

Beef Industry Input on Cattle Identification

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CATTLE IDENTIFICATION ROUNDTABLE

- ➔ **November 4-5, Kansas City**
- ➔ **Hosted and organized by Livestock Marketing Association**
- ➔ **Common understanding and approach to enhancing current US cattle ID/traceability systems**
- ➔ **Implement an achievable, workable, cost-effective cattle ID system for production, marketing and processing sectors.**

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ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS

- ✓ **American Angus Association**
- ✓ **American Farm Bureau Federation**
- ✓ **Dairy Farmers of America**
- ✓ **Livestock Marketing Association**
- ✓ **National Cattlemen's Beef Association**
- ✓ **National Farmers Union**
- ✓ **National Livestock Producers Association**
- ✓ **R-CALF USA**
- ✓ **Texas Cattle Feeders Association**
- ✓ **US Cattlemen's Association**

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- ➔ **Livestock ID plan for cattle must be specie-specific**
- ➔ **Diversity in the way cattle are**
 - ***Raised***
 - ***Marketed***
 - ***Processed***

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- 11. Prevent introduction of FAD.**
- 12. Flexibility using established and evolving ID methods.**

ACTIONS

- ➔ **December 15 letter to Secretary Vilsack**
 - ***AAA, AFBF, DFA, LMA, NCBA, R-CALF USA, TCFA, USCA***
 - ***Request meeting to discuss***

- ➔ **December 22 meeting with MRP Under Secretary Avalos**
 - ***AAA, AFBF, LMA, NCBA, R-CALF USA***
 - ***Assist in review of animal ID/traceability systems***

ACTIONS

- ➔ **January 13 letter to Congress**
 - ***Leadership of House and Senate Agriculture Committees and Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittees***
- ➔ **February 5 USDA announcement**

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