



PURPOSE

This document provides an overview for producers and responders about the financial processes for paying swine owners and contract growers. **These procedures are subject to change.**

Appraisal & Indemnity for Pigs

- ◆ The Appraisal and Indemnity Request Form is the first document that the producer (this includes swine owners and/or contract growers, as applicable) sees and signs for African Swine Fever (ASF) affected swine. This is the only form that must be completed *before* depopulation activities start. It captures basic information and confirms that the producer will accept fair market value for depopulated swine. The owner and the grower will each need to fill out a request form.
- ◆ The Contract Grower Worksheet is needed for contract grower premises; it is signed by the owner and grower.
- ◆ **Copies of primary recordkeeping** documents that describe herd inventory and related records (e.g., mortality sheets, logs) are provided by the producer for appraisal. Ideally, inventory documents are collected before depopulation begins. Copies of these original inventory records are electronically stored in the Emergency Management Response System 2.0 (EMRS2).
- ◆ The VS 1-23 Form: Appraisal and Indemnity Claim for Animals or Materials Destroyed can be completed and signed after depopulation. It itemizes the appraised swine, including the number, types, weight, gender, breeding use, and pregnancy status and parity (for breeding females). The value of the swine is based on the current APHIS calculator.

Herd Plan

- ◆ The Herd Plan documents a producer's (swine owner and/or contract grower, as applicable) intention to eliminate ASF virus from their premises and maintain stringent biosecurity measures to prevent transmission or future introduction of the virus.
- ◆ The Herd Plan is an agreement between APHIS, the State Animal Health Official, the swine owner, and the contract grower, as applicable, acknowledging regulatory intervention and requirements to release State and/or Federal quarantine and be eligible for additional APHIS payments.
- ◆ The Herd Plan describes the methods used for depopulation, disposal, and virus elimination. A Herd Plan is not required for indemnity payments for swine, but it is required for indemnity payments for materials destroyed or to support depopulation, disposal, or virus elimination activities; and it is required if the producer wishes to re-populate the farm with swine after depopulation.

Materials Destroyed

- ◆ The VS 1-23 Form documents materials directly related to swine production that could not be cleaned and disinfected (e.g., feed). Payment processing for materials destroyed requires receipts or documents to substantiate fair market value.
- ◆ A VS 1-24 Form: Proceeds for Animals Sold for Slaughter may be needed in addition to the VS 1-23 if animals or feed are sold for salvage.

Depopulation & Disposal

- ◆ If the contract grower and/or swine owner is going to participate in depopulation and disposal activities, a Financial Plan is developed with assistance from APHIS. The Financial Plan details the costs associated with the depopulation and disposal activities that are described in the Herd Plan.

- ◆ The VS 1-23 Form is used to process payments to the producer to support depopulation and disposal activities. It itemizes costs associated with depopulation and disposal and costs of materials destroyed. Receipts for depopulation and disposal expenses and materials destroyed are required for payment processing.
- ◆ A VS 1-24 Form is also needed if animals or feed are sold for salvage.

Virus Elimination

- ◆ Payment/expenses for virus elimination activities (cost effective cleaning and disinfection) may be shared with the affected State, based on the agreement reached between the Administrator and the State. USDA may determine that it will provide compensation for virus elimination when funds are available. When payment is made, 50% of payment will be made at the start of the virus elimination process and the remaining amount of the payment will be made when there is a negative result for virus elimination.
- ◆ The VS 1-23 Form is used to process payments to the producer for virus elimination activities.