

# 3-19-25 NASDA Supervisor Meeting

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

10:00 AM

- **Attending - NASS side** (Mike, Brooke, Adam, ~~Marlo~~, Ty, Ben T., Nathaniel, Katherine) -

Project Code - 363 for this meeting

- **Welcome - ~~Marlo~~ Adam**
  - Thanks all!
- **State Statisticians**
  - Nathaniel -
    - Now in an ARS office in West Lafayette (Purdue's Campus)
    - Stakeholders throughout region, state, country are appreciative of all of our work, including yours of getting all that data from our farmers and ranchers - big thanks
  - Ben T. -
    - Echoes Nathaniel's sentiments from stakeholders
    - Ohio ecological, OSU small farms conferences, OH Beef Expo all give praise , especially to you our NASDA staff for collecting data
    - Travel budgets becoming scant for NASS employees, but still let state stats know of upcoming events you think it would be beneficial for them to attend
    - If you have records that state stats need to visit let us know
- **Previous Meeting Issues/Follow up - All**
  - Reminder that Out of business forms, envelopes, confidentiality stickers, etc can be ordered on the Purdue site using the order form.
- **Office Updates and Remarks - All present**
  - Alan Erickson, Brandy Dishman, and Susan Reynolds have retired
    - Hogs = Ann Courser
    - ARMS III = Paul Goings
    - Corn OY = Brooke Morris
    - Row Crops County Estimates = Samantha Hendrixon
  - Crop Progress release changes
  - Logan Bradley-Trietsch in ARS office along with Nathaniel on Purdue Campus
- **BAT Updates** - Katherine
  - Have about 6 folks who do not have current I-9's in iSolved

- Be on the lookout for forms via e-mail of one of these folks is in your group
  - Mainly people who were hired prior to moving to iSolved system
  - Will be easiest to start with brand new form
- **NASDA Coordinator Update** - Brooke
  - Charlie sent out email yesterday to all enumerators about updating driver's licenses - but we can disregard since all but 2 enumerators are already up to date!
  - All supervisor evaluations done by tomorrow afternoon (3/20)
  - Then, evaluate your enumerators by end of March
    - If you need another copy of response rate report ask
  - Chain of communication - please reach out to Brooke first, esp with recent office changes and potential upcoming office changes
    - If Brooke can't answer, then we can pass along to other office staff
- **Survey Updates** - Mike/Office Staff
  - **Recent Past:**
    - Crops APS/Hogs/Hemp response rates
    - Thanks for all the hard work on CEAP, we have learned a lot about what went well and what we need to work on for next training

- **Now:**

March 2025	Enumeration Dates	Project	Statistician
Census of Horticulture	December 30 – March 31	148	Collom/Rolewicz
Hemp	January 30 – March 6	947	Stephen Dothage
ARMS III Field Enumeration	February 1 – April 11*	904	Paul Goings
Fruit Production (MI)	February 18 – March 20	134	Jim Collom
Berry Production (MI)	February 18 – March 20	134	Jim Collom
Hog Report – March 1	February 27 – March 13	161	Ann Courser
Agricultural Survey – March 1	February 27 – March 17	122	Ben Weber
Total Landlord Only	March 1 – April 24	682	Ben Magen
Prices Paid	March 10 – March 26	171	Presberry/Courser
Potato Stocks Inquiry (MI)	March 31 – April 9	195	Stephen Dothage
Milk Production Report	March 31 – April 10	178	Ben Magen

- **Soon:**

April 2025	Enumeration Dates	Project	Statistician
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Total Landlord Only	March 1 – April 24	682	Ben Magen
Potato Stocks Inquiry (MI)	March 31 – April 9	195	Stephen Dothage
• Milk Production Report	March 31 – April 10	178	Ben Magen
Quarterly Colony Loss	April 1 – April 16	115	Janiece Presberry
Ag Labor	April 16 – May 5	956	Paul Goings
May Ag Yield	April 29 – May 5	128	Jim Collom
Maple Syrup	April 29 – May 21	192	Stephen Dothage

- Winter Wheat Objective Yield (OH only)
  - Sample coming soon in the office, Brooke will assign records to supervisors. Expect assignments to be pushed out in early April, sent back ~week after received
  - Packets/survey prep mid-April and shipped to enumerators
  - Mini schools late April
  - Form A data collection during first couple of weeks of May
  - Field (literally in the field!) data collection begins 5/25
- **Later:**
  - CEAP Phase I (everyone!)
    - Zoom training in late July along with shipment of screening materials to enumerators
    - Data collection begins August 1
    - Sample size will double
  - Corn/Soy OY (IN/OH only)
    - No information from HQ on supply status, hopefully will get more info soon
    - Tentatively planning for mini schools to be conducted early August (right after CEAP screening!)
    - Currently office travel is severely limited, likely be supervisors training their enumerators
    - No June Area, likely will be handled similarly to WW OY, where we screen based on survey data, and randomly select fields
      - No aerial photos, will randomly pick fields
- **Supervisor Share / Open Forum - NASDA**
  - How are things going in your area? Any info to share?
  - Question - Any updates on the restructuring? When to apply, etc.?
    - Not as of today, we are going to invite Charlie or Josh King (in charge of 2 test regions) to our next supervisor meeting to get more information about what is working/not working and plan for implementation and applications.
    - Anticipating a mass email from Charlie about position announcements, but just speculation at this point.

- CEAC meeting was supposed to be on 3/12 - where people from each position talk about their new positions
  - New meeting on 4/2 (Cindy Rothstein retired)
- Kris will ask two supervisors from pilot regions if they can attend next supervisor meeting
- **Deputy Updates - Deputies**
  - Adam -
    - Most topics covered, driver's license and Charlie attending next meeting included
    - Communication plan - emphasize this although Brooke mentioned
      - Lots of extra work in office currently, so reach out to Brooke first
    - Forward planning
      - Travel is tight for NASS staff
      - We are actively trying to book hotels and plan for in-person CEAP training in fall 2025, but waiting for Charlie approval to move forward
    - Thanks again, especially when we come to you last minute for things, but appreciate your hard work and flexibility.
  - ~~Ty~~
- **Open topics -All**
  - Reminder! **Project Code is 363 for this meeting**
  - Next meeting **4/16 @ 10 AM**
  - Communication plan - It was mentioned that it is difficult to have good communication where everything is email, text, etc. We would appreciate more training time face to face with enumerators - between NASDA to NASDA and NASS to NASDA.
    - We will do what we can within our control to push for more in person training
  - Comment - office communication is vital, some feel it is a waste of time when following chain of command and prefer to reach directly out to office staff
  - Communication - That goes both ways, for some enumerators - census of horticulture was marked as "mailed in" to hand estimate in the office with no communication about this happening, I had to call Brooke to find out what was happening on CAPI. So just a heads up if they are gonna take work away, esp at the beginning of the month with a whole month of collection period left, I'd like an email with communication on why. I get your shorthanded in the office but a little communication would have been nice instead of left in the dark.
  - I assume no incentive money this year? (ARMS III)

- No answer yet, but not allocated yet (also not allocated at this point from last year, and we still had incentive pay - we will follow up with HQ about this)
  - Did get answer, we WILL have ARMS III Incentive this year!
- Maybe knowing what percent of the budget we've used would be an easy way for us (as supervisors) to gauge work left to do and time left.
  - We have spent ~35% of the ARMS III budget for the region so far
  - Data collection expenses aren't linear, they usually ramp up a lot during the beginning (training costs) the final days of data collection - so for now we will stick to the current data collection plan for ARMS III
- **Closing - Mike**