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Subject: INV–Local Data Collection for the 2023 National
Resources Inventory

Action Required By: January 31, 2025.

Purpose: This national bulletin provides information regarding the schedule for planned local data collection for the 2023 National Resources Inventory (NRI).

Expiration Date: September 30, 2025.

Background: To meet agency milestones for the delivery of NRI data, NRCS must complete local data collection for the 2023 NRI no later than January 31, 2025. Local data collected by the states are a critical part of the NRI data collection process.

As in the past, data will be collected using the Local Data Survey Instrument (LDSI). Data collectors will be able to electronically access Farm Service Agency crop history records for most NRI segments through the LDSI. This makes the local data collection effort more efficient. The LDSI is expected to be operational on September 1, 2024.

Explanation: Each remote sensing laboratory (RSL) and state are responsible for managing the workload. Every state resource inventory coordinator (SRIC) has been provided tools, including planning data sets and WebStats, for managing the workload locally. RSLs will help resolve any data inconsistencies and work with the SRICs to solve data collection problems.

RSL and Resource Inventory staff with the Resource Inventory and Assessment Division (RIAD) will coordinate remote training sessions for SRICs. Training for all SRICs will be scheduled around the kickoff date in September and will cover any changes or modifications to the survey process. More in-depth training on LDSI will be made available to recently appointed SRICs. It is important that each SRIC receive training in order to become familiar with the NRI data collection cycle and the role of states in collecting accurate data.

Once the LDSI becomes available for use, SRICs will be able to monitor the available workload coming from the RSL through WebStats. Local data segments are the RSLs' top priority for data collection. RSL leaders will communicate progress to the SRICs in their respective regions throughout the data collection cycle. To deliver the NRI results as scheduled, all states must complete local data collection by January 31, 2025.

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