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You are being asked to participate in a research study titled “Understanding Knowledge and Beliefs about Translocation of Wild Pigs.” The purpose of the study is to measure key factors related to the management of wild pigs to aid in the development of strategies for reducing negative effects of wild pig populations. You will be asked to take the following online survey questionnaire, which we expect will take you approximately 15 minutes. Your participation is voluntary, and you can skip any question you do not wish to answer or withdraw at any time. We are not collecting directly identifying information, and when we report and share the data with others, we will combine demographic data from everyone who takes the survey so you cannot be identified individually.

You must be 18 or older to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Keith Carlisle, the Principal Investigator for the study at USDA-APHIS, by phone at 970-266-6047 or by email at keith.m.carlisle@usda.gov.

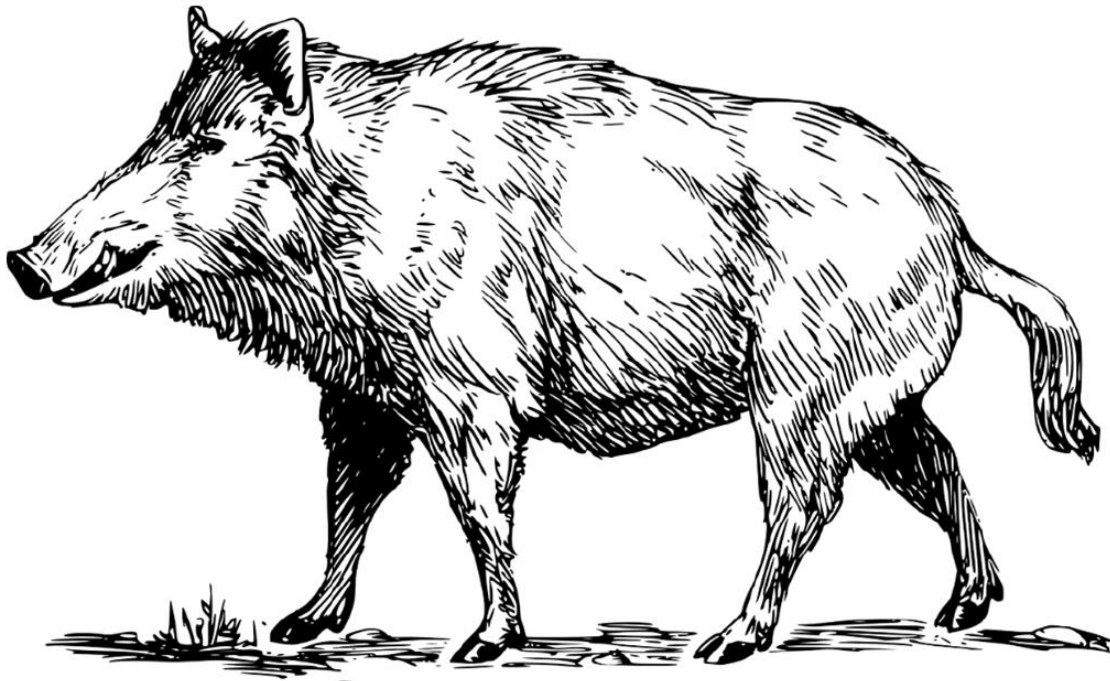
You indicate that you voluntarily agree to participate in this research study by submitting the survey.

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Instructions: To complete the survey, please answer each of the following questions. In most cases, by clicking the back buttons at the end of each section, you can return to previously answered questions and update your responses. You can also leave the survey at any time and re-enter where you left off by clicking on the survey link again.

A note about the survey: You will be asked about wild pigs in your state (see “What are wild pigs?” below). Many of the questions concern the practice of capturing wild pigs, transporting them (for example, in a tow trailer), and releasing them elsewhere, most commonly for hunting purposes. We understand that you may not be familiar with wild pigs or these practices, which is why we have included “I don’t know” response options for many of the questions. If you’re not familiar with wild pigs or the practices we ask about, your responses will still provide us with important information, and we want to hear from you!

What are wild pigs? The term “wild pig” refers to any free-roaming pig, swine, or boar regardless of its appearance. Wild pigs may appear very similar to domestic farm or pet pigs, or they may have a more “wild” appearance. Wild pigs are also commonly called wild hogs, feral hogs, wild boar, feral swine, and feral pigs.



