

Confidentiality Guidelines for the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Program

The 3/70/20 confidentiality guideline requires the following three conditions:

- At least three reporting entities need to provide data at least 50 percent of the time over the most recent 60-day time period.
- No single reporting entity may provide more than 70 percent of the data for a report over the most recent 60-day time period.
- No single reporting entity may be the sole reporting entity for an individual report more than 20 percent of the time over the most recent 60-day time period.

The Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 requires USDA to publish mandatory data on livestock and meat price trends, contracting arrangements, and supply and demand conditions in a manner that protects the identity of reporting entities and preserves the confidentiality of proprietary transactions.