

**National Animal Health Monitoring System Report
to the Office of Management and Budget
On Implementation of
The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2018
Calendar Year 2023**

This report is being issued by the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) in accordance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Implementation Guidance for Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2018, Title III of Pub. L. No. 115-435, codified in 44 U.S.C. Ch. 35. CIPSEA establishes strong confidentiality protections for information acquired by the NAHMS for exclusively statistical purposes. Among other things, CIPSEA strictly limits who may have access to protected data, sets strict fines and penalties for knowing and willful disclosures of confidential information to unauthorized persons, and explicitly exempts protected statistical information from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

As directed by OMB, this report covers calendar year 2023 (CY 2023). It addresses which NAHMS statistical projects have issued CIPSEA confidentiality pledges in the collection of data from respondents and the conditions under which the NAHMS has designated agents for access to confidential data for statistical activities.

NAHMS Use of the CIPSEA Confidentiality Pledge

During CY 2023, NAHMS acquired the following data using a NAHMS CIPSEA pledge of confidentiality: HPAI 2022 Turkey Case-control Study.

CIPSEA Data in NAHMS Lab:

NAHMS maintains electronic data collected as part of current and previous NAHMS studies of livestock, poultry, and aquaculture health and health management. NAHMS maintains physical paper copies and electronic data collected for the Goat 2019 (OMB clearance number 0579-0354), Feedlot Health 2021 (OMB clearance number 0579-0079), Swine 2021 (OMB clearance number 0579-0315), Bison 2022 (OMB clearance number 0579-0420), and HPAI 2022 Turkey Case-control (OMB clearance number 0579-0484) studies. NAHMS maintains electronic data sets obtained from NASS to include Sheep Death Loss 2020, Goat Death Loss 2021, Cattle Death Loss 2021, NASS Goat data for Goat 2019 non-response bias analysis, and data for Swine 2021, Feedlot 2021, and Bison 2022 for final sample allocation and weighting.

NAHMS Use of the Agents Provision in CIPSEA

Statistical agencies and organizational units are authorized to designate agents under CIPSEA. Please provide the number of individual agents your agency designated during calendar year 2023 in the following categories:

1. Contractors: the total number of contractor employees designated as agents, separately by whether their primary access is 1) data processing, analysis, or design/planning; or 2) IT support.

- NAHMS employed 12 contractors who were designated as agents in 2023.
 - Data processing, analysis, or design/planning - 9 agents for Goat 2019, Swine 2021, Feedlot Health 2021, Bison 2022, and Sheep 2024.
 - IT Support – 1 contractor through USDA Marketing & Regulatory Programs Information Technology to manage the NAHMS Data Lab.
- 2. Federal or State Agencies: the number of different agencies and the total number of Federal and State agency employees designated as agents.
 - NAHMS designated 26 Federal employees from APHIS during 2023 for the current and ongoing NAHMS studies.
- 3. Researchers: the number of individual researchers the agency has designated as agents, separately by whether they accessed the information on-site at the agency headquarters, or off-site at the researcher’s institution or an agency controlled external site, such as a research data center or data enclave.
 - NAHMS designated 0 outside researchers as agents in 2023.
- 4. NAHMS did not make use of the data sharing provisions under subtitle B.