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## **NASS plans to update acres planted to corn and sorghum**

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In response to lengthy planting delays in the eastern Corn Belt and northern Plains, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announced today it is collecting updated information on 2009 acres planted to corn and sorghum that will be incorporated into the August 12 Crop Production report. That report will contain NASS's first survey-based forecasts of '09 yields and production.

The June 30 Acreage report included estimates planted area for principal crops, based on data collected from producers in early June. To ensure that the August forecasts accurately reflect any changes in planted acreage since June, NASS said it will expand its routine data collection activities in late July and early August.

The agency will ask growers to update their reported acres planted to corn in seven states: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Growers in Illinois and Missouri will also be asked to update their reported acres planted to sorghum.

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