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## **USDA Conducts Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Survey**

**HARRISBURG, PA** – 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 a comprehensive gathering of quarterly data on market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as pig crop and farrowing intentions in every state.

“Pennsylvania inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2018 was 1.31 million head. This was consistent with the September 1, 2018 inventory, and up 1 percent from June 1, 2018,” said King Whetstone, director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. “The March survey and resulting report will continue to provide important indicators for the industry of what changes are occurring – if any,” stated Whetstone.

NASS will mail the questionnaires to all producers selected for the survey in mid-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. 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. This and all NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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