

Dairy 2007 Producer Agreement



National Animal Health Monitoring System

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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) Dairy 2007 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 dairy health practices and for compiling health information to enhance dairy 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 dairy 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), 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 Dairy 2007 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 dairy 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. The Producer can obtain any further information available from this study by accessing the NAHMS web site or subscribing to the NAHMS dairy mailing list.
7. The Producer will complete a brief evaluation of the Dairy 2007 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 put in writing by each party.
9. The effective data collection period of this PRODUCER AGREEMENT shall begin with today's date of ____/____/____ and end no later than August 15, 2007.

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

_____/date
Producer or authorized representative

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
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a. Collect bulk tank milk to be tested for BVD, BLV, contagious mastitis pathogens (*Staph aureus*, *Strep agalactiae*, and *Mycoplasma* spp.), bulk tank somatic cell count, *Salmonella*, *E. coli*, *Listeria*, and *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis* (aka Johne's disease). A producer report will contain culture results for BVD and BLV status, contagious mastitis pathogens, and *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis* status.

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b. Collect blood from a maximum of 10 heifer calves between 24 and 72 hours of age that received colostrum. Samples will be tested for total protein and IgG (passive transfer). A producer report will contain results of calf testing, which will provide a measure of colostrum management.

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c. Collect environmental manure/slurry from 6 different areas around the operation. Samples will be tested for *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis* (aka Johne's disease). A report will contain culture results for *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis*, which will provide producers with the Johne's disease status of their herd.

325 of these operations will also have samples tested for *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, and *E. coli*.

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A limited number of operations will be asked to participate in the fecal sampling from 35 individual milk cows. 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.

d. Collect 35 fecal samples from individual cows. Samples will be tested for *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, and *E. coli*. A summary report will be provided to the producer.

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