June 30. If you have a pre-printed ag tract questionnaire for an operator who is no longer in the segment, or was never in the segment, those should also be returned to East Lansing. Those tracts should have a large X drawn across the front and have a note which indicates why that form was not used.
- Comment sheets, FSA Listings, Paper Parcel Maps, and other inserts do NOT need to be returned to East Lansing and should be shredded/destroyed. The exception would be if the forms contain hand-written notes about the operations that were not previously entered into CAPI.

### **Friday Feedback for Friday, June 23, 2023**

#### **June Surveys Recap – Kalaus:**

We had a successful June Survey cycle this year thanks to everyone's hard work. The June Area response rate increased by 10 percentage points from last year. This was a huge accomplishment, and we thank you for getting all the responses in such a short period of time. We also saw increased response rates in the June Hog Survey this June. We did see a decline in the June APS response rates this year and are looking for ways to improve. The increase in the number of June APS inaccessible reports more than offset a decrease in the number of refusals.

We are also very happy about the results of the ARMS 3 survey this year. The GLR response rate improved significantly from last year and our region's response rate was 5 percentage points higher than the US average. Thank you everyone for your extra efforts!

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### **July 1 Enumerator Packets - Collom/Courser:**

UPS Packages containing July 1 Survey materials for enumerators were shipped from East Lansing on Wednesday, June 21. The packages include materials for ARMS 1, July Cattle, Milk and Quarterly Colony Loss. Enumerators should receive their packages no later than Monday, June 26. If you do not receive your package and are expecting work, please contact the Regional Field Office and we will track it down. Ag Yield questionnaires and listings were not printed this month. Listings for Ag Yield can be found in CAPI, and copies of the questionnaire are available for viewing on the Purdue GLR website.

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### **Special Note**

This edition of Friday Feedback will be emailed to all enumerators on Friday, June 23 and will be posted to the Purdue website on Monday, June 26.

## Friday Feedback for Friday, June 30, 2023

### Update your iPadOS to 16.5.1 - Morris

The current iPadOS (16.5.1) is approved to run on all enumerator iPad devices. Please have all enumerators update to this new iPadOS by **Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**.

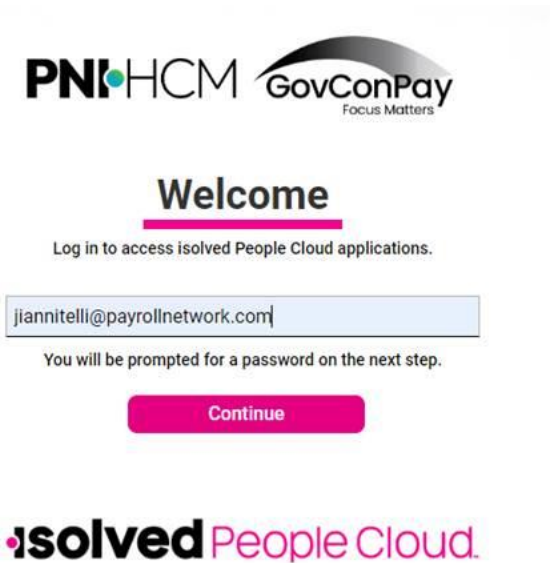
A good cellular connection and/or WIFI is needed for a speedier install. Enumerators need to have their iPad fully charged before attempting to install this iPadOS. Expect the install to take ample time to complete.

Lastly, with iPadOS 16.5.1, a new feature was added with this update that needs to be disabled. It is called the “Rapid Security Response.” To disable this feature, go to “Settings” → “General” → “Software Update” → “Automatic Updates.” Once there tap the slider next to “System Responses & System Files” to turn it from green to gray. That will disable the features. Also, double check that “Download iPadOS Updates” is also disabled by taping the slider from green to gray. If you have any questions, please contact Brooke Morris, NASDA Coordinator.

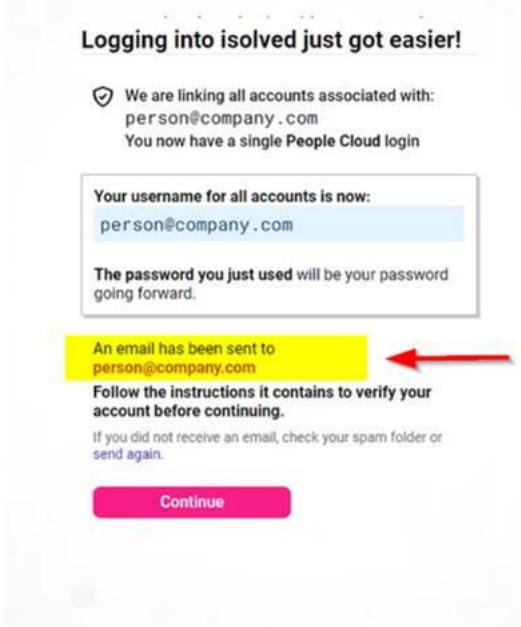
### iSolve Login Update/Change- Morris

There will be some important changes coming June 30 to iSolved to simplify the login process and enhance security. The first time you log in to your iSolved account on June 30, you will receive a one-time message asking you to reconfirm your “username” (*which is your email address*). You will receive a pop-up message and a separate email with a link asking you to confirm your account. Below are step-by-step instructions which include screenshots to show you how the messages and email look.

