

2010-2011 NIAA Resolutions

Animal Identification & Information Systems

Mission: To play an important role in bringing unresolved issues such as advocating cost effective technologies and systems for modernizing the identification of livestock that has significant implications for residue avoidance, disease control and providing management information to producers.

Position of Support for American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Objectives and Key Elements for Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)

BACKGROUND: The equine industry has historically used implantable RFID transponders of multiple frequencies. An international standard has now been established for equine implantable transponders, - the ISO-compliant 11784/85, 134.2 kHz, 15 character alphanumeric.

RESOLUTION: The National Institute for Animal Agriculture supports the AVMA *Objectives and Key Elements Needed for Effective Electronic Identification of Companion Animals, Birds and Equids* (Oversight: CoVS; EB-11/05; Revised EB-04/06).

Objectives and Key Elements 1 and 2, with the following clarifications:

- As an international standard has been established for equine implantable transponders,
- The use of ISO compliant transponders is recommended from this time forward, and
- Scanners must read previously implanted 125 kHz transponders in addition to ISO compliant transponders.

Adopted: 2006

Outreach/Education Efforts for the Animal Disease Traceability Framework

BACKGROUND: Since the announcement of the Animal Disease Traceability framework, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and state/industry partners have been working to develop and provide information about the goals, implementation, and overall direction of this new program. From experience it is understood that considerable education about and promotion of the Animal Disease Traceability system, will be required to avoid misinformation. In order to move forward, it is critical to provide accurate, timely, and transparent communication about Animal Disease Traceability rule development and implementation plan.

RESOLUTION: The National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA) strongly supports the USDA/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service/Veterinary Services planned efforts to gather stakeholder information, provide outreach programs and educational materials for the Animal Disease Traceability framework. NIAA encourages a proactive approach, including leveraging outreach funds in cooperation with industry organizational partners and state animal health authorities to promote benefits of the enhanced Animal Disease Traceability system to stakeholders and to address public misconceptions.

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