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USDA SURVEYING CATTLE OPERATIONS

Little Rock, Arkansas – In July, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey over 250 cattle operations statewide to provide an up-to-date measure of the United States cattle inventory.

"This information helps producers make timely, informed business decisions and plan for herd expansion or reduction. It also helps packers and government leaders evaluate expected slaughter volume for future months and determine potential supplies for export," said Delta Regional Office Director, Eugene Young. "Obtaining the current count of cattle will serve as an important decision-making tool for the entire agriculture industry."

During the first two weeks of July, Arkansas producers will have the opportunity to report their beef and dairy cattle inventories, calf crop, death loss and cattle on feed information. To make it as easy as possible for producers to participate in the survey, NASS offers the option of responding via the Internet, telephone, mail or a personal interview with a local NASS representative.

The July *Cattle* report will be released on July 20, 2018 at 3:00 pm ET. This and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/index.php. For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.