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NAHMS Equine Studies

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The NAHMS Equine 2026 study began in August 2026 and is currently underway. This study will provide important information about health management practices used on U.S. equine operations, and will take a national, in-depth look at the industry’s most pressing health issues.

Phase I of the NAHMS Equine 2026 study includes randomly selected equine operations in all 50 States. Representatives from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are contacting equine owners to complete a questionnaire. If you were selected and have not completed the questionnaire, there is still time to do so. Participation is voluntary, confidential, and essential for producing accurate, nationally representative results. Data is released only in aggregated summary form, so individual responses cannot be identified. These summary statistics are used in reports and publications that help inform research, policy, and industry decisions. Data collection for Phase I will continue through October 2026. See the NAHMS Equine 2026 Study Launch Sheet (395.68 KB) for more information.

Phase II of the study will consist of questionnaires and biologic sampling at equine events. Phase II is currently postponed pending resource availability.

NAHMS has previously conducted 3 national studies on health and management practices on U.S. equine operations in 2015, 2005, and 1998. NAHMS has also published epidemiological reports on EHV-1 and piroplasmosis. Please see the reports and information sheets in the table below to learn more!

We look forward to working with those involved with equine operations to help us tell the story of the U.S. equine industry in 2026. Please contact NAHMS@usda.gov if you have questions, and please check back here for study results.

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