MARYLAND PESTICIDE SURVEY



NASS Mission

To provide timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.

What Does NASS Do?

- Administer USDA's Statistical Estimating Program and the 5-year Census of Agriculture
- Coordinate Federal/State Agricultural Statistical needs
- Statistical consulting for other Federal/State or private organizations and other countries
- Statistical Research

What Doesn't NASS Do?

- Set policy
- Regulate activities
- Permit influence
- Disclose individual reports
- Favor any group above others

Basic Principles

Surveys - Voluntary Reporting

Agriculture Census – Mandatory Reporting

Census of Agriculture Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-113; November 1997) U.S. Code, Title 7, Chapter 55, Section 2204q

Basic Principles

Confidentiality

Protected by Law from Any Court or Legislative Action

U.S. Code, Title 7, Chapter 55, Section 2276

Basic Principles

Security

Equal Access to Results

U.S. Code, Title 7, Chapter 55, Section 2276

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Information in all reports will be withheld from unauthorized disclosure and publication until the day and hour of public issuance.

High Profile Uses of NASS Data

- U.S. principle economic indicators
- Farm Bill counter-cyclical payments
- Disaster payment determination
- Group Risk policy payments and premiums
- Livestock compensation program
- EPA risk analysis in re-registration of chemicals
- Levels the playing field for commodity markets



National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

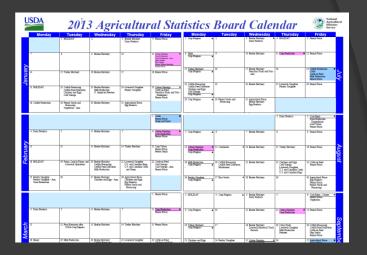
Annual statistics program and Census of Agriculture

- Production data on more than 120 crops and 40 livestock commodities
- Price, sale, expense data for \$200 billion in agricultural products
- Environmental data related to 938 million acres
- Demographics on 3 million farm operators and 6.6 million household members



NASS Reports

- Over 400 National reports published annually
- Over 9,000 Statelevel reports annually
- Census reports for each State, Nation, and outlying areas



NASS Website







www.nass.usda.gov/

NASS Web Site – Quick Stats



- U.S., State, county database
- Historic data for most commodities
- Data format options

Last conducted in 2012. (pesticides used during calendar year 2011)







Partnership between

 Pesticide Regulation Section of The Maryland Department of Agriculture

 U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Maryland Field Office.

What is the objective?



The survey provides the amounts and types of pesticides applied in calendar year 2011 by

- Maryland farm operators
- certified private pesticide applicators
- commercially licensed businesses
- public agencies



Data Collection and Publication Schedule over 18 month timeline

First mailingJan/Feb

Postcard reminderMarch

Second mailingApril

Close data collection July

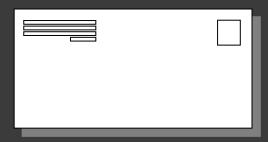
Analysis/Summary Aug -Mar

Report WritingMarch-May

PublicationJune

Data Collection Plans

Mail only



Post card reminder and 2nd mailing

 Telephone or field follow-up for non-respondents (portion of sample)

Survey Questionnaires



Survey content is similar to previous survey

Drop fertilizer questions

Publication



The publication will be similar to prior years

Pesticide Publication

- Top 20 pesticides
- Top 10 by class (insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides)
- Common formulation and type for pesticide
- Comparisons of use by class for the last 5 surveys
- Integrated Pest Management Usage

Fertilizer Publication

- Method of application
- Timing of application
- Use of GPS for fertilizer application
- Use of Nitrogen stabilizers
- Use of different nitrogen tests



Sample Comparison

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	2011	2015*
Commercial applicators	1,634	1,700
Private Applicators	3,255	3,300
Public Agencies	343	350
Farmers	1,501	5,500

Total Sample 7,176 10,850

^{*}estimates

Re	Response Comparison		
		2011	2015*
Commercial ap	oplicators	659	1,200
Private Applica	ators	1695	2,500
Public Agencie	es	210	250
Farmers		854	4,200
Total Response		3418	8,150
		51%	75%

^{*}estimate

Questions?