



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Veterinary Services

Beef 2017 Producer Agreement

National Animal Health Monitoring System

2150 Centre Ave, Bldg B
Fort Collins, CO 80526

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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) Beef 2017 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 beef-health practices and for compiling health information to enhance beef production. The Data Collector will complete one person-to-person interview with the Producer.
2. The Producer will assist APHIS by providing accurate information regarding beef-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 United States 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 Beef 2017 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 beef 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. APHIS may perform additional testing, or authorize others to perform additional testing of samples collected through the study, for the benefit of the beef industry, but will ensure that the identity of the Producer is withheld.
6. The Producer can obtain any further information available from this study by accessing the NAHMS Web site at www.aphis.usda.gov/nahms or by subscribing to the NAHMS beef mailing list. Hard copies of the reports can be requested on the NAHMS Web site.
7. 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.
8. The effective data collection period of this PRODUCER AGREEMENT shall begin with today's date of ____/____/____ and end no later than December 15, 2018.

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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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9. Biologic Sampling by Producer—BVD Testing

The Producer can elect to have his/her entire calf crop tested for persistent infection with bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) virus. To be eligible to participate, 70% or more of the operation’s calves need to be born between November 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018. Samples should be collected only from calves born during this time. Supplies and shipping costs will be covered by NAHMS. The Producer will take two ear notches from each calf, place them in a plastic bag, write the calf ID and age on the bag, and then place in a freezer until shipment. The Producer will need to be able to deliver the samples in one or two batches to a local Federal Express location that accepts Express packages. The Producer will also need to allow his/her contact information (name, address, phone number, and email) to be available to a member of the NAHMS staff in Fort Collins, CO, so that collection materials and results can be sent to the Producer.

The Producer would like to participate in BVD testing. The BVD Producer Agreement will also need to be completed in order to participate in BVD testing.

Yes, and I signed BVD agreement

No, I do not want to participate

(Producer’s initials are needed in the appropriate column)

10. Biologic Sampling by Data Collector—Forage

The Producer can elect to have nutrient analysis performed on one forage sample. Samples will only be taken from baled hay, not from haylage or silage. The forage selected for testing should be from the same field and cutting number (e.g., second cutting from a specific field—this will be referred to as a “lot”). The Data Collector will use a forage probe (bale corer) to collect approximately 20 cores from the forage. Twenty cores produce in total about a half-pound sample. Multiple bales will be sampled from the same lot as long as the bales are accessible for sampling. Results will be returned to the Producer.

The Producer consents and authorizes the Data Collector to collect one forage sample from baled hay chosen by the Producer. The sample will be analyzed for energy, protein, fiber, dry matter, macrominerals, and microminerals.

I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE

I DO NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE

(Producer’s initials are needed in the appropriate column.)

11. Biologic Sampling by Data Collector—Fecal Bacteria

A limited number of farms in each State will be selected to have fecal samples collected and tested for pathogens. If selected, the Producer consents and authorizes the Data Collector to collect 10-20 samples of fecal material from the ground. All samples will be tested for *Salmonella*, and the *Salmonella* results will be returned to the Producer as positive or negative. A subset of samples will be tested for various pathogens including, but not limited to, *E. coli*₇ and *Enterococcus*. These results will not be returned to the Producer.

I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE if selected

I DO NOT want to be considered

(Producer’s initials are needed in the appropriate column.)



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1. To participate, the Producer must:
 - a. Have a herd in which 70% or more of calves are born from November 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.
 - b. Follow the instructions provided with the collection materials (kit). This includes collecting two ear notches from each preweaned calf born from November 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, placing the two ear notches in an individual bag, and writing the calf ID and age on the bag. The bags will be pre-labeled with your operation number.
 - c. Freeze the samples the day of collection and keep frozen until shipped to the laboratory.
 - d. When ready to ship the samples, follow the shipping instructions included with the Kit.
 - e. Use Federal Express to ship samples to the laboratory. Kits should only be shipped on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.
2. By signing this Agreement, the Producer is allowing his/her name, address, phone number, and email address to be given to a member of the NAHMS staff for the purpose of sending the kit and test results directly to the Producer and to contact the Producer if a problem arises with the samples. NAHMS will maintain this information in a confidential manner, use only for the purposes described, and will destroy the data when the study is over.

Address for sending kits and results (kits cannot be sent to a PO Box):

Contact information:

Producer name: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Street address: _____

Email address: _____

City, state, zipcode: _____

Operation number: _____ *(VS Data Collector—please enter the 4-digit farm ID)*

3. Kits containing the collection materials, including the ear notcher, prepaid shipping labels, icepacks, sample bags, boxes, and instructions, will be provided by the NAHMS study program. Results will be sent within 2–3 weeks after testing is completed.
4. How many calves are expected in the calf crop from November 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018? _____
(This will determine the number of kits sent to the Producer.)
5. Check the box below (select one only) describing the option the Producer prefers for collecting the samples. The last day allowable for shipping samples to the laboratory is July 16, 2018.
 - Producer will take ear notch samples all at one time (i.e., when calves are processed as one group). Enter the approximate date this will take place: _____ (Sample kit(s) will be sent approximately 3 weeks before this date.)
 - Producer will collect and freeze ear notch samples and ship them in two batches during the season—e.g., one shipment for calves already born when kits arrive and the second shipment when calving is finished or no later than July 16.
 - Producer will collect and freeze samples throughout the spring calving season but will wait until the end of calving to send all samples in one batch no later than July 16.
6. By signing below, the Producer agrees to participate in the BVD testing and acknowledges that if he/she does not collect and ship the samples as instructed, the laboratory's ability to test the samples may be compromised.

_____/date

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

_____/date

Producer or authorized representative