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Why am I getting this letter?

Enclosed is your Hogs and Pigs Survey. Please complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience. Your information is important and used to help provide detailed information on market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as pig crop and farrowing intentions.

How will the data be used?

Information from this survey allows NASS to accurately measure and report conditions and trends in the U.S. pork industry over the course of the year. The information is used by all sectors of the industry to help make sound and timely business decisions.

What should I do next?

Complete your survey in one of the following ways:

Online at

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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.

The results of 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 quarterly *Hogs and Pigs* report, to be released Thursday, March 26, 2020.

If we do not hear from you we attempt to contact you to arrange an interview.

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 (888) 424-7828.

Sincerely,

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