## National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) Swine 2006 Study

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) NAHMS is in the planning stages of its Swine 2006 national study. Seventeen States will participate in the study (see map).

In July 2006, enumerators from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will contact a random sample of as many as 5,000 swine producers in the 17 participating States to schedule interviews. Subsequently, for producers that agree to further their participation, veterinary medical officers representing the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will begin conducting follow-up interviews in September 2006.

Information gathered in NAHMS' Swine 2000 contributed greatly to our knowledge of producer management practices. The Swine 2006 study will update this information, help monitor trends within the swine industry, and address areas of emerging concern for producers and industry stakeholders. The results of Swine 2006 will be published in fall 2007.

