

In March 2011 the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) will launch Small-scale Livestock Operations 2011, a national study focusing on livestock operations with annual agricultural sales between \$10,000 and \$500,000. All of the operations included in the study will have livestock, which can include cattle, horses, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, aquaculture species, and other animals.

Small-scale Livestock Operations 2011 is designed to provide individual participants, stakeholders, and the industry with valuable information about the health, marketing, management, and biosecurity practices of small-scale livestock operations in the United States.

Operations will be selected randomly and asked to complete a short questionnaire by mail or followup phone call. The goal of the study is to increase knowledge about the characteristics of and challenges faced by small-scale livestock operations.

Objectives

The Small-scale Livestock Operations 2011 study has the following objectives:

- Provide a baseline description of animal health, marketing, and management practices on small-scale operations;
- Investigate challenges faced by small-scale operations; and
- Describe management and biosecurity practices important for the control of infectious diseases on small-scale operations.

Study outputs

- NAHMS Small Livestock Farm Characteristics. National Animal Health Monitoring System report #571.1009, October 2009. Available at: <http://nahms.aphis.usda.gov/SmallProducer.pdf>
- Small-scale U.S. Cow-calf Operations. Expected winter 2010
- Small-scale U.S. Goat Operations. Expected spring 2011
- Small-scale U.S. Livestock Operations—Characteristics and Challenges. Expected spring 2012
- Characteristics of Small Family Farms: an Analysis of Their Economics, Enterprises, and Organization, 2002, 2005, and 2008. Expected date TBD