



National Agricultural Statistics Service Reorganization

As part of the USDA reorganization effort, the National Agricultural Statistics Service is realigning its organizational structure to strengthen mission delivery, improve operational efficiency, and position the agency for long-term sustainability. The changes include centralizing core operations, establishing a hub-based workforce model, retaining a core Washington, DC presence for executive leadership and the Agricultural Statistics Board, and aligning organizational functions more closely to the integrated cycle of designing, collecting, processing, and disseminating statistical data.

The transition will occur in phases to ensure continuity of operations and to give employees time and clarity as decisions are made. Additional implementation details, employee support resources, and transition materials will be provided as they become available.

Key Structural Changes

Washington Leadership and Official Statistics Releases

Washington, DC will remain a critical NASS location to support executive oversight, departmental coordination, statistical policy leadership, and the protected release functions associated with official agricultural estimates.



Centralized Core Operations

The National Operations Center in St. Louis, MO, will serve as the primary operational hub for a centralized NASS workforce model and will support the efficient delivery of major agency processes across mission areas.



Eastern Operational Unit

Establish an eastern operational unit in Georgia, enhancing geographic balance, and maintaining strong alignment with major agricultural sectors and stakeholder communities in the eastern United States.

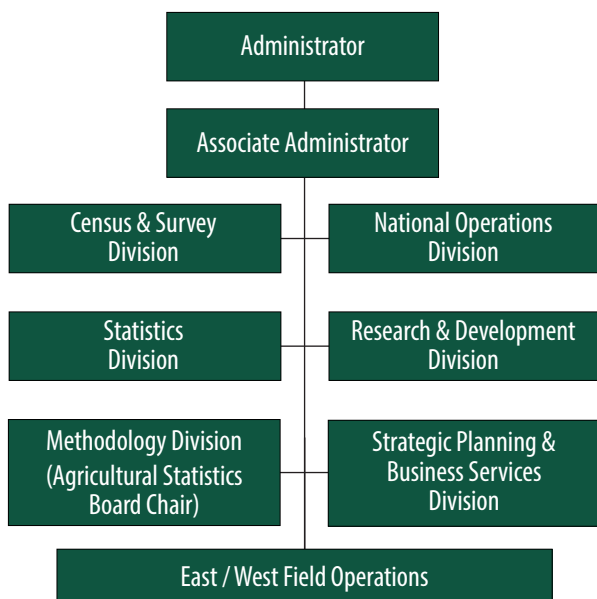


Western Operational Unit

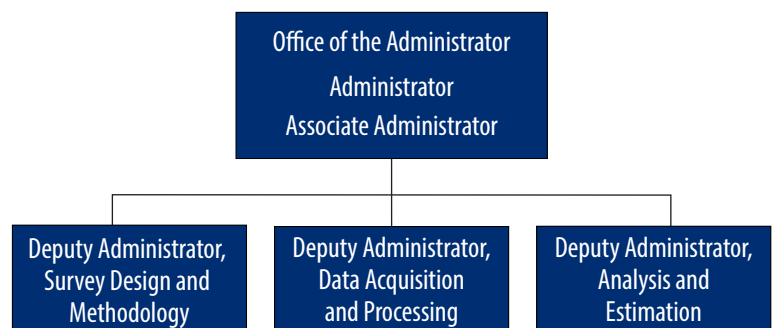
Establish an western operational unit in Colorado, providing operational support across western production regions and helping to ensure NASS maintains sufficient capability and responsiveness across the diversity of U.S. agriculture.



Previous



New



What Is Not Changing

- NASS will continue to produce objective, impartial, and timely official agricultural statistics for the nation.
- NASS will continue to provide engagement with stakeholders.
- NASS will continue to protect respondent confidentiality and uphold all legal and policy requirements associated with federal statistical work.
- NASS will continue to support the Principal Federal Economic Indicators and other critical agricultural data products relied upon by producers, agribusinesses, policymakers, researchers, and the public.
- NASS will continue to maintain transparency in procedures and core functions of the Agricultural Statistics Board.

What This Means

For the Agency: Improved speed, consistency, and quality of statistical products.

For Employees: Clearer roles and opportunities to build modern technical skills.

For Stakeholders: Continued trust through enhanced transparency and usability of data.

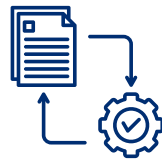
This transformation positions NASS to meet the future needs of U.S. agriculture with confidence and clarity.

Employee Support and Communication

NASS is committed to clear communication and support for employees throughout the transition. Employees will receive information through leadership briefings, written guidance, frequently asked questions, and other transition materials.

The agency will continue to provide opportunities for feedback, clarification, and engagement as implementation proceeds.

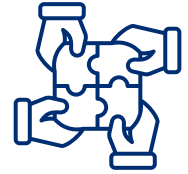
Three Integrated Efforts – One Outcome



Modernization



Restructure



Reorganization

Modernization (How We Work)

Focus on transforming tools, technologies, and processes that support statistical production.

Key elements:

- Transition to cloud-based infrastructure and platforms
- Automate data collection, processing, and estimation workflows
- Expand use of geospatial, administrative, and alternative data sources
- Integrate AI-assisted editing, validation, and analysis

Outcome: A faster, more efficient, and scalable statistical production environment.

Restructure (What We Do)

Simplify and align the organization to core statistical functions, reducing complexity and eliminating silos.

Key elements:

- Align the statistical lifecycle (design, collection, processing, analysis, dissemination)
- Consolidate overlapping functions and responsibilities
- Clear ownership of end-to-end processes

Outcome: A streamlined organization focused on mission delivery and consistency across all programs.

Reorganization (How We Are Aligned)

Align leadership and workforce structure to support the new operating model.

Key elements:

- Realign staff to functional and capability-based teams
- Reduce management layers and strengthened accountability
- Strategically place staff across key operational locations
- Increase flexibility in assigning work across programs

Outcome: A more agile, accountable, and adaptable workforce.