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## USDA to measure sheep health

**HARRISBURG, PA** – From mid-January 2024 – end of February 2024, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics (NASS), in conjunction with the National Animal Health Monitoring Service (NAHMS), will conduct its fourth national study of the U.S. sheep industry.

“The information collected in this survey will benefit both livestock producers (by facilitating efficient production and animal welfare), industry leaders, and the general public through education” said Charles Butler, acting regional director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office.

All sheep producers and stewards are encouraged to participate in the study, designed to provide a snapshot of current health and management practices on U.S. sheep operations. The information collected will also allow for the analysis of trends in specific topics related to sheep health, based on the NAHMS Sheep 2011 study.

For more information, please visit the [Sheep Studies](#) website. There is a [Study Launch Sheet](#) with details about this study.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form.

Survey results will be published in summer 2024 and onward. For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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