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## USDA TO SURVEY FARMERS' PLANTING INTENTIONS FOR 2018

**Little Rock, AR** – What is on the horizon for U.S. farmers in 2018 as they finalize plans for planting this spring? The March Agricultural Survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey approximately 2,100 of Arkansas' farmers to determine their plans for the upcoming growing season.

"Each year, the agriculture industry eagerly awaits USDA's *Prospective Plantings* report, which provides the first survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' planting intentions for the year," said NASS Delta Regional Director Eugene Young. "The March Agricultural Survey provides the factual data that underpins these projections, making it one of the most important surveys we conduct each year."

NASS will mail the survey questionnaire in late February, asking producers to provide information about the types of crops they intend to plant in 2018, how many acres they intend to plant, and the amounts of grain and oilseed they store on their farms. NASS encourages producers to respond online or by mail. Those producers who do not respond by the deadline may be contacted for a telephone or personal interview by a National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) enumerator.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in the annual *Prospective Plantings* report and quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released on March 29, 2018.

As with all NASS surveys, the results of this survey will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified. These and all NASS reports are available online at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/>. For more information call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

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