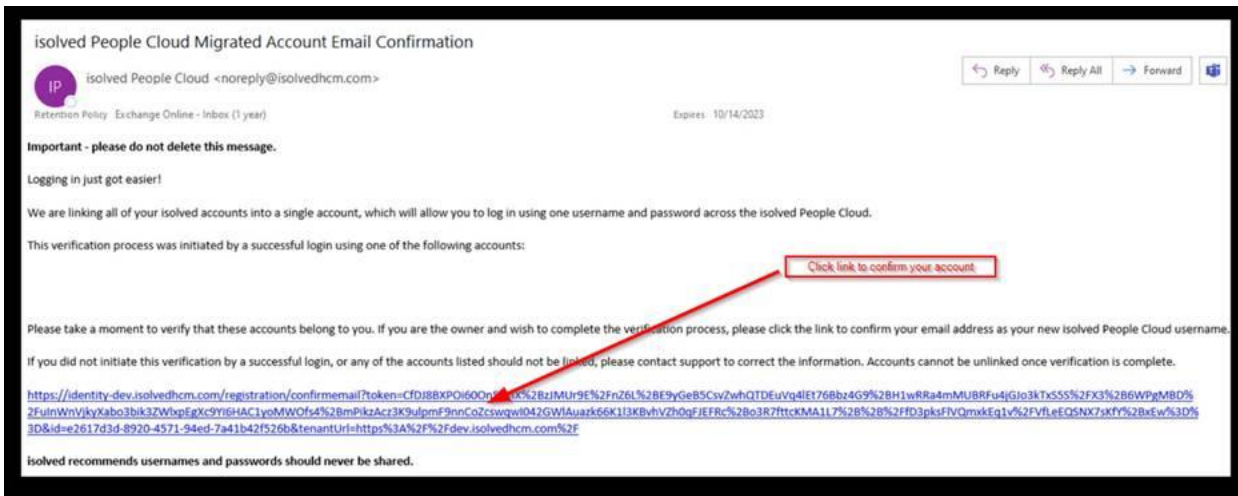
**Step 1:** Enter username and password as usual.



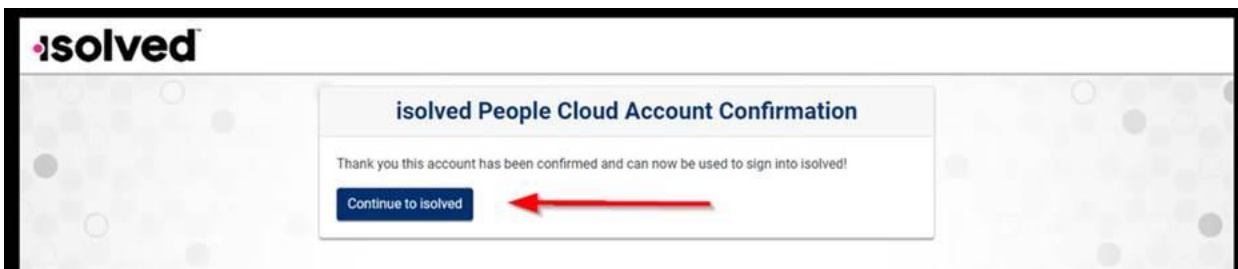
**Step 2:** Check your email for a link to confirm your iSolved account. Email will be sent to the email address associated with your account.



**Step 3:** You will receive a separate email (see screenshot below) asking you to verify your account. Check the link in your email to confirm your account.



**Step 4:** Check Continue to isolved button.



**Step 5:** Your iSolved account will appear as in the screenshot below. Click on your user account which will then take you to your iSolved welcome page and dashboard.



### **Wheat Objective Yield - Morris**

Just a friendly reminder to complete counts and if your fields are in maturity code 6 or 7 – final harvest MUST be completed for Wheat Objective Yield (WOY). Remember that wheat turns quickly and can be harvested when the farmer wants to pull it, so please reach out to your operators for their harvesting plan. Also remember your gleanings (if you have any) are to be completed within 3 days of harvest of the sample field.

### **Looking Ahead to Row Crop Objective Yield – Erickson/Segelhorst**

Corn and Soybean Objective Yield will be conducted in Indiana and Ohio.

- Alan (Corn OY) and Annika (Soybean OY) are the Lead Stats. Alan will be Annika's backup, and vice versa. Please reach out to both if you have any questions.
- Final OY samples have been received and pushed out to the Supervisors for them to make assignments. Assignments are due next week.
- There will be a Supervisor's teleconference sometime during the week of July 24 to cover the highlights of the survey.
- Survey training materials (blank forms, interviewer's manuals, quizzes, etc.) will be shipped to enumerators working OY on (or very near) July 14.
- UPS packets, containing the kit envelopes and supplies, will be shipped to the Supervisors on (or very near) July 21.
- Supervisors will be scheduling training activities (mini-schools) with their enumerator teams during the first 2 weeks of August.
- All Form-B's and all Form-A's will be submitted in CAPI. Harvested samples will be sent to the OY lab in St. Louis. Nothing will be sent to the office in East Lansing.
- Form-A data collection may begin as soon as you have your assignment, you have been trained, and your Supervisor gives you permission.
- Form-B data collection (stalk/plant counts, ear/pod counts, etc.) begins on August 25. Much more information will be provided later.

### **June Survey Wrap-Up Reminder - Kalaus**

June Area questionnaires and photographs are slowly but surely coming back into the office. Please be sure to review last week's edition of the Friday Feedback which explains what materials need to be returned, identifying "problem segments", and submitting feedback with recommendations for improving future June Area Surveys.

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### **Independence Day Holiday**

On July 4, 1776, The Declaration of Independence was signed, giving birth to the United States of America. On the 247th anniversary of this momentous occasion, we once again can take the opportunity to celebrate and reflect on all that America is and can be in the future.

The Regional Field Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.