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## USDA SURVEYING CATFISH OPERATIONS

**Little Rock, Arkansas** – In July, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey catfish operations nationwide to provide an up-to-date measure of U.S. catfish inventories and water acreage used for production.

“NASS surveys catfish producers in July to create an accurate estimate of catfish inventories in Arkansas and the Nation,” said Eugene Young, Director of the NASS Delta Regional Office. In Arkansas, NASS will survey all known catfish farmers in July asking them to provide the total water area and inventory breakdown of its usage into subcategories (broodfish, foodsize, and fingerlings).

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 *Catfish Production* 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](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications). For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

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