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USDA CONDUCTING MARCH HOGS AND PIGS SURVEY

Jackson, MS – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is contacting producers for the March Hogs and Pigs Survey. The agency will survey pork producers for detailed information on market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as pig crop and farrowing intentions.

“According to the most recent *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* report in December, there were 75.8 million hogs and pigs in the United States,” said Esmerelda Dickson, State Statistician, Mississippi Field Office. “The March survey and resulting report will continue to provide important indicators for the industry of what changes are occurring.”

NASS will mail the questionnaires to all producers selected for the survey in mid-February. Producers who have not responded by February 28 may be contacted by a NASS representative from the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA).

The data gathered in this survey allow 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, including producers themselves, to help make sound and timely business decisions.

NASS will publish survey results in its quarterly *Hogs and Pigs* report on March 27. This and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, please call NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

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