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The next NAHMS equine study, planned for 2026, will provide important information about health management practices used on U.S. equine operations and at equine events, and will take a national, in-depth look at the industry’s most pressing health issues.

Phase I of the NAHMS Equine 2026 study will include randomly selected operations in all 50 States that have five or more equids. In February 2026, representatives from the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact selected equine owners to complete a questionnaire.

Phase II of the study will consist of questionnaires and biologic sampling at equine events happening between January and December of 2026 in 30 States. NAHMS representatives will contact randomly selected event managers and invite them to participate.

Participation in a NAHMS study is voluntary and confidential. See the NAHMS Equine 2026 Study Launch Sheet (400.42 KB) for more information.

In addition, NAHMS conducted 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.

We look forward to working with those involved with equine operations and equine events to help us tell the story of the U.S. equine industry in 2026. Please contact NAHMS@usda.gov if you have questions.

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