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USDA TO CONDUCT DECEMBER HOGS AND PIGS SURVEY

LAKESWOOD, Colo. – December 2, 2019 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is contacting producers for the December Hogs and Pigs Survey. Conducted quarterly, the end-of-year survey in December is the most comprehensive gathering of detailed data on market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as farrowing intentions in every state.

“According to the most recent *Hogs and Pigs* report in September, there were 77.7 million hogs and pigs in the United States,” said William Meyer, Director, Mountain Regional Field Office. “This marks the second highest inventory of all hogs and pigs since official inventory started in 1866, the highest recorded inventory was 83.7 million in 1943. The December survey and resulting report will continue to provide important indicators for the industry of what changes are occurring.”

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

“The data gathered in these quarterly surveys allow NASS to accurately measure and report conditions and trends in the U.S. pork industry over the course of the year.” Added Meyer. “The information is used by all sectors of the industry to help make sound and timely business decisions.”

As with all NASS surveys, the results of this survey will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified. NASS will publish the survey results in the *Hogs and Pigs* report on December 23, 2019.

These and all NASS reports are available online at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/>

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