

Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service

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Who is NASS?

As the official statistical agency of the USDA, the National Agricultural Statistics Service provides timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.



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Agricultural Estimates Program

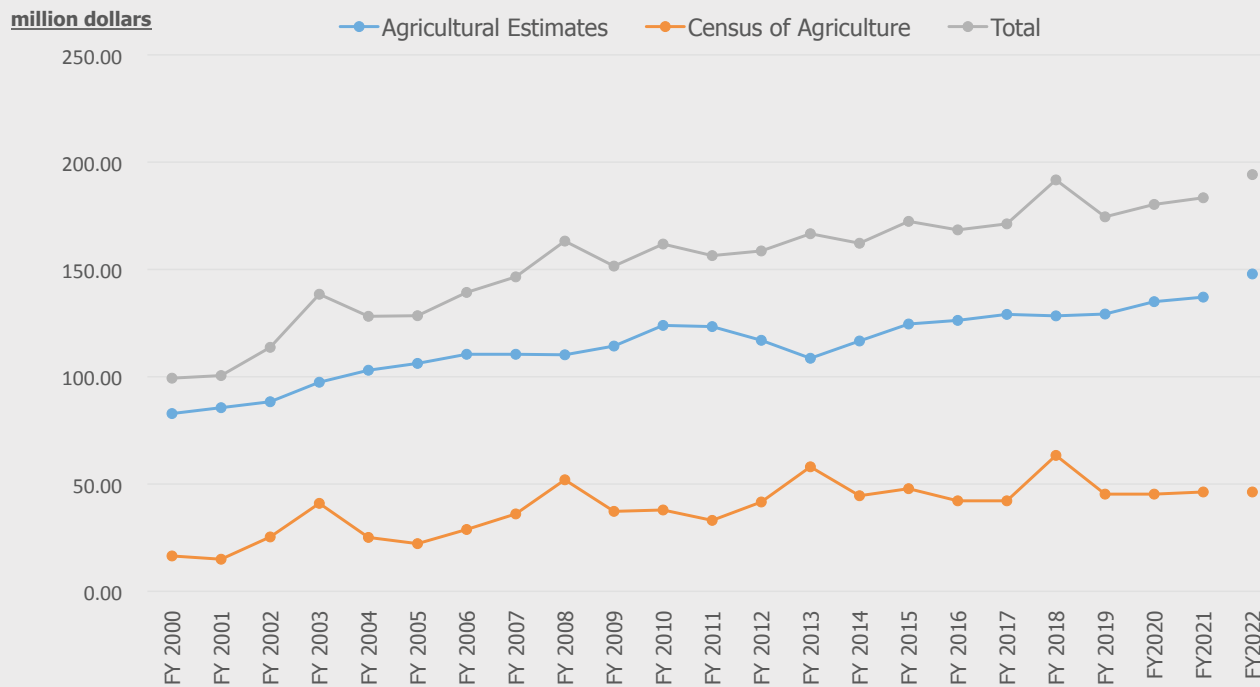
- Official U.S. Statistics for Production, Inventory, Value, Demographics
 - 120 Crop estimates produced annually
 - 45 Livestock commodities produced annually
 - 12 Economics and Environmental Categories
 - Over 450 Reports published annually

Farm Definition - Any place from which \$1,000 of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally, would have been sold. (Unchanged since 1974).

Census of Agriculture

- The first Census of Agriculture was conducted in 1840 in 26 states and the District of Columbia
- 175 years later:
 - The 2017 Census of Agriculture is the 29th in the series, and the 5th conducted by NASS
 - In 1997 the Census was transferred from the Census Bureau to NASS
 - The Census encompasses 50 states, Puerto Rico, and outlying areas
- Data are available for:
 - National, state, and county levels
 - Congressional districts, watersheds, and zip codes

NASS Budget



NASS COVID Response

- NASS has remained open for business and continues to provide critical service through these challenging times.
 - All scheduled reports were issued on time.
 - Altered data collection procedures to keep employees and respondents safe.
 - Provided options for producers to report online, through mail, or over the phone.
 - Virtual ASB Briefings
 - Stat Chat on Twitter
 - Virtual Data Users Meetings

Inventive Programs

- NASS has re-imagined our June Area Survey
 - Prior to COVID
 - All face-to-face interviews
 - During/Post COVID
 - Leveraging administrative data
 - Utilizing geospatial products to aid in data collection
 - Just getting underway, but excited about the new process