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Subject: INV–Local Data Collection for the 2024 National
Resources Inventory

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Purpose: This national bulletin provides information regarding the schedule for planned local data collection for the 2024 National Resources Inventory (NRI).

Expiration Date: September 30, 2026.

Background: Local data collected by the states are critical to the NRI data collection process. To meet agency timeline goals for the release of NRI data, NRCS must complete local data collection for the 2024 NRI no later than January 31, 2026.

The Resource Inventory and Assessment Division (RIAD) expects the custom, web-based Local Data Survey Instrument (LDSI) to be operational on September 1, 2025. As in the past, data collectors will electronically access Farm Service Agency crop history records for most NRI segments.

Explanation: Each remote sensing laboratory (RSL) and state is responsible for managing the workload. To assist with local workload management, the NRI team provided state resource inventory coordinators (SRIC) planning data sets, WebStats, and other tools. RSLs will help resolve any data inconsistencies and work with the SRICs to solve data collection problems.

RIAD, including RSL and resource inventory staff, will coordinate remote training sessions for SRICs in September. Training will cover any changes or modifications to the survey process. RIAD will provide in-depth LDSI training for recently appointed SRICs. It is important that each SRIC receives training to become familiar with the NRI data collection cycle and the states' role in collecting accurate data.

Once the LDSI is available, SRICs can monitor the local workload coming from each RSL through WebStats. RSL leaders will communicate progress to their local SRICs throughout the data collection cycle.

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