



Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

Veterinary Services

National Animal Health
Monitoring System
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Antimicrobial Use Confidentiality Pledge

Instructions for the Data Collector: Review this page with the producer, answering any questions. Make sure the producer understands that participation is voluntary. Sign both copies, give one to the Producer, and send the other copy to your NAHMS Coordinator.

Background

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is collecting information on antimicrobial use through the National Animal Monitoring System (NAHMS). This information will be used to describe current antimicrobial use practices, help policymakers and industry make informed decisions, assist researchers and private enterprise in identifying and focusing on vital issues related to antimicrobial use, and facilitate education of future producers and veterinarians.

Participation is voluntary and you may decline to participate. Your participation is vital and will help develop national estimates of antimicrobial use practices. We ask that you provide accurate information regarding your operation's antimicrobial use practices; however, you retain the right to refuse to answer any or all questions.

Confidentiality

The information you, or your establishment, provide to the data collector will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form. Only authorized APHIS employees or those acting on APHIS's behalf (NAHMS agents), who are subject to fines and imprisonment for unauthorized disclosure, will have access to your individual record data. By law to be an authorized APHIS employee or NAHMS agent, individuals must take an oath which states that no confidential information will be released, and that the individual is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both if he or she discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your establishment.

Your data's security is vitally important to APHIS. Every person working for or in cooperation with APHIS on this study has signed a confidentiality form which stipulates the requirements for keeping data confidential and the penalties individuals are subject to if identifiable information is released. Further, data are protected from cybersecurity threats. Under the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data will be protected by US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) cybersecurity monitoring. In the event of a cybersecurity incident, and pursuant to any required legal processes, information from these sources may be used to help identify and mitigate the incident

APHIS may publish, or authorize others to publish, the aggregate (summary) findings acquired from NAHMS for the benefit of the swine and beef industries, allied private industries, 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.

Please note that information on a producer's animals revealed from sources unrelated to this antimicrobial use study, such as testing and inspection for movement or sale of animals or tracebacks on testing done at slaughter, may cause unrelated regulatory action.

You can obtain these reports and further information from this study by accessing the NAHMS Web site at:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/monitoring-and-surveillance/nahms/ct_national_animal_health_monitoring_system_nahms_home

NAHMS ID: _____

DATA COLLECTOR _____

DATE _____

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