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USDA Conducts March 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 the most comprehensive gathering of quarterly data on market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as pig crop and farrowing intentions.

Pennsylvania inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2019 was 1.31 million head. This was up 5 percent from the September 1, 2019 inventory, and up 7 percent from June 1, 2019.” said King Whetstone, director of the 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,” added Whetstone.

NASS will mail the questionnaires to all producers selected for the survey in late 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 on March 26th, 2020. All NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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