OVERVIEW OF THE UPCOMING NAHMS 2017 BEEF COW-CALF STUDY

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Characteristics of NAHMS Studies
National Studies

>70% Animal Population
>70% of Operations
Study Development Cycle

- Needs Assessment
- Study Design
- Information Dissemination
- Study Implementation
- Study Analysis
Online survey conducted February through May 2016

690 responses from stakeholders in 43 States, 449 of whom were beef producers
Figure 4. Number of respondents by top five* priority management issues recommended for study focus

*Respondents ranked issues from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest priority and 5 being the lowest.
Figure 5. Number of respondents by top three* incentives recommended to encourage study participation

*Respondents chose three incentives and ranked them from 1 to 3, with 1 being the highest priority and 3 being the lowest
Study Objectives

Describe trends in beef cow-calf health and management practices related to:

- Cow health and longevity
- Calf health
- Reproductive efficiency
- Biosecurity
Describe management practices and producer beliefs related to:

- Animal welfare
- Emergency preparedness
- Environmental stewardship
- Record keeping and animal identification
Describe antimicrobial use practices (stewardship) and determine the prevalence and antimicrobial resistance patterns of potential food-safety pathogens.
Beef 2017 VS Visit
(January 22–April 6, 2018)

State FIPS: Operation #: Interviewer: Date:
2 digits 4 digits Initials (mm/dd/yyyy)

Arrival time at operation: 

Be sure the Producer understands that in this questionnaire, the term “you” refers to how “this operation” conducts the management practices of the beef operation.

Indicate to the Producer that these questions (except where noted) refer to the cow-calf operation and do not include any dairy, stocker, or feedlot enterprise that is or might be part of this operation.

For comparison, from the General Beef Management Report, enter the response to the following questions:
Page 2, Item 2a, total number of beef cows on hand as of October 1, 2017: 
Page 3, Item 9, beef calves born alive or expected to be born alive in 2017:

Section A—Inventory and Sales Practices

1. a. How many beef cows, including heifers that have calved, were on hand on January 1, 2018: 

b. Of these, how many were:
   (i) Less than 5 years old? 
   (ii) 5 to 9 years old? 
   (iii) 10 years or older? 
   (iv) Add questions 1b(i), 1b(ii), and 1b(iii). [Total should equal question 1.] 

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2017 NAHMS BEEF MANAGEMENT SURVEY

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your responses will be kept confidential and any person who willfully discloses any identifiable information about you or your operation is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both. This survey is conducted in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws. For more information on how we protect your information please visit: https://www.nass.usda.gov/privacy.htm. Response is voluntary.

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We would like to ask you some questions about your beef operation. To understand important issues in the beef industry, we need to obtain information about the health management of your beef cattle, as well as about productivity and general management.

You may find it easier to provide accurate data if you use records to answer some of the questions. Your participation is voluntary and not required by law. However, your responses are needed to make regional and national estimates as accurate as possible.

BEGINNING TIME (military) 00:04

SECTION A: OPERATION DESCRIPTION

1. Were or will there be any beef cows, regardless of ownership, on this operation from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017? □: Yes □: No

[If item 1 = NO, SKIP to Section I: CONCLUSION.]

2. Do you (the operator) operate this cow-calf operation as your household’s primary source of income or as a supplemental source of income?

[Select only one response]

□: Primary Source

□: Supplemental Source

□: [Do not read, use only if necessary] Other Reason (specify 0000 __________________________)

Code: 0000
New Topics:

- Use of darts for treating cattle
- Antimicrobial use
- Nutrition management
Incentives

Free testing of their entire spring calf crop for persistent infection with BVD virus

Free nutrient analysis of a forage sample
This will be the 4\textsuperscript{th} NAHMS Beef Cow-calf study

NAHMS continues to respond to stakeholder input on information needs of the beef industry
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