

# National Animal Health Monitoring System, Poultry 2004

## The Poultry 2004 Study

The National Animal Health Monitoring System's (NAHMS) Poultry 2004 study will take an in-depth look at the Nation's nontraditional poultry industries, including small-production backyard flocks and live-poultry markets. Data will be collected via questionnaires on biosecurity practices and on the health and movement of various bird species and then summarized for use in regional and national estimates. Participation in Poultry 2004 is voluntary and confidential.

Poultry 2004 will

- Help provide information to improve management practices that affect bird health,
- Assist animal health officials and industry members in identifying research needs, and
- Provide owners of small-production or backyard flocks with information on avian influenza, exotic Newcastle disease, and effective biosecurity practices.

## Data Collection

### Small-Production Backyard Flocks

The National Agricultural Statistics Service will randomly select a sample of commercial poultry operations in 18 of the Nation's leading poultry States.\* A circle with a 1-mile radius will be "drawn" around each commercial operation, and a field data collector will canvass the circle for noncommercial premises that house birds. From October 1 through November 15, 2004, Federal or State animal health officials will administer a questionnaire at participating noncommercial premises. These data collectors will not enter bird areas or premises or handle birds.

### Live-Poultry Markets

In early 2005, a questionnaire will be administered at live-poultry markets throughout the United States to gather information on management, bird movement, cleaning and disinfecting.

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\*Alabama, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia



## Confidentiality

Because NAHMS' national studies rely on voluntary participation, maintaining the respondents' confidentiality is a top priority. No identifying information (e.g., name and address) will be recorded on questionnaires or in data sets. No individual's data will be reported. Reports will summarize data for national or regional estimates.

## NAHMS Studies

- National in scope
- Voluntary, confidential
- Statistically reliable
- Scientifically valid
- Collaborative in nature

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*“Whether you raise poultry on a large commercial basis or on a smaller, home-hobby scale, the information acquired through this survey will be beneficial to the pursuit of healthy and thriving bird populations. There is no good substitute for accurate information.”*

*—Charles Beard, D.V.M., Ph.D.  
Vice President, Research and Technology  
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*“The small-production backyard flock is an integral part of the U.S. poultry industry. This study will help to identify the research needs of these small flocks.”*

*—Charles Stoltenow, D.V.M.  
President, American Association of  
Extension Veterinarians*



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