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USDA TO CONDUCT DECEMBER HOGS AND PIGS SURVEY

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA – In December, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct its final quarterly survey of pork producers of this year. The agency will survey producers to measure this year's U.S. hog and pig inventory. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will be looking to see if this trend continues when it conducts the quarterly Hogs and Pigs Survey in December.

During the first two weeks of December, NASS will ask producers to report their market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as their farrowing intentions as of December 1.

"Through the quarterly surveys, NASS measures and reports conditions and trends in the U.S. pork industry over the course of the year," said Bill Weaver, Director of the NASS Alabama Field Office. "The quarterly surveys enable NASS to provide timely, accurate and unbiased data that all sectors of the U.S. pork industry, depend on to help make sound business decisions," added Weaver.

Weaver noted that, as is the case with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state and national-level data, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified," he said.

NASS will publish survey results in the quarterly *Hogs and Pigs* report on December 28. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information, call the NASS Alabama Field Office at 1-800-832-4181.

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