

ASPRS-Potomac Region Technical Tour National Agricultural Statistics Service/United States Dept. of Agriculture

The next ASPRS-Potomac Region Tech Tour will be held on Wednesday, May 13th, 2009, at 1:00 PM, at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Fairfax, Virginia. We will visit two remote sensing units; the Spatial Analysis Research and the Area Sampling Frame Sections of the Research and Development Division, USDA/National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The NASS remote sensing program, established nearly 35 years ago, is a world leader for large scale operational crop acreage and yield estimation and area sampling frame construction. You will see a variety of research and production activities conducted at NASS, including the remote sensing based Cropland Data Layer acreage and crop yield estimation programs, Area Sampling Frame construction and GIS thematic mapping applications. Please register via the ASPRS-PR website (<http://www.asprspotomac.org/>) as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Dr Anthony Stefanidis (703-993 9237, astefani@gmu.edu) or Dr Barbara Eckstein (703-440-0105, BEckstein@surfbest.net)

After-Tour Social Event: Please join your colleagues for some fun, food, and conversation (not necessarily technical), after the USDA/NASS tour, at nearby Fast Eddie's of Fairfax, at 9687 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax, VA. For more information about the venue, see <http://www.fasteddies.com/>

Who: ASPRS-Potomac Region Active Members only

Where: USDA/NASS
Research and Development Division (Tour on 4th floor)
3251 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030
Tel: 703-877-8000
http://www.nass.usda.gov/Research_and_Science/

When: 13 May, 2009
1:00 – 4:00 PM

Agenda:

- 1:00 PM ~ 1:30 Area Sampling Frame construction
- 1:30 PM ~ 2:00 GIS applications
- 2:00 PM ~ 2:30 Cropland Data Layer program
- 2:30 PM ~ 2:50 Acreage estimation
- 2:50 PM ~ 3:00 Break
- 3:00 PM ~ 3:30 Crop yield estimation
- 3:35 PM ~ 4:00 3rd Floor Tour
- 4:15 PM ~ ??? Socialize at Fast Eddie's of Fairfax