Which of the following best describes your personal experience(s) with wild pigs in your state?
(Please select ALL that apply)

- ☐ I did not know wild pigs existed in my state before I got this survey.
- ☐ I have read about wild pigs in my state or watched programs that featured wild pigs in my state.
- ☐ I have friends and/or family who have talked about or have had experiences with wild pigs in my state.
- ☐ I knew wild pigs lived in my state, but I have never seen or heard a wild pig.
- ☐ I have seen wild pigs or wild pig evidence (for example, wild pig tracks) in my state.
- ☐ I have seen wild pigs on my property.
- ☐ I have hunted or trapped wild pigs in my state.
- ☐ I have experienced damage from wild pigs in my state.

What change would you like to see to the wild pig population in your state over the next five years? (Please select one)

- ☐ (1) Completely eliminate wild pigs (*no wild pigs in my state*)
- ☐ (2) Decrease greatly
- ☐ (3) Decrease somewhat
- ☐ (4) No change (*population remains about the same*)
- ☐ (5) Increase somewhat
- ☐ (6) Increase greatly
- ☐ I don't know

The following statements pertain to your thoughts about wild pigs.

For each statement below, please select the response that best corresponds with your answer.

	(1) Strongly disagree	(2) Somewhat disagree	(3) Neither agree nor disagree	(4) Somewhat agree	(5) Strongly agree
Wild pigs increase my overall quality of life.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The harm caused by wild pigs outweighs any benefit of having them in my state.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wild pigs are a valuable resource for recreation in my state.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wild pigs are a valuable economic resource in my state.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wild pigs cause harm to farming and ranching operations in my state.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wild pigs are a valuable food resource in my state.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wild pigs do not belong in my state.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall, my feelings about wild pigs in my state are generally positive.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wild pigs are a nuisance.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wild pigs have the right to exist wherever they may occur.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

The following items are statements about practices in your state involving wild pigs, such as transporting or releasing wild pigs.

Please select whether you believe they are true or false. If you're uncertain, select "I don't know."

There are no legal restrictions or requirements for anyone in your state who wishes to transport live wild pigs across state lines. **(Please select one)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False
- ☐ I don't know

There are no legal restrictions or requirements for anyone who wishes to transport live wild pigs within your state. **(Please select one)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False
- ☐ I don't know

Landowners in rural areas of your state are allowed to capture wild pigs in your state and release them on their own private land to hunt. **(Please select one)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False
- ☐ I don't know

Individuals in your state are allowed to capture wild pigs in your state and release them into open areas that have been designated for recreational hunting. **(Please select one)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False
- ☐ I don't know

How aware are you of any legal restrictions or regulations relating to the transport and release of wild pigs in your state? **(Please select one)**

- ☐ **(1)** Not at all aware
- ☐ **(2)** Slightly aware
- ☐ **(3)** Moderately aware
- ☐ **(4)** Highly aware
- ☐ **(5)** Completely aware

To what extent do you agree with the following statement:

My state's rules regarding the transportation and release of wild pigs are clear.

(Please select the response that best corresponds with your answer)

- ☐ **(1)** Strongly disagree
- ☐ **(2)** Somewhat disagree
- ☐ **(3)** Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ **(4)** Somewhat agree
- ☐ **(5)** Strongly agree
- ☐ I don't know

Do you personally know anyone who released live wild pigs in your state in the past 3 years?

(Please select one)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

Skip To: Q2.9 If Do you personally know anyone who released live wild pigs in your state in the past 3 years? (Ple... = Yes

Have you heard about an instance (including in the news or word of mouth) where someone released live wild pigs in your state at any time in the past 3 years? **(Please select one)**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

How likely are you to personally benefit from someone releasing wild pigs in your state? **(Please select one)**

- ☐ **(1)** Extremely unlikely
- ☐ **(2)** Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ **(3)** Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ **(4)** Somewhat likely
- ☐ **(5)** Extremely likely

The following are statements about how others in your community (your town, city, etc.) might feel about people transporting and releasing wild pigs.

For each statement below, please select the response that best corresponds with your answer.

	(1) Strongly disagree	(2) Somewhat disagree	(3) Neither agree nor disagree	(4) Somewhat agree	(5) Strongly agree
It would harm a person's reputation in my community if community members found out that the person trapped live wild pigs in my area and set them free somewhere else in my state.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
People in my community would <u>not</u> approve if I transported live wild pigs with the intention of setting them free within 20 miles of my community.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

The following are questions about what **you** personally think or feel when it comes to transporting and releasing wild pigs and when it comes to following the law.

