

Why respond to surveys?

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reports help farmers and ranchers plan by providing necessary information on the current situation and trends in Oregon, the future direction of agricultural markets, contribution of the State's agricultural industry, and much, much more.

We work for you, the producer, by telling the story of Oregon agriculture through the dissemination of accurate, unbiased statistics based on information collected from the best possible source - Oregon producers! A trained corps of local, part-time interviewers -- many times Oregon producers themselves -- collect most of the information for our surveys. They are employed by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA).

Agricultural statistics are necessary since many decisions affecting the agricultural community are based on them. The information you provide is not only helping your local industry, but US agriculture as well. For example, decisions concerning market development and exports, such as promotion of US goods abroad, are heavily influenced by NASS statistics.

Oregon Producers Benefit

Oregon agricultural statistics influence programs and decisions made across every segment of Oregon agriculture, including:

- Calculating farm commodity, crop disaster, and crop insurance program payments
- Supporting justifications for registration of pesticide products with EPA
- Assessing impacts of land use decisions
- Determining effects of environmental regulations
- Allocating farm loan funds and setting interest rates
- Allocating research dollars and specialty crop grant monies
- Helping to determine outcome of anti-dumping trade disputes for specific crops
- Developing agricultural education materials and curricula

Information is power:

resources for farmers and ranchers

The following is a partial list of our reports that help the Oregon agricultural community in production and marketing planning. We encourage you to visit www.nass.usda.gov/or for more information.

Wheat Quality Survey:

Wheat samples from across Oregon are sent to the Wheat Marketing Center for analysis, with the results used to market our high-quality soft white wheat around the world.



Nursery & Greenhouse Report:

Detailed annual statistics about Oregon's number one industry have provided the facts to help this sector continue to thrive and grow.

Oregon Vineyard & Winery Report:

This annual report is a valuable tool to help Oregon's growing wine industry, providing detailed information on acreage and production of grape varieties, prices, wine inventory levels, winery sales, and more.

Hazelnut Production Forecast:

The hazelnut industry funds an early season forecast of hazelnut production so that they can make informed marketing decisions, benefiting Oregon's hazelnut growers.

Livestock and Dairy Reports:

A variety of reports provide information on current inventory, prices, class, and other elements that tell the facts about these vital sectors of Oregon agriculture.

Crop Reports:

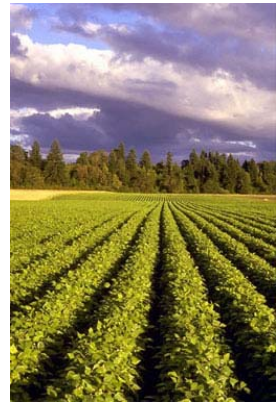
We provide numerous acreage, yield, production, stocks, price and disposition reports covering Oregon's diverse crops.

For Oregon agriculture information, visit:

www.nass.usda.gov/or

Who are we?

The Oregon Field Office is an office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - a non-policymaking agency within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Oregon Field Office, based in Portland, is responsible for providing meaningful, accurate, and objective statistical information for Oregon agriculture.



Did you know . . .

- Most organizations that represent farmers and ranchers rely on the objective data provided by NASS to support their positions when working with policymakers and financial representatives.
- When you read about agriculture in a newspaper, farm magazine, or trade journal, many of the statistics quoted are based on NASS surveys of farmers or on the Census of Agriculture.
- Seed, chemical, and fertilizer dealers are able to determine and meet crop producers' demands, thanks to information found in crop acreage reports.
- Shipping companies can better forecast how many trucks, barges and rail cars will be needed to move crops, thanks to the crop production forecast reports.
- Statistics provide data for potential product demand, which aids in setting up sales territories and in the selection of plant sites.
- Accurate statistics reduce risks, create a level playing field, and allow businesses to operate on smaller margins, with producers benefiting in the long run.



Our Privacy Pledge

By law, your personal information is NEVER released to anyone outside the Agency. Data security and confidentiality are maintained from the collection of the information through the publishing of the final results. NASS employees sign a statement of confidentiality every year, and are subject to a jail term, a fine, or both if they violate our pledge. This is because our highest priority is to ensure your trust and privacy. We encourage you to contact us if you have any comments or concerns.

- Names and personal information are never revealed or kept with published data.
- Only authorized persons working for NASS, who are subject to fines and imprisonment for unauthorized disclosure, have access to your personal information.
- Participation is voluntary, except for the Census of Agriculture, which is published every five years.
- NASS does not conduct surveys or provide data for private, proprietary purposes.
- Survey and census data never leave NASS facilities. Computer data files are protected by state-of-the-art security technology.
- The results of our surveys are made available to everyone at the same time, so no one has an unfair advantage.

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How Agriculture Surveys Benefit Oregon Producers



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