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**U.S. Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service**



## Information Quality Guidelines Request for Public Comments

Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-554) directed the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue government-wide guidelines to ensure and maximize the quality, utility, objectivity, integrity, transparency, and reproducibility of information disseminated by federal agencies. In response, OMB issued 67 FR 8452 (February 22, 2002) requiring each federal agency subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) to issue its own guidelines and to provide the public with an administrative means for requesting corrections of information.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has advertised in the Federal Register that NASS draft Quality Guidelines and Correction Procedures are available on the NASS Web Site for review and comment. NASS will consider all comments received by July 1, 2002 in response to this notice. It will develop final NASS Section 515 guidelines by August 1, 2002 and publish a Notice of final Information Quality Guidelines and the Procedure To Seek Correction of Information in the Federal Register and make those materials available on the Agency Web Site no later than October 1, 2002.

Please follow the directions below to submit a comment on either the Information Quality Guidelines or the Procedure To Seek Correction of Information. We recommend fax or e-mail comments to make sure they are received by July 1, but we will also accept mailed comments.

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