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HEALTH MANAGEMENT ON U.S. FEEDLOTS 2020 CONSENT TO CONTACT

For release of information for:

EPAID:

(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. feedlot operations with a capacity of 50 or more cattle. **NAHMS studies are voluntary and nonregulatory.** This study will take an in-depth look at U.S. feedlots and provide new and valuable information regarding animal health and management practices in the U.S. feedlot 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 feedlot was selected for participation and will represent a number of unselected feedlots.

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, inventory, and operation type. All data from this questionnaire will be shared with NAHMS state coordinators.

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. 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/naahms. **If you have been selected but have not been contacted or if you have questions regarding the study, please call: (866) 907-8190.**

1. Operation Address: _____ 2. Operation phone #: _____
3. Operation Email Address: _____
4. Notes regarding the operation, (e.g. animals located in different state, changes to address or contact information):

Signature of Consenting Operator:

Date:

Signature of NASDA/NASS Enumerator:

Date: