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FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
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FSIS NOTICE

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CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE MONITORING SYSTEM SAMPLING PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE

This notice informs Public Health Veterinarians (PHVs) of changes to the sample scheduling for the National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS) surveillance sampling program for the remainder of CY2019. For the purpose of this notice, the term “PHV” refers to both PHVs and Supervisory Public Health Veterinarians.

II. SUSPENSION OF FSIS NARMS TASK SCHEDULING

A. The Agency collects samples for the NARMS sampling program under directive [FSIS Directive 10,100.1, FSIS Sampling for the National Antimicrobial Monitoring System \(NARMS\)](#). This data is used to monitor for trends in antimicrobial resistance and susceptibility among enteric bacteria in food animals on a yearly basis. FSIS has reached its sampling targets for the young chicken and market swine projects for CY 2019. Therefore, PHVs will no longer receive sampling tasks for the project codes listed below.

Project Code	Product Group
NARMS_YC	Young Chicken
NARMS_MS	Market Swine

B. The Office of Planning, Analysis and Risk Management (OPARM) has removed sampling tasks for the above codes that were assigned for the month of September.

C. FSIS will continue to monitor NARMS sampling and will adjust sample scheduling for additional product groups as sampling target goals are reached.

III. RESUMPTION OF FSIS NARMS SAMPLING

All NARMS sample task scheduling and analysis will resume as described in [FSIS Directive 10,100.1](#) in January 2020.

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OPI: OPPD

IV. QUESTIONS

Refer questions regarding this notice to the Office of Policy and Program Development through [askFSIS](#), or by telephone at 1-800-233-3935. When submitting a question, use the Submit a Question tab, and enter the following information in the fields provided:

Subject Field: Enter **Notice 30-19**.

Question Field: Enter your question with as much detail as possible.

Product Field: Select **General Inspection Policy** from the drop-down menu.

Category Field: Select **Sampling-General** from the drop-down menu.

Policy Arena: Select **Domestic (U.S.) Only** from the drop-down menu.

When all fields are complete, press **Continue** and at the next screen press **Finish Submitting Question**.

NOTE: Refer to FSIS Directive 5620.1, Using askFSIS, for additional information on submitting questions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. Wagner".

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