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2020 NAHMS Swine Large Enterprise - Informed Consent

Instructions:

Review this page with the producer, answering any questions. Make sure the producer understands that participation is voluntary. After signatures, give the original to the producer, send one copy to your NAHMS Coordinator, and retain the final copy until instructed.

Background

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is collecting information on swine health and stewardship through the National Animal Monitoring System (NAHMS). This information will be used to describe current swine health and stewardship practices, help policymakers and industry make informed decisions, assist researchers and private enterprise in identifying and focusing on vital issues related to swine management, and facilitate education of future producers and veterinarians. Participation is voluntary and you may decline to participate. Your participation is vital and will help APHIS develop swine health and management national estimates. We ask that you provide accurate information regarding your facility's swine health and management; however, you retain the right to refuse to answer any or all questions.

Confidentiality

APHIS pledges to keep the information you provide as part of this study confidential and will only use it for statistical purpose. According to the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 (CIPSEA) and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form. For more information on how we protect your information please visit: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/nahms/general/downloads/NAHMS_CIPSEA.pdf.

Your information's security is vitally important to APHIS. Only authorized APHIS employees or those acting on APHIS's behalf (NAHMS agents) will have access to your individual record data. By law to be an authorized APHIS employee or NAHMS agent, individuals must complete confidentiality training and a confidentiality form which stipulates the requirements for keeping data confidential and the penalties individuals are subject to if identifiable information is released. These , and that the individual is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both if he or she discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your establishment.

Every person working for or in cooperation with APHIS on this study has signed. Further, data are protected from cybersecurity threats. Under the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data will be protected by US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) cybersecurity monitoring. In the event of a cybersecurity incident, and pursuant to any required legal processes, information from these sources may be used to help identify and mitigate the incident.

APHIS may publish, or authorize others to publish, the aggregate (summary) findings acquired from NAHMS for the benefit of the swine industry, allied private industries, and other interested groups, but will ensure that the identity of the producer is withheld. APHIS may not publish, or authorize others to publish, individual responses.

The NAHMS Agent will review this informed consent with you prior to asking for any information in this phase of the study. You are not required to participate in the study. APHIS will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only.

Please note that information on a producer's animals revealed from sources unrelated to this study, such as testing and inspection for movement or sale of animals or tracebacks on testing done at slaughter, may cause unrelated regulatory action. Additionally, if a NAHMS Agent conducting this interview on the Producer's premises observes an animal with signs suspicious of a dangerous, infectious, or exotic disease foreign to the United States (e.g., foot-and-mouth disease), he or she is required to report this disease to State authorities, in which case further investigation and possible action may occur which would potentially result in making your participation in a NAHMS study no longer protected. In the unlikely event of this occurrence, APHIS will continue to protect any of the information provided as part of this study. Again information collected by APHIS for a NAHMS study may only be used for statistical purposes.

You can obtain these reports and further information from this study by accessing the NAHMS Web site at:
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/nahms>

Study Biologics - Not covered by CIPSEA and the confidentiality pledge

APHIS is providing fecal pathogen and oral fluids biologic testing to producers who complete the phase II questionnaire. This portion of the study is **not covered** by CIPSEA and the confidentiality pledge does not apply. Even though the confidentiality pledge does not apply to this portion of the study, APHIS recognizes that the materials you provide and the information generated from these are not regularly provide or shared with others. APHIS will not have any Personally Identifiable Information on any biologic forms or sample materials so samples cannot be traced to you or your operation. Individual testing result reports will only have your operations study ID and APHIS staff will mail these results directly to you.

