

Swine 2006 Producer Agreement

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the State of _____, and the Producer hereby enter into this National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) Swine 2006 Study PRODUCER AGREEMENT, the terms of which are set forth below.

1. APHIS and/or the State of _____ will provide personnel who will be referred to as the Data Collector. The Data Collector and the Producer will participate together in implementing a statistically valid NAHMS study for determining national estimates of swine health practices and for compiling health information to enhance swine production. The Data Collector will complete two person-to-person interviews with the Producer.
2. The Producer will assist APHIS by providing accurate information regarding swine health and management practices related to the study objectives. The Producer retains the right to refuse any questions deemed inappropriate.
3. The Data Collector will keep the origin of the data confidential by recording the data with the Producer's unique code number only. The Data Collector will not keep any key to the code after the completion of the study. The Data Collector and all other project personnel acknowledge that the Producer is providing information that he/she does not customarily share and is providing it with the expectation that it will not be made public. The one exception to data confidentiality is the suspicion or diagnosis of a dangerously contagious, infectious, or exotic disease foreign to the U.S. on the Producer's premises (e.g., foot and mouth disease, classical swine fever) in which case further investigation and possible action may occur.
4. Data collected by the Data Collector *will not be used for regulatory purposes*. However, information on a Producer's animals revealed from sources unrelated to the Swine 2006 Study such as testing and inspection for movement or sale of animals, or tracebacks on testing done at slaughter, may cause regulatory action to be initiated by the State or APHIS.
5. APHIS may publish, or authorize others to publish, the aggregate (summary) findings acquired from NAHMS for the benefit of the pork industry, private industry, and other interested groups, but will ensure that the identity of the Producer is withheld. APHIS may not publish, or authorize others to publish, individual responses.
6. After completion of data reporting by the Producer, APHIS will provide the Producer with several reports containing summary results from all participating Producers. Any further information from this study will be available to the Producer by accessing the NAHMS Website or subscribing to the NAHMS swine mailing list.
7. The Producer will complete a brief evaluation of the Swine 2006 Study, the results of which will be used to assist APHIS in the design and implementation of future NAHMS surveys.
8. Any changes to or waivers of the terms of this PRODUCER AGREEMENT shall be binding on APHIS and the STATE of _____ and the Producer only if they are agreed to in writing by each party.
9. The effective data collection period of this PRODUCER AGREEMENT shall begin today (____/____/____) and end no later than April 30, 2007.

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_____/date
VS Employee, U.S. Department of Agriculture, APHIS
OR _____ Department of Agriculture

_____/date
Producer or authorized representative

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10. (Producer's initials needed in the appropriate column)
The Producer consents and authorizes the Data Collector to:

I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE I DO NOT AGREE TO PARTICIPATE

- a. Collect a maximum of 35 blood samples taken from finisher pigs 20 weeks and older to be tested for PRRS and swine influenza virus (SIV). Results will be returned to the Producer within 45-60 days.

A subset of the blood collected may be tested for *toxoplasma* and *trichinella*. Results from these tests and any future testing from the serum bank **will not** be returned as individual results to the Producer.

Remaining serum will be banked for future testing. Access to the national serum bank is granted only after discussions with the National Pork Board (NPB) and the American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV) representatives.

A limited number of operations will be asked to participate in the fecal sampling. At this time, it is unknown if your operation will be selected to participate. However, we need to know if you would be willing to participate if your operation is eligible and selected.

- b. Collect a maximum of 60 fecal samples taken from pen floors to be tested for *Salmonella*. All samples will be taken from housing areas containing finisher pigs 20 weeks and older. Testing results will be returned to the Producer within 45-60 days.

A subset of the fecal samples will be tested for Campylobacter, E. coli, and Enterococcus. These results **will not** be returned to the Producer.
