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**USDA invites ag producers to respond online to the 2023 Irrigation and Water Management survey**

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 22, 2023** – Today, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) mailed survey codes to agriculture producers across the 50 states with an invitation to respond online to the 2023 Irrigation and Water Management survey at [agcounts.usda.gov](https://portal.agcounts.usda.gov/portal/s/). The Irrigation and Water Management survey is the nation’s only comprehensive and impartial agriculture data for every state, county, and territory. By completing the survey, producers across the nation can tell their story and help generate impactful opportunities that better serve them and future generations of producers.

The 2023 Irrigation and Water Management survey will be mailed in phases, with paper questionnaires following in January 2024. Producers need only respond once, whether securely online or by mail. The online option offers timesaving features ideal for busy producers. All responses are due Feb. 6, 2024..

"The 2023 Irrigation and Water Management survey is a powerful voice for American agriculture. The information gathered through this survey influences policy decisions that will have a tremendous impact on ag producers and their communities for years to come," said NASS Administrator, Hubert Hamer. "I strongly encourage all farmers, no matter how large or small their operation, to promptly complete and return their questionnaire. This is your opportunity to share your voice, uplift the value and showcase the uniqueness of American agriculture."

Managing your participation in this survey is easier than ever thanks to the USDA NASS Online Respondent Portal where you can view and complete NASS surveys, view historical reports, and access other resources. Go to [www.agcounts.usda.gov](http://www.agcounts.usda.gov) to access the portal.

“Our farmers and ranchers have an incredible impact on our nation and the world. I want to thank them in advance for responding,” said NASS Administrator Hubert Hamer. “We recognize how valuable their time is, so we have made responding more convenient and modern than ever before.”

Responding to the 2023 Irrigation and Water Management survey is required by law under Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113. The same law requires NASS to keep all information confidential, to use the data only for statistical purposes, and only publish in aggregate form to prevent disclosing the identity of any individual producer or farm operation. NASS will release the results of the Irrigation and Water Management survey on Nov. 14, 2024.

To learn more about the 2023 Irrigation and Water Management survey, visit [www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus](http://www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus). On the website, producers and other data users can access frequently asked questions, past ag census data, other special study information, and more. For highlights of these and the latest information, follow USDA NASS on twitter @usda\_nass.

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