USDA to Gauge Financial Well-Being of Iowa Farmers and Ranchers

Des Moines, Iowa – December 16, 2019 -- In late December, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will begin mailing reports to gather information about farm economics and production practices from farmers and ranchers across Iowa, as the agency conducts the third and final phase of the 2019 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS).

“ARMS is the only survey that measures the current financial well-being of Iowa producers and their households as a whole,” said Greg Thessen, director of the NASS Upper Midwest Regional Field Office. “The results of this survey will help inform decisions on local and federal policies and programs that affect Iowa farms and farm families.”

In an effort to obtain the most accurate data, NASS will be contacting more than 36,000 producers nationwide, including 1,500 in Iowa, between January and April. The survey asks producers to provide in-depth information about their operating revenues, production costs, and household characteristics.

“We realize that this survey is lengthy and some producers may have questions,” explained Thessen. “In February, our interviewers will begin reaching out to those farmers who have not yet responded to answer any questions they may have and help them fill out their questionnaires.”

In addition to producing accurate information, NASS has strong safeguards in place to protect the confidentiality of all farmers who respond to its surveys. The agency will only publish data in aggregate form, ensuring the confidentiality of all responses so no individual respondent or operation can be identified.


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St. Paul, Minnesota – December 16, 2019 -- In late December, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will begin mailing reports to gather information about farm economics and production practices from farmers and ranchers across Wisconsin, as the agency conducts the third and final phase of the 2019 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS).

“ARMS is the only survey that measures the current financial well-being of Minnesota producers and their households as a whole,” said Dan Lofthus, Minnesota State Statistician. “The results of this survey will help inform decisions on local and federal policies and programs that affect Minnesota farms and farm families.”

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“ARMS is the only survey that measures the current financial well-being of Wisconsin producers and their households as a whole,” said Greg Bussler, Wisconsin State Statistician. “The results of this survey will help inform decisions on local and federal policies and programs that affect Wisconsin farms and farm families.”

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