Collaboration with the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Due to the support of the US Embassy in the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Bureau of National Statistics held a series of online meetings in 2022 with representatives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service of the USDA (NASS) on the topic of agricultural statistics.

For reference: NASS cooperates with other countries in the field of agricultural statistics, including Georgia, Kenya, Argentina, Dominican Republic, India, Indonesia.

During the period from January 20 to February 3, 2023. NASS employees, represented by David Luckenbach Karl and Sarah Elisabeth Hoffman, have visited Kazakhstan with an assessment visit for agricultural statistics of Kazakhstan.

The visit included familiarization with the activities of the central office of the Bureau of National Statistics and its territorial divisions, as well as meetings with employees of the Ministry of Agriculture, agricultural producers, and users of statistics.

Based on the results of the mission, experts prepared a brief and preliminary assessment of the agricultural statistics system in Kazakhstan (a more detailed assessment of the national agricultural statistics system will be presented later).

Strong and weak sides were outlined by experts, as well as promising areas of statistics of agricultural statistics in Kazakhstan. And the main directions for the realisation of the joint project were proposed:

 • Improving the methodology of chosen surveys;

• Administrative review and quality assessment of data sources;

• Data dissemination and awareness;

• Improving data access and usability,

• Outreach to data users and their training;

• Census of Agriculture;

• Remote sensing and Earth observation.