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When considering the H-2A program policies, recent revisions and current requirements of data for the formulation of findings in prevailing wage, prevailing practices, normal and accepted employment practices in specific crop activities, at specific times and specific crop reporting areas, the USDOA/NASS' current collection of information, such as production expenses, market value of the products, value of land and buildings, livestock and poultry and other data have no value and cannot be used in the administration of the H-2A program.

In order for agricultural surveys to help in the administration and be useful for H-2A program purposes, the surveys must include questionnaires on what is prevailing in terms of agricultural employment practices per crop activities at State levels. NASS current collection of information/data fails to address these important H-2A program survey able items.

The NASS surveys should be revised to include States' agricultural wage, normal and accepted agricultural employment practices in specific crop activities, at specific times and in specific crop areas. This will significantly help to support the roles of the H-2A program administrators, such as the CNPC (Chicago National Processing Center) and the SWAs (State Workforce Agencies) as well as the H-2A program users.



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