Title: The NASS Question Repository System

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The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts hundreds
of surveys annually on the nation's farmers and agribusinesses. For most
surveys multiple questionnaire versions are needed to address
differences in agriculture between states. The questionnaires also need
to be developed for multiple data collection modes: mail, telephone/CATI,
and most recently the World Wide Web. In order to efficiently create the
numerous questionnaires needed for all of the survey, state and mode
combinations, NASS is developing a client-server based Question Repository
System (QRS). The QRS includes a user interface to build properly formatted
questions for the various modes; these questions are then stored in a
database. The stored questions are then retrieved and used to build
questionnaires, which may be saved, printed or ported to a Web server.
This paper describes the capabilities and some technical details of the QRS.