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USDA CONDUCTS QUARTERLY HOGS AND PIGS SURVEY

Springfield, Illinois – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is contacting producers for the March Hogs and Pigs Survey. This survey is the most comprehensive gathering of quarterly data on market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as pig crop and farrowing intentions in the US.

“According to the most recent *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* report in December, there were 74.6 million hogs and pigs in the United States,” said Mark Schleusener, State Statistician of the NASS Illinois Office. “The March survey and resulting report will continue to provide important indicators for the industry of what changes are occurring – if any.”

NASS will mail the questionnaires to all producers selected for the survey in February. To ensure all survey participants have an opportunity to respond, NASS interviewers will contact producers who do not respond by mail, or online, to conduct telephone and personal interviews.

The data gathered in this survey allow NASS to accurately measure and report conditions and trends in the U.S. pork industry over the last three months. The information is used by all sectors of the industry, including producers themselves, to help make sound and timely business decisions.

NASS will publish the survey results in the *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* report on March 28. All NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at (800) 551-1014.

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