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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, 2020 was 1.39 million head. This was up 1.0 percent from March 1, 2020, and up 1.4 percent from December 1, 2019,” according to 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,” 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 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 safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Survey results will be published in the *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* report to be released on March 25, 2021. These and all NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/). For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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