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USDA CONDUCTING DECEMBER HOGS AND PIGS SURVEY

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – **November 1, 2024** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is contacting producers for the December Hog Report. 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 *Hogs and Pigs* report in September, there were 76.5 million hogs and pigs in the United States," said Rodger Ott, Director, Mountain Regional Field Office. "The December survey and resulting report will continue to provide important indicators for the industry of what changes are occurring – if any."

NASS will mail the questionnaires in November to all producers selected for the survey. To ensure all survey participants have an opportunity to respond, NASS interviewers will contact producers who do not respond by mail to conduct an interview.

"The data gathered in these quarterly surveys allow NASS to accurately measure and report conditions and trends in the U.S. pork industry over the course of the year," added Ott. "The information is used by all sectors of the industry to help make sound and timely business decisions."

As with all NASS surveys, the results of this survey will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified. NASS will publish the survey results in the *Hogs and Pigs* report on December 23, 2024.

These and all NASS reports are available online at http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202:

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