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USDA TO CONDUCT QUARTERLY HOG AND PIG SURVEY

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA – The U.S. Department of Agriculture is preparing to contact pork producers nationwide for the quarterly Hogs and Pigs Survey.

“Through this survey, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) measures and reports conditions and trends in the U.S. pork industry over the course of the year,” said Herman Ellison, Director of the NASS Virginia Field Office. “The quarterly survey enables NASS to provide the most accurate, timely data. The information is a critical decision-making tool for the pork industry.”

During the first two weeks of June, NASS representatives will contact more than 9,000 pork producers nationwide, including contractors in the 30 largest hog-producing states. NASS will collect data about market hogs, breeding stock inventories and farrowing intentions.

“We offer producers the option of responding by mail, telephone, Internet or personal interview, making their participation easier.” Ellison said.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Survey results will be published in NASS’s quarterly *Hogs and Pigs* report, to be released June 27. The report includes inventory and breeding information for each of the 17 largest hog producing states. This report, along with all NASS reports, is available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Virginia Field Office at 1-800-772-0670.

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