

Friday Feedback for Friday, February 2, 2024

iPadOS 17.3 Approved to Run on CAPI Devices – Morris

The current iPad OS (17.3) is approved to run on all CAPI devices. All enumerators must update to this new iPad OS by Friday, February 9, 2024 (COB).

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. HQ has also posted the approval message on the CAPI Dashboard to assist with notifying enumerators.

Lastly, please make sure the “Download iPad OS updates” is turned off. To disable this feature, go to “Settings” → “General” → “Software Update” → “Automatic Updates.” Once there, ensure the slider next to “Download iPad OS Updates” is disabled by tapping the slider from green to gray. If you are unable to download the update, please contact Brooke Morris immediately.

Ohio and Michigan W-2 Print Requests – Kimball

If you are an Ohio or Michigan enumerator, please check if you are able to print your W-2 today. If you are not able to print your W-2, please let Katherine know before your upcoming ARMS III school (Ohio deadline- February 5th; Michigan deadline- February 11th) so that we can print and distribute them at the school.

We have limited personnel in the office to print and mail W-2's and this will save time and postage to do one print job and deliver them to you in person. Many thanks for helping us create this efficiency!

Are Federal Taxes being withheld from your paycheck? – Kimball

Several enumerators have brought to our attention that federal taxes were not being withheld from their paycheck. Please check your pay stub under **Employee Self Service, Pay History** to check if federal taxes are being withheld. If you do not see any taxes being taken out, it could be that you did not yet earn enough for them to be withheld or it could mean that your tax information is not up to date in the system.

To determine if federal taxes should have been withheld, Payroll Network suggests using the tax calculator at: www.paycheckcity.com/calculator/hourly

- If the tax calculator shows that no federal taxes are owed, then everything is working properly (not enough was earned to withhold taxes).
 - If the tax calculator shows that federal taxes were owed, please check that your Federal tax information is up to date in iSolved following the steps below.
1. Log into iSolved and look under the **EMPLOYEE Self-service** tab for the **Tax Wizard Updates**.
 2. Click on the tab and follow the screen prompts to add information as requested until you complete the tax wizard.
 3. If any updates were made, the system will send an email to Katherine to approve the changes to be effective next pay period.

Floriculture – Collom

Most enumerators are making progress on their floriculture assignments. However, some groups are beginning to lag. If you have less than 60% of your assignments completed, please make an effort to

contact the floriculture operations assigned to you and get questionnaires shipped back to the regional office. Floriculture operations will only get busier as spring approaches. Please do not wait any longer to begin enumeration. If you need supplies, have questions, or do not think you will be able to complete your assignments please contact your NASDA coordinator or the office.

Irrigation and Water Management Non-Matches – Laird

After all the paper shuffling the past few weeks, we realized that IWMS non-matches were not sent out to enumerators, and I apologize for that! We have shipped any non-response IWMS labeled forms out to Indiana enumerators directly via UPS and they should receive them by Monday at the latest, and we will be bringing the paper IWMS non-matches that have not yet responded to the OH and MI ARMS III workshops since we will be seeing many of you in person soon. Sorry again for the mix up.

ARMS III Clarification – Kalous

A question came up at the Indiana ARMS III workshop this week regarding the reference date for Section J, question 4a (below). The USDA Economic Research Service has confirmed that the reference date for that question should be **December 31, 2023**.

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4. What was the ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE of all other farm assets not previously listed on December 31, 2023? (<i>Include money owed to this operation (except money owed from commodity sales), cash certificates of deposit, savings and checking accounts, hedging account balances, government payments due, insurance indemnity payments due, balance of land contract sales, and any other farm assets not reported earlier. Exclude any personal debt owed to the producer(s).</i>) 0887	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>None</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>DEC. 31, 2023 (Dollars)</td> <td><input type="text" value=""/></td> <td><input type="text" value=".00"/></td> </tr> </table>	None	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEC. 31, 2023 (Dollars)	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=".00"/>	
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Upcoming Due Date Reminders

Please be mindful of the following due dates:

- Potato Stocks Inquiry (MI only): January 31 – February 8
- Bee and Honey Inquiry: December 29 – February 12
- Turkeys Raised: January 31 – February 19
- Commercial Floriculture Survey: December 30 – February 28
- Irrigation and Water Management Survey:
 - Floriculture Matches: December 29- March 1
 - Non-Matches: January 29 – May 15
- Census of Aquaculture: December 30 – March 1
- Hemp PDI: February 1 – March 7
- ARMS III: February 1 – April 18

Please enter your time and mileage into iSolved every day.

Friday Feedback for Friday, February 9, 2024

ARMS III Clarification – Bradley-Trietsch

During the IN ARMS III training school a few enumerators asked for an ARMS III resource that had almost all of the information in one spot. I have repurposed a questionnaire guide from my old region, and it is now available on the Purdue site. However, **it is a guide**, so it is still necessary to review all section-specific slides, handouts, etc. I was not able to add region-specific information due to time constraints.

Red text in the item code box identifies other questions in the questionnaire that correlate with the question in the box. For example, if the operator owns land and reports that in section A, question 1, then property tax (P13, 20a = page 13 question 20a) and asset values (P15, 1a-f = page 15, questions 1a through 1f) are expected.

ARMS III Workshop Evaluations - Laird

The first two ARMS III workshops in Indiana and Ohio are now in the books, and it was great to get the entire group together! Please remember to submit a workshop evaluation form if you have not already. The link can be found under the ARMS III page ->Enumerator Resources -> 2023 ARMS III Training Evaluation Form.

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Friday Feedback for Friday, February 16, 2024

ARMS III Workshop Evaluations - Laird

The ARMS III workshops have been conducted across the entire Great Lakes Region and it really was good to see all the new and familiar faces. Thanks to all who helped and participated! Please remember to submit a workshop evaluation form if you have not already. The link can be found under the ARMS III page ->Enumerator Resources -> [2023 ARMS III Training Evaluation Form](#). Please give us your honest feedback so we can make the next in person school even better. Good luck getting appointments and complete reports!

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- Census of Aquaculture: December 30 – March 1
- Hemp PDI: February 1 – March 7
- Agricultural Survey – March: February 27 – March 14
- Berry PDI: February 20 – March 18
- Fruit and Nut PDI: February 20 – March 18
- ARMS III: February 1 – April 18

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Friday Feedback for Friday, February 23, 2024

New Employee in the Region – Brandy Dishman



Hello, my name is Brandy Dishman, and I am a former NASS employee returning as a Survey Statistician for the Great Lakes Region, based in Indiana. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with husband, working with plants, and participating in church activities. I'm thrilled to be back onboard and look forward to new opportunities!

iPadOS 17.3.1 Approved to Run on CAPI Devices – Morris

The current iPad OS (17.3.1) is approved to run on all CAPI devices. All enumerators must update to this new iPad OS by Monday, February 26, 2024 (COB).

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“Download iPad OS Updates” is disabled by tapping the slider from green to gray. If you are unable to download the update, please contact Brooke Morris immediately.

iSolved Login Change – Morris/Segelhorst

Beginning March 4, iSolved will require all users to utilize Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) as a new mandatory security measure. The first time that you log in to iSolved after 3/4/2024, you will be given the option to select an additional method of authentication among several choices, including email and text messages, among other options. Payroll Network/iSolved has made a [FAQ document](#) available regarding this change.

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- Agricultural Survey – March: February 27 – March 14
- Hog Report – March: February 28 – March 17
- Berry PDI: February 20 – March 18
- Fruit and Nut PDI: February 20 – March 18
- ARMS III: February 1 – April 18

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