

6/26/24 NASDA Supervisor Meeting

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 10:00 AM

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

Project Code - 363 for this meeting

- **Welcome - Management**
 - Marlo - Thank you very much for all of the hard work, I was proud to share we were 3rd in country for June Area at the NASS director meetings!
- **Office Updates and Remarks - All present**
 - Mike -
 - Thanks for all of the hard June Area work, we had 3rd best usable complete response rate in the country out of 12 regions @ 63%!
 - Crops APS (43% response rate) was 3 percentage points lower than the US average response rate (I think late planting across the region was a factor this year) and we were at 9th out of 12 regions.
 - Hogs (74.7% response rate) put us right in the middle of the pack at 6th out of 12 regions, but 10 percentage points above the US average response rate.
 - ARMS III - 47.3%, 4th out of 12 regions - 4 percentage points above the US average response rate.
 - IWMS 74% usable complete rate, no regional comparison in time for this meeting, but you all put the GLR a full 10 percentage points above the national average of 64%.
 - These numbers are the direct result of your work, and your enumerator's hard work so thank you for putting us on solid footing, and even more importantly, to give our region better quality data for all of our data users.
 - THANK YOU!!!!
- **BAT Updates - ~~Katherine~~ Brooke?**
 - Katherine out until July 8th, please reach out to Brooke if you need assistance with personnel actions.
- **NASDA Coordinator Update - Brooke**
 - Turn on iPads at least once a week - this keeps cellular service active. This means turn Wi-Fi off temporarily, access Purdue site for example (or CAPI).
 - Input time each day into iSolved.
 - OH Supervisors - Winter Wheat Objective Yield (WW OY).
 - Encourage enumerators to stay on top of assignments.
 - Wheat is ahead of schedule and will be ready for harvest quickly, esp. if double cropped
 - NASDA - Charlie's zoom link has been updated for meeting tomorrow 6/27 - disregard the weekly memo from Brooke. Charlie has sent a NEW link directly to supervisors.
 - CEAP Phase 2 regional training school has been rescheduled! Now **13-15th of November**.
 - Introducing Brandy Dishman, NASDA Coordinator backup.
- **Survey Updates - Adam/Mike**
 - Timeline of large survey projects
 - Now
 - Talk is CEAP (CONSERVATION EFFECTS ASSESSMENT PROJECT)
 - Make sure your enumerators that are working CEAP create or reactivate their account (see CEAP page on Purdue Site for details)
 - **Phase 1 Virtual Training on July 30th at 10 AM - 11:30 AM Eastern Time**. We will use Zoom link (Same link we are using now). Logan will put out FF reminders, Brooke will send email reminders,

but still mark your calendars!

- This will be for ALL enumerators working the CEAP Phase 1 screening survey.
- NASS will provide self-study training videos and slide shows, will be similar to June Area Pre-screening training.
- We will ship materials (training packets, much like June Area/ARMS III) directly to enumerators by **July 26th** (possibly sooner as we have many of the required forms in the office already).
- August 1 Corn and Soy OY
 - **Train the Trainer (Supervisor OY Meeting) - July 24th 10 AM - 12 PM Eastern**
 - **Mini schools** (IN and OH) suggested timeframe of **July 29th - August 9th**
 - Starting prep in the office, Samples almost ready
 - Plan to ship packages to supervisors by **July 19th**
- Soon
 - ARMS II - Oct 1.
 - Winter Wheat this year - MI and OH
 - No ARMS I data collection, expect higher OOS rates in ARMS II and ARMS III
 - Will provide train the trainer most likely around **mid-September**
 - Veg Chem Year, all 3 states. - Nov 1
 - Will provide some veg chem training during ARMS II training in **mid-September**
 - Reminder, Small Grains CAPS and Row Crop CAPS are discontinued this year
- Later:
 - CEAP Phase II
 - In Person training school
 - **November 13-15** in or around the Fort Wayne, Indiana area
 - Sample isn't available until late October, so these were the best dates we could find
 - Had to work around sample availability/assignments, AY/OY due dates, Election Day, Veterans Day
 - The Phase II interview must be scheduled after harvest of the 2024 crop is complete, as all field activities for the 2024 crop year must be recorded on the questionnaire. o Ask the respondent for a harvest time estimate for this field. Most will have an idea if it will be first or last field with ideal harvest conditions. You will need to pay attention to the harvest progress in your area to schedule a return visit
 - All enumerators working on CEAP should plan to attend.
 - More details to follow.
 - Dec 1, Tenure Ownership and Transition of Agricultural Land. (T.O.T.A.L.) and Census of Horticulture later this year
 - More info at later meetings
- **Previous Meeting Issues/Follow up**
 - Training Topic - free version of Zoom has 30 minute limitation. Can we get a non-timed zoom account for supervisor 'mini school' type training?
 - We have this regional account (that we are all using right now), can work with Brooke to utilize
 - We can have multiple 'breakout rooms' simultaneously, that means multiple supervisors could host meetings with just their groups using our account.
- **Supervisor Share / Open Forum**
 - How are things going in your area? Any info to share?
 - Why do we have to send photos/area tracts back to regional office?
 - Research uses photos for 'Digitization' of segments and tracts
 - This means researchers turn your photos and tract drawings into digital GIS 'maps' that we can plug into computer/statistical models to predict tract/field/segment usage.
 - ◆ Helps us track field crop rotations
 - Helps us estimate what crops are in those tracts/segments, esp where enumerator really can't

tell what is in the field and had to estimate section D and really was unsure of what is in that tract, especially new segments.

- Records year to year changes of segments, and who operators which tracts, and what each tract's land use is. Creates a digital time-series for that segment that we can flip through digitally/analytically (Creates tables of crop data)
- Gives us a back-up copy in case segment photos are lost
- Paper Forms
 - We scan the paper forms and they are used as reference when editing data in the office.
 - ◆ Especially now that all staff are spread across IN, MI and OH.
 - Statisticians regularly 'pull up' digital scans of these past paper forms on their computers in order to help edit/verify data on tract forms.
 - Sometimes paper notes, clues are present on the paper forms that are not found in electronic versions (CAPI).

▪ Deputy Updates

- Ty - Big thank you for data collection!!! We ran our June acreage/stocks data summary in plenty of time.
 - Submitted Estimates last Thursday.
 - Now crop data moves to Board process - Branch Chiefs, HQ stats, RFO stats, look at indications to set national target. When state's don't sum to national target, then we have to use board process to distribute acres to meet national targets.
 - Friday, noon, June Acreage and Stocks releases. Secretary of Agriculture is briefed just before public release.
 - GLR is hosting Algerians to learn about agriculture in Michigan. They will spend a week in D.C. to see how NASS operates at national level, then Great Lakes Region to see how we operate at the state/local level.
 - Will tour local agricultural operations.
 - We will share our data collection, analysis, and operational processes with them.
 - Week of 8/19
- Adam
 - Katherine out, but you still can hire people and take care of admin operations - but go through Brooke first until July 8.
 - Thanks Brandy! Brandy getting up to speed on NASDA backup duties.
 - Training - budget determines how we hold current trainings. Will likely have more virtual/zoom trainings.
 - If you have ideas to improve our trainings please send us ideas.
 - iSolved every day! Thanks!

▪ Open topics (All)

- **Big thanks from Ben and Nathaniel!**

▪ Closing - Management