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You were selected to participate in the National Animal

Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) Sheep 2024 study, and a questionnaire was recently mailed to you. If you have already responded, please accept our sincere thanks. If you have not responded, there's still time.

We are especially grateful for your help. It is only by asking people like you to share your experiences that we can improve our shared understanding of sheep health and management practices, including any needs and challenges. Your participation in this study is voluntary and responses to this survey will be kept confidential, as required by federal law.

If you haven't had a chance to respond to the survey yet, completing the survey online is quick, easy, and secure. You can do so by following the steps below. If we have not received your questionnaire by February 12th, we may give you a call to complete the survey over the phone. We hope that you will participate in this survey and take advantage of the free biologic testing we are offering to producers with 20 or more ewes.

Thank you for your support of this important sheep study. If you have any questions, please feel free to call toll-free at 1-888-424-7828.

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Online reporting is fast and secure. All you need is the 12-digit survey code to begin. To complete your online survey, follow these steps:

- 1. Go to: www.agcounts.usda.gov
- 2. Enter your 12-digit Survey Code:
- 3. Complete the survey through the Conclusion section and select **Submit Survey**



Or, if you would like to complete the survey on paper, follow these steps:

- 1. Complete the paper questionnaire you previously received in the mail
- 2. Mail the questionnaire back in the return envelope or fax it to (855) 415-3687



Please complete the survey through the Conclusion section, including Item 5, to sign up for the free biological testing.

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