



Study Activities

Participating in any NAHMS study is voluntary. If you are selected to participate in the Health Management on U.S. Feedlot, 2020, study and decide to do so, your answers will statistically represent many other producers in your State.

Representatives from NASS will visit participating operations from September through December 2020 to complete a questionnaire. If participants choose to continue in the study, USDA or State veterinary health professionals will visit feedlots from February 2021 through March 2021 to complete a second questionnaire.



Benefits to Participating

Reports published from this study will benefit the U.S. feedlot industry by providing current and scientifically valid estimates to

- Aid in understanding disease preparedness strengths and vulnerabilities,
- Help policymakers and industry stakeholders make informed decisions,
- Identify research and development needs on vital issues related to feedlot cattle health,
- Enable economic analyses of the health and productivity of the U.S. feedlot industry,
- Identify educational needs and opportunities related to feedlot cattle health,
- Provide benchmark data on important feedlot cattle health management practices to inform quality assurance programs, and
- Provide transparent, credible, independent information on U.S. feedlot industry practices that is not collected by the industry itself.

NAHMS Feedlot Studies Have Impact!

- The NAHMS Feedlot 1994 and 1999 studies helped pioneer further research into injection sites, branding locations, and cattle handling practices, which led to data benchmarking for beef quality assurance programs.
- The NAHMS Feedlot 1994 study provided the industry's first look into the prevalence of *E. coli* O157:H7 shedding by feedlot cattle.
- The NAHMS Feedlot 2011 study provided data that were used to inform an economic analysis focusing on the market impacts of reducing the prevalence of bovine respiratory disease in feedlot cattle.
- Almost 1,500 scientific and industry publications have referenced NAHMS feedlot data since 1990.

"NAHMS studies provide critical information for animal science, veterinary science, and many other disciplines involving teaching and research in beef feedlot production. These data are used as a component of the Beef Checkoff's National Beef Quality Audit every 5 years, as well as a plethora of other applied research efforts. We should all support and advocate for contributing to this study!"

Keith Belk, Ph.D., Animal Sciences Department Head at Colorado State University

"NAHMS provides us with a snapshot of how our industry partners are operating their business and making decisions, serving as a benchmark and gut-check for us in making decisions on how to run our business. This helps us stay open-minded and current in today's practice of feeding cattle."

Josh Szasz, DVM, Ph.D., Five Rivers Cattle Feeding



Scientific Approach

NAHMS was established to collect accurate and valuable information on animal health and management in the United States. NAHMS studies are national in scope, science based, statistically valid, collaborative, voluntary, and anonymous.



Confidentiality

NAHMS is a recognized statistical unit by the Office of Management and Budget. All information acquired for the NAHMS "Health Management on U.S. Feedlots, 2020" study will be used for statistical purposes only and will be treated as confidential in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA). Only summary estimates based on the inference population will be reported. Data collected under CIPSEA are protected from Freedom of Information requests.



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