

Friday Feedback for Friday, June 7, 2024

CAPI Submit Issue – Laird, Morris

A record submitted on the enumerator side shows as “saved for review” instead of submitted. When an enumerator tries to access the saved for review record, there is a popup stating the record is in read only format. There is nothing the supervisor or enumerator needs to do with these records. HQ is aware of the issue and has multiple employees and contractors looking into the issue. However, it is a complex issue with no clear cause. The affected records are being fixed overnight and no data is being lost.

June Area – Submit using CAPI by Midnight Tonight! – Laird, Goings, Morris

All June Area data needs to be submitted by midnight tonight (6/7). Thank you all very much for your hard work on this project as each year brings its own unique challenges. Please hold onto all paper surveys and maps until June 21 as we clean up data and submit estimates – NASS staff may need to reach out with specific questions about segments/tracts and we don’t want to have items in transit if we need to track data down – so please hold onto all June materials until June 21. If you have any questions please reach out to your supervisor or Brooke. Thanks!

CEAP Phase I Zoom Training – Bradley-Trietsch

A virtual training for all enumerators working on Phase I of the Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) survey will be held on Tuesday, July 30 from 10 – 11:30 am. The training will cover an introduction to the survey, how to use the new screener tool, and selling the survey. The Zoom meeting details will be sent out shortly.

Upcoming Due Date Reminders

Please be mindful of the following due dates:

- Cash Rents and Leases:
 - Matches: Follow matched survey dates
- Winter Wheat Objective Yield - OH
 - July: June 24 – June 29
 - August: July 25 – July 31
- June Area Survey: May 20 - June 7
- Potato Stocks Inquiry: May 30 – June 10
- Agricultural Survey – June: May 30 – June 14
- Hog Report – June: May 30 – June 13
- Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP):
 - CEAP Phase I: August 1, 2024 – September 25, 2024
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Friday Feedback for Friday, June 14, 2024

June Area Thank You – Laird, Goings

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all enumerators for your hard work on June Area during a year where budgets were slim, and the data collection timeframe was shortened. The Great Lakes Region is currently ranked 3rd out of 12 regions in terms of usable complete reports for June Area. This would not have been possible without your dedication, follow through, and communication with our region's farmers. THANK YOU!

Ship Back June Area Surveys and Photos to East Lansing: June 21-June 30 – Laird, Goings

Please hang onto your paper surveys and aerial photos until June 21. If statisticians in the office need to follow up about any data issues, they will reach out to Brooke, and then Brooke will reach out to supervisors/enumerators to answer any questions about segment/tract issues. You may ship materials back to the office between June 21 and June 30. Each enumerator should have received 2 UPS labels – one for shipping paper forms back to East Lansing and another for shipping back aerial photos. Thanks again for all your hard work on this project!

Register for NRI CEAP Screener Tool – Bradley-Trietsch

The NRI screener tool registration will soon be available. Please follow the guide posted to the Purdue GLR site titled “Instructions for Creating a CEAP Account” to register for an NRI CEAP account. If you worked the CEAP survey in the past and do not remember your password, then you can reset it by following the instructions in the “Instructions for Resetting your CEAP Password” file on the Purdue GLR site. Please use your **enumerator id** as your username when registering for an account. Supervisors and enumerators should register during the following dates:

Supervisors: June 17-21

Enumerators: June 24-28

After you have registered for an account and confirmed that you can log in, please follow the instructions on the Purdue GLR site titled “Instructions for Requesting Access to CEAP” to request access to the Great Lakes Region. I will be manually approving each request, so it may take time before you are granted access.

In addition, the Purdue GLR site has been updated with the IM, supplement forms, and a user guide for the screener.

