

## **Friday Feedback for Friday, October 4, 2024**

### **Ag Yield - Collom**

Ag Yield enumeration ends this Sunday (October 6) at midnight. Please attempt to contact non-responding farmers a few more times before then. We know that farmers are busy with harvest and reluctant to talk, but the survey only takes a minute, and the results are closely watched.

### **June Area Photo Return to East Lansing – Laird/Goings**

Now that October 1 OY field work is complete it is a good time to ship aerial photographs back to the office. Please work with your supervisor to have them returned to the Regional Office as soon as possible and no later than October 18. You may use the same box the photos were originally shipped in. Thank you!

### **Upcoming Due Date Reminders**

Please be mindful of the following due dates:

- October Ag Yield: September 27 – October 6
- October Milk Production: September 30 – October 9
- Quarterly Colony Loss – October: September 30 – October 11
- Potato Acreage and Disposition: October 30 – November 3
- Agricultural Labor Survey – October: October 16 – November 5
- Cost of Pollination Inquiry – November: November 6 – November 27
- Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS II): October 1 – November 30
- Vegetable Chemical Use Survey (VCUS): November 1 – December 31
- Vegetable Grower Inquiry: November 15, 2024 – December 31
- Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP):
  - CEAP Phase II: November 15, 2024 – February 26, 2025

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## **Friday Feedback for Friday, October 11, 2024**

### **NASDA Order Form – Collom/Dothage**

Unbeknownst to us, the “NASDA Order Form” on the NASDA/Purdue website was broken for a few months. The order form is now fixed and enumerators and supervisors can again begin ordering supplies via the request form. The order form can be accessed on the NASDA/Purdue website under the “Helpful Links” tab. If you’ve ordered something in the past few months and have not received your request, please submit a new request. Packets will be going out next week so we will include your requested items with your UPS package.

### **Federal Holiday Reminder**

Columbus Day will be observed on Monday, October 14. The holiday commemorates the date when Christopher Columbus first set foot in the Americas in 1492. Columbus Day has been a Federal holiday since 1937, but it is not considered a major holiday. Federal offices, including the Regional Field Office and Post Offices, will be closed, but most businesses and some banks will remain open.

### **Upcoming Due Date Reminders**

Please be mindful of the following due dates:

- Quarterly Colony Loss – October: September 30 – October 11
- Corn Soybean OY Fieldwork: October 25 – November 1
- November Ag Yield: October 30 – November 3
- Potato Acreage and Disposition: October 30 – November 3
- Agricultural Labor Survey – October: October 16 – November 5
- Cost of Pollination Inquiry – November: November 4 – November 27
- Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS II): October 1 – November 30
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### **Friday Feedback for Friday, October 18, 2024**

#### **Enumerator UPS Packages Shipped – Collom/Laird**

Enumerator packages containing information for November surveys were sent via UPS on Thursday, October 17. Enumerators expecting work should receive their package no later than Monday, October 21. If you do not receive a package, and are expecting one, please contact your NASDA supervisor or the office.

#### **ARMS II – Laird/Weber**

This is a reminder that enumerators with ARMS II assignments should have completed at least one report by now and should strive to have all interviews scheduled by October 25. The next benchmark is to have 50% of good, complete interviews mailed to the NOD by November 8. Thanks for all your hard work and stay safe.

#### **Upcoming Due Date Reminders**

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- Corn & Soybean OY Fieldwork: October 25 – November 1
- November Ag Yield: October 30 – November 3
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- Agricultural Labor Survey – October: October 16 – November 5
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## **Friday Feedback for Friday, October 25, 2024**

### **Ag Yield/Potato PDI – Collom/Presberry/Dothage**

Ag Yield and Potato PDI (Michigan only) enumeration begins this Wednesday, October 30 and continues through Sunday, November 3. The data collection period is very short this month, shorter than normal. Please don't wait to begin data collection. This is the final month for Ag Yield. Corn and soybean yields will be forecast in all 3 states.

### **Use CAPI DASHBOARD for CAPI Applications (not the red/green icons on the iPad) – Morris**

A security concern was identified at the Department level requiring NASS to update the CAPI applications. MSS will procure a fix and push a new code to only the CAPI production and CAPI Training URL applications at this time (located in CAPI DASHBOARD). This will enable NASS to begin to comply with the security update. This will be a URL only push, and it is scheduled to begin late **Friday, October 25, 2024**. Enumerators will not notice any changes to CAPI.

Starting **Monday, October 28, 2024**, enumerators should discontinue using the CAPI mobile application icons on their iPad and begin using only the URLs to access CAPI Production or CAPI Training. They should use the links located on the CAPI Dashboard to access regular CAPI and the CAPI Call Pooler. They can use the iPad or a Desktop. We will schedule a separate push for the CAPI mobile application icons on the iPad sometime in November.

The new version number for the CAPI applications will be released on the CAPI Dashboard. Full enumerator instructions should be posted to the CAPI Dashboard before COB on Friday, October 25, 2024. It is possible that enumerators will need to clear history on their desktop browser (Chrome) or on the iPad (Safari) to see the new version display inside CAPI. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Brooke Morris, NASDA Coordinator, at [Brooke.Morris@usda.gov](mailto:Brooke.Morris@usda.gov).

### **Update Your iPad to iOS version 18.0 – Morris**

The current iPadOS (18.0) is approved to run on all CAPI devices. Please have all enumerators update to the new iPadOS 18.0 before **Monday, November 4th** (or at least before Apple pushes out a new version). Please do not update to any other version except 18.0. A good cellular connection and/or WIFI is needed for a speedier install. Also, 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 every iPadOS update – sometimes some features (“System Responses & System Files” and “Download/Automatic iPadOS Updates”) will turn ON – please check and make sure these are OFF. 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.

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