



# NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE 201 9 NAH MS GOAT STUDY CONSENT FORM

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(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 conducting a study of U.S. goat operations. **NAHMS studies are voluntary and nonregulatory.** This study will take an in-depth look at U.S. goat operations and provide new and valuable information regarding animal health and management practices in the U.S. goat industry. To initiate the study, a sample was selected from the confidential list of operations maintained by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Your operation was selected for participation and will represent a number of unselected goat operations.

**By signing this Consent Form, you are agreeing to allow USDA-NASS staff to provide the following information to the State NAHMS Coordinator, who is employed by USDA-APHIS: your name, address, phone number, email address, total inventory, and operation type (meat/dairy/other).**

The NAHMS Coordinator will share this information with a Federal or State veterinary medical officer (VMO), who will contact you to administer a phase II questionnaire. You will also have the opportunity to obtain free testing for your goats, including testing for: parasites both pre- and post-deworming, Scrapie resistant genotypes, *Mycoplasma ovipneumonia*, and fecal pathogens. Only the Federal or State VMOs collecting the data know the identity of study participants.

**Confidentiality of your data is crucially important to us. 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 aggregated summaries.**

When you are contacted by a Federal or State VMO and asked to participate in the study, you are free to accept or decline participation at that time. A copy of the questionnaire that will be administered when you're visited by the Federal or State VMO can be found at: [www.aphis.usda.gov/nahms](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/nahms). **If you have been selected but have not been contacted or if you have questions regarding the study, please call: (866) 907-8190.**

1. Number of goats on the operation as of July 1, 2019: \_\_\_\_\_ head
2. Operation Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Operation phone #: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Operation Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Use of goats on operation (check all that apply):  
 Meat  Dairy  Fiber  Agritourism  Other
6. Notes regarding the operation, (e.g. animals located in different state, changes to address or contact information):

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NASDA/NASS Staff SIGN DATE

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