To what extent do **you** agree that people in your state should be allowed to transport live wild pigs anywhere within your state? (**Please select one**)

- ☐ (1) Strongly disagree
- ☐ (2) Somewhat disagree
- ☐ (3) Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ (4) Somewhat agree
- ☐ (5) Strongly agree

To what extent do **you** agree that people should be allowed to import live wild pigs into your state from another state? (**Please select one**)

- ☐ (1) Strongly disagree
- ☐ (2) Somewhat disagree
- ☐ (3) Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ (4) Somewhat agree
- ☐ (5) Strongly agree

To what extent do **you** agree that people should be allowed to release live wild pigs in open areas designated for recreational hunting? (**Please select one**)

- ☐ (1) Strongly disagree
- ☐ (2) Somewhat disagree
- ☐ (3) Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ (4) Somewhat agree
- ☐ (5) Strongly agree

To what extent do **you** agree that people should be allowed to release live wild pigs anywhere in your state as long as it's not on someone else's private property? (**Please select one**)

- ☐ (1) Strongly disagree
- ☐ (2) Somewhat disagree
- ☐ (3) Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ (4) Somewhat agree
- ☐ (5) Strongly agree

How concerned would you feel if you saw someone in your state transporting (for example, in a tow trailer) what you believed to be wild pigs? **(Please select one)**

- ☐ **(1)** Not at all concerned
- ☐ **(2)** Somewhat unconcerned
- ☐ **(3)** Neither concerned nor unconcerned
- ☐ **(4)** Somewhat concerned
- ☐ **(5)** Very concerned

How likely would you be to report this activity to the responsible authorities? **(Please select one)**

- ☐ **(1)** Extremely unlikely
- ☐ **(2)** Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ **(3)** Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ **(4)** Somewhat likely
- ☐ **(5)** Extremely likely

How concerned would you feel if you saw someone releasing what you believed to be wild pigs in your state? **(Please select one)**

- ☐ **(1)** Not at all concerned
- ☐ **(2)** Somewhat unconcerned
- ☐ **(3)** Neither concerned nor unconcerned
- ☐ **(4)** Somewhat concerned
- ☐ **(5)** Very concerned

How likely would you be to report this activity to the responsible authorities? **(Please select one)**

- ☐ **(1)** Extremely unlikely
- ☐ **(2)** Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ **(3)** Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ **(4)** Somewhat likely
- ☐ **(5)** Extremely likely

To what extent do you agree that people should obey the law even if they don't believe the law is necessary? **(Please select one)**

- ☐ **(1)** Strongly disagree
- ☐ **(2)** Somewhat disagree
- ☐ **(3)** Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ **(4)** Somewhat agree
- ☐ **(5)** Strongly agree

The following statements pertain to your thoughts about releasing wild pigs in your state.
For each statement below, please select the response that best corresponds to your answer.

It is appropriate to release wild pigs in my state if...

	(1) Strongly disagree	(2) Somewhat disagree	(3) Neither agree nor disagree	(4) Somewhat agree	(5) Strongly agree
It increases the opportunity to recreationally hunt wild pigs.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
People in my community rely on wild pigs as a source of food.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
It improves economic conditions in my community due to an increase in hunting-related activity.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

If transporting wild pigs in your state were illegal, what do you think is the likelihood that someone who illegally transports wild pigs in your state would be discovered by the authorities?
(Please select one)

- ☐ **(1)** Extremely unlikely
- ☐ **(2)** Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ **(3)** Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ **(4)** Somewhat likely
- ☐ **(5)** Extremely likely
- ☐ I don't know

If it were illegal to release wild pigs in your state, what do you think would be the appropriate penalties for a first-time violation? **(Please select ALL that apply)**

- ☐ No punishment
- ☐ Small fine (less than \$500)
- ☐ \$1,000 fine
- ☐ \$2,500 fine
- ☐ Prison time of up to 30 days
- ☐ Loss of hunting privileges in the state for one year
- ☐ Loss of hunting privileges in the state for life
- ☐ Reimbursement of costs associated with recapturing/eliminating the wild pigs
- ☐ Reimbursement of costs associated with any damage caused by the wild pigs

If it were illegal to release wild pigs in your state, what do you think would be the appropriate penalties for a repeat violation? **(Please select ALL that apply)**

- ☐ No punishment
- ☐ Small fine (less than \$500)
- ☐ \$1,000 fine
- ☐ \$2,500 fine
- ☐ \$5,000 fine
- ☐ Prison time of up to 30 days
- ☐ Prison time of up to 180 days
- ☐ Loss of hunting privileges in the state for one year
- ☐ Loss of hunting privileges in the state for life
- ☐ Reimbursement of costs associated with recapturing/eliminating the wild pigs
- ☐ Reimbursement of costs associated with any damage caused by the wild pigs

The following demographic information will be used to help us make general conclusions about respondents. As a reminder, your responses will remain strictly confidential.

