

USDA suspends *Cost of Pollination* report

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is suspending the *Cost of Pollination* report which was slated for release on Dec. 21 at 12:00 pm ET. This report tracked the cash fees associated with honey bee pollination based on information from crop producers about their use of honey bees to pollinate their crops. NASS will continue to produce the *Honey* and *Honey Bee Colonies* reports which will be released on March 14 and Aug. 1, 2019 respectively.

Before deciding to suspend this report, we reviewed our estimating programs against mission- and user-based criteria as well as the amount of time remaining in the fiscal year to meet our budget and program requirements while maintaining the strongest data in service to U.S. agriculture. The decision to suspend this report was not made lightly, but was necessary, given our available fiscal and program resources. We will continue to review our federal agricultural statistical programs using the same criteria to ensure we provide timely, accurate and useful statistics. Information about all NASS surveys and reports is available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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