

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NAHMS; BEEF 2017 STUDY CONSENT FORM**

For release of information for:

(Consenting Operator: *Hereafter referred to as YOU*)

The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) is implementing a study of the beef industry in 24 states. NAHMS is a non-regulatory program. The purpose of the study is to develop statistics on animal health issues.

To initiate the study, a sample was selected from the confidential list of operations maintained by USDA, NASS. Your operation was selected for participation in the study.

By signing this Consent Form, you are agreeing to allow USDA, NASS staff to provide the following information from this study to the State NAHMS Coordinator, who is employed by USDA, APHIS: Your operation name, if applicable; your name; address; and telephone number.

The NAHMS coordinator will share this information with a veterinarian, who will contact you and explain the next phase of the study.

Only those collecting the data know the identity of the respondent. No name or contact information will be associated with individual data, and no data will be reported in a way that could reveal the identity of a participant. Data are presented only in an aggregate manner.

When you are contacted by a veterinarian and asked to participate in the next phase of the study, you are free to accept or decline participation in the study at that time.

(Consenting Operator)

(Date)

(NASDA Field Enumerator/RFO Staff)

(Date)

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