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Why am I getting this letter?

Enclosed is a link and secure, unique code to complete your NAHMS Health Management on U.S. Feedlots 2021 Survey. This important new study is being conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) in conjunction with USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Please complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Your participation in this study is voluntary, though you are one of a select number of feedlot producers in your State chosen to participate in this study and so your participation is valuable.

The study consists of two questionnaires. The secure online form to complete the Phase I questionnaire is linked to the right. If we do not hear from you by April 5, 2021, we will attempt to contact you by phone or by an in-person visit. Upon completion of the Phase I questionnaire, you will be given the opportunity to consent to be contacted for the second phase of the study, which includes the Phase II questionnaire that will be administered by an animal health professional representative of NAHMS between June and August, 2021.

How will the data be used?

The current study will be a focused study intended to capture a snapshot of cattle health and management practices on U.S. feedlots in 2021 and allowing for an evaluation of trends over time in these topics. The outcomes from this study will be used to obtain more funding to study feedlot cattle health issues and help the U.S. feedlot industry to better know and serve their producers in outreach, trade, and disease management programs.

Your responses to this survey will be kept confidential and will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. We will publish the survey findings in the *Health Management on U.S. Feedlots, 2021* report, to be released in Spring of 2022 on the NAHMS website: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/nahms>.

Thank you for participating and for your support of our programs and U.S. agriculture. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 1-888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

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What should I do next?

Complete your survey in one of the following ways:



Online at www.agcounts.usda.gov. **Online reporting is fast, cost-effective, and secure.** All you need is the 17-digit survey code on the enclosed form to begin.



By **mail or fax**. Complete the survey questionnaire and mail it back in the return envelope provided or fax it to (855) 415-3687.

