

Industry News

NASS EXPANDS "QUICK STATS 2.0", RETIRES "QUICK STATS 1.0"

On October 4, 2012, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announced that in order to streamline operations and to improve statistical services, the agency has enhanced its Quick Stats 2.0 data query tool and is retiring the Quick Stats 1.0 service on October 30, 2012. All data previously published in that database are now available from the Quick Stats 2.0 database.

NASS originally communicated its intention to remove the Quick Stats 1.0 tool in June. In its notice, NASS encouraged feedback from data users about the upcoming service changes. The goal of the advance notice was to allow all those seeking statistical information about U.S. agriculture to switch to the newest available tools, minimizing the impact of the Quick Stats 1.0 retirement.

To make the transition as seamless as possible, in January NASS introduced its new Quick Stats Lite tool. This new tool is an additional interface to Quick Stats 2.0 that offers a more guided approach to the agency's most common data requests.

Quick Stats 2.0 and Quick Stats Lite are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats. For assistance with these tools, please contact a NASS representative by calling (800) 727-9540 or by emailing nass@nass.usda.gov. 🐾



IMPORTANT DATES

The important dates concerning the 2013 Federal order price announcements, reporting and payments are now available. Printed copies of the tables have been mailed to interested parties and electronic copies are available via the market administrator's website at www.fmmaseattle.com/dates.htm.

Two tables identify important dates specific to the Pacific Northwest (FO 124) and Arizona (FO 131) Federal Orders. One table indicates the 2013 release dates for price announcements, as issued by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS).

The 2013 AMS release dates are as follows:

Advanced Prices & Pricing Factors

Final Class & Component Prices

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed., December 19, 2012 • Wed., January 16, 2013 • Thurs., February 21, 2013 • Wed., March 20, 2013 • Wed., April 17, 2013 • Wed., May 22, 2013 • Wed., June 19, 2013 • Wed., July 17, 2013 • Wed., August 21, 2013 • Wed., September 18, 2013 • Wed., October 23, 2013 • Wed., November 20, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed., January 30, 2013 • Wed., February 27, 2013 • Wed., April 3, 2013 • Wed., May 1, 2013 • Wed., June 5, 2013 • Wed., July 3, 2013 • Wed., July 31, 2013 • Thurs., September 5, 2013 • Wed., October 2, 2013 • Wed., October 30, 2013 • Wed., December 4, 2013 • Thurs., January 2, 2014 |
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The above noted prices and pricing factors will be released by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service at 3:00 p.m. EST/EDST. 🐾