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- July Milk Production – June 30 – July 10
- Quarterly Colony Loss – July 1 – July 10

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June Area Feedback Wanted – Laird/Goings

Now that we have closed the book on the June Area Survey for 2024, the Regional Field Office is soliciting recommendations for ways that the 2025 survey can be improved. We would like to have some feedback on the following portions of the June Area Survey:

- Conducting Prescreening Activities in March/April
- Mailing advance copies of photos of segments to respondents
- Having names of potential operators in new segments available to enumerators for prescreening
- Working with a CAPI instrument for June Area
- Focusing on tract-level data instead of field-level data during the survey proper
- Having training videos available on the Purdue site
- Having pre-printed ag tract questionnaires for all operations that were prescreened as ag tracts.

We would appreciate if you could communicate your reflections, concerns, and ideas for improvement on these topics, or any other topic which may have come up during this June Survey cycle, to your supervisors on or before June 25 so we can discuss at the Monthly Supervisor Meeting. The Survey Team at the Regional Office will then review the feedback and pass on what we can to the Survey Administration Branch at NASS Headquarters.

Instructions for Returning Paperwork to East Lansing

Now that the June Area survey data have been cleaned and summarized at the regional office, it is time to begin sending all the work back to East Lansing to be filed and scanned for future reference. Here are some general instructions regarding this process:

- All enumerators were sent two UPS labels specifically for returning their June Area work to East Lansing. One is for the photo box and the other is for the paperwork itself. If you need an additional label to get your work back to East Lansing, please request one through the Online Order Form on the Purdue Site.
- 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.
- ALL aerial photos should be sent to East Lansing by June 30.
- 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 must be returned to the Regional Field Office in East Lansing by June 30, whether those forms contain data or not. 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 particular 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. Please note that some supervisors may request to see copies of your forms and aerial photographs as part of quality control and enumerator evaluations. Please work with your supervisors on this and your supervisors will make sure the work gets passed on to the Regional Field Office.

Did you have any Problem Segments?

A “Problem Segment” is one which has one or more of the following characteristics:

- The segment contains 20 or more tracts, at least 10 of which are ag tracts, and requires more than 12 hours to enumerate completely,
- The segment contains more than 99 total tracts,
- The segment boundary does not follow features that are identifiable on the photo,
- The segment crosses a state line,
- The segment boundary splits a field,
- The aerial photo quality is terrible, or
- There is a major discrepancy between the digitized acres and the actual acres in the segment.

If you are aware of or remember any problem segments in your area that are not being used for Objective Yield that you would like us to request to be “fixed” for next year, please notify your NASDA Coordinator or Paul Goings or Mike Laird at the Regional Field Office in East Lansing no later than June 30 so we can get the paperwork filled out.

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Friday Feedback for Friday, June 28, 2024

Ag Yield – Collom/Presberry

Ag Yield phoning began today and runs through Sunday, July 7. The enumeration period is short. Please do not wait to begin enumeration. Questionnaires were mailed locally this month which should help to increase mail times.

NASDA Strategic Plan ZOOM Meeting – Morris

In case you missed the Supervisor or Enumerator NASDA Strategic Plan Zoom meeting yesterday, June 27th – we will post the recording of it on the GLR Enumerator webpage when it comes available.

NRI CEAP Screener Tool Training and Reminder to Register – Bradley-Trietsch

As a reminder, the NRI screener tool registration is available. We would like all enumerators registered as soon as possible. Please follow the guide posted to the Purdue GLR site titled “Instructions for Creating a CEAP Account” to register for an NRI CEAP account. If you worked the CEAP survey in the past and do not remember your password, then you can reset it by following the instructions in the “Instructions for Resetting your CEAP Password” file on the Purdue GLR site. Please use your **enumerator id** as your username when registering for an account.

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Once you have access to the NRI CEAP Screener Application, please visit the training site here: <https://www.nrisurvey.org/ceapTrain/>. Here, you can familiarize yourself with the tool and practice drawing field boundaries. Enter 999999999 (nine digits) in the CEAP operator id, then select a state, county, and point (Quick Open will not work). As a reminder, the Purdue GLR site contains a [Screener User’s Guide](#), but you will also be mailed one along with your assignments. Please ensure that your location services are turned on during screening. Also, please make sure that you are using the **training** link for familiarizing yourself with the tool. Verify that “**TRAINING**” is written in bold red letters and that the background is **purple**.

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