In which state do you primarily reside? **(Please select one)**

- ☐ Mississippi
- ☐ Missouri
- ☐ North Carolina
- ☐ Oklahoma
- ☐ Tennessee
- ☐ None of the above

Display This Question:

If In which state do you primarily reside? (Please select one) = Mississippi

What is the County of your primary residence in Mississippi? **(Please type out your response)**

_____ [text box with autocomplete]

Display This Question:

If In which state do you primarily reside? (Please select one) = Missouri

What is the County of your primary residence in Missouri? **(Please type out your response)**

_____ [text box with autocomplete]

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If In which state do you primarily reside? (Please select one) = North Carolina

What is the County of your primary residence in North Carolina? **(Please type out your response)**

_____ [text box with autocomplete]

Display This Question:

If In which state do you primarily reside? (Please select one) = Oklahoma

What is the County of your primary residence in Oklahoma? **(Please type out your response)**

_____ [text box with autocomplete]

Display This Question:

If In which state do you primarily reside? (Please select one) = Tennessee

What is the County of your primary residence in Tennessee? **(Please type out your response)**

_____ [text box with autocomplete]

In what year were you born? (Please type out the 4-digit number below that corresponds with a year. For example, "1980")

Are you: **(Please select ALL that apply)**

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Transgender, non-binary, or another gender.

The following table includes groups of people that you may identify with.

For each group, please select the response that best corresponds with your answer.

To what extent do you identify with each of the following groups:

	(1) Not at all like me	(2) Very little like me	(3) Somewhat like me	(4) Moderately like me	(5) Very much like me
Hunter	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Environmentalist	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Nature enthusiast	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Conservationist	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Commercial crop producer	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Commercial livestock producer	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Small-scale (non- commercial) farmer	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

What is your race and/or ethnicity? **(Please select ALL that apply)**

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ White

What is the highest level of education you have obtained? **(Please select one)**

- ☐ Did not graduate high school or receive GED
- ☐ High school diploma or GED
- ☐ Some college, no degree
- ☐ Associate degree
- ☐ Trade/technical/vocational training
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Graduate or professional degree

From what sources do you get information about wild pigs? **(Please select ALL that apply)**

- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Television
- ☐ Newspapers or news magazines
- ☐ Social media (for example, YouTube or Facebook)
- ☐ Public events
- ☐ Family, friends, and/or personal acquaintances
- ☐ State Fish and Wildlife Agency
- ☐ State Department of Agriculture
- ☐ USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services
- ☐ A University Extension Service
- ☐ Other **(Please specify below)**

☐ None of the above

Display This Question:

If From what sources do you get information about wild pigs? (Please select ALL that apply) = Television

Which television sources do you get information about wild pigs? **(Please select ALL that apply)**

- ☐ Fishing and hunting programs
- ☐ Nature programs
- ☐ News programs

Display This Question:

If From what sources do you get information about wild pigs? (Please select ALL that apply) = Social media (for example, YouTube or Facebook)

Which social media sources do you get information about wild pigs? (**Please select ALL that apply**)

- ☐ YouTube
 - ☐ Facebook
 - ☐ Other (**please specify below**)
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Display This Question:

If From what sources do you get information about wild pigs? (Please select ALL that apply) = Public events

Which public events do you get information about wild pigs? (**Please select ALL that apply**)

- ☐ Fishing and hunting-related events (for example, National Fishing and Hunting Day)
- ☐ Agricultural-related events (for example, the state fair)

Display This Question:

If From what sources do you get information about wild pigs? (Please select ALL that apply) = State Fish and Wildlife Agency

Which State Fish and Wildlife Agency sources do you get information about wild pigs? (**Please select ALL that apply**)

- ☐ Agency website
- ☐ Hunting regulation digests/brochures

If you have any comments you would like to leave about this survey, please write them below:
