



# Funding a National Animal Identification System

**Audrey J. Adamson**

**National Pork Producers Council/  
Animal Agriculture Coalition**

**NIAA ID EXPO**

**Chicago, IL**

**May 20, 2004**

# Mission

**The AAC was founded in 1984, and is a coalition of livestock, poultry, and aquaculture trade associations and veterinary and scientific communities that monitor and influence animal health, environmental, food safety, research and educational issues of the animal agriculture industries before federal agencies and the Congress.**



# Animal Ag Coalition

---

American Association of Equine  
Practitioners

American Dairy Science Association

American Farm Bureau Federation

American Feed Industry Association

American Horse Council

American Meat Institute

American Sheep Industry Association

American Society of Animal Science

American Veterinary Medical  
Association

Animal Health Institute

Association of American Veterinary  
Medical Colleges

Catfish Farmers of America

Council for Agricultural Science and  
Technology

**American Society for Veterinary  
Biologics**

**Holstein Association USA, Inc.  
Federation of Animal Science  
Societies**

**Association of Federal Veterinarians**

**National Cattlemen's Beef  
Association**

**National Chicken Council**

**National Elk Breeders Association**

**National Farmers Union**

**National Institute for Animal  
Agriculture**

**National Milk Producers Federation**

**National Pork Producers Council**

**National Renderers Association**

**National Turkey Federation**

**U.S. Animal Health Association**

**United Egg Producers**

**American Veterinary Medical  
Association**



# Current Issues

- **Animal ID**
- **National Animal Health Monitoring Network**
- **National Animal Health Emergency Management System**
- **Emerging Diseases, Exotic Pests, Biosecurity Research**
- **Plum Island Animal Disease Center**
- **National Animal Disease Complex-Ames**
- **Veterinary Diagnostics and Biologics**
- **ARS/APHIS Facilities**
- **Food & Ag Critical Infrastructure (HSPD 9)**



# Congress in Brief

- **Legislative Calendar: Short**
- **Issues: Long**
  - **Budget; War Supplemental; 13 FY '05 Spending Bills; Obesity; BSE; Transportation; Drug Reimportation, etc.**
- **Election Year Politics = Gridlock**
  - **Policy will be made on Appropriations**



# 2004 X-FACTORS

- **War in Iraq**
  - **Action in Iraq**
  - **FY 05 Supplemental \$25B for War Operations**
- **Memorial Day until Labor Day—  
Homeland Security Alert Levels?**
- **The Economy**
- **November Elections**



# What Needs to be Funded?

- A uniform premises identification system;
- A uniform and nationally recognized individual numbering system;
- A uniform and nationally recognized numbering system –species specific systems;
- A uniform numbering system for non-producer participants (such as tag distributors, animal health officials, labs, etc).



# USDA Funding for What?

- **Independent assessment of existing premises allocation systems.**
- **Identify, validate, and verify capabilities of these systems-- determine capacity to serve as a national premises allocator and repository.**
- **Most promising infrastructure to develop the national premises allocator and repository.**



# USDA Funding for What?

- **Cooperative agreements to assist with initial implementation**
- **Begin allocating premises identification numbers to cooperating states, tribes, and other entities that are ready to register premises.**



# USDA Funding for What?

- **Qualify third parties with ID products or programs to be integrated into a national system.**
- **Independent assessment of existing premises allocation systems.**
- **Identify, validate, and verify capabilities of these systems-- determine capacity to serve as a national premises allocator and repository.**
- **Most promising infrastructure to develop the national premises allocator and repository.**



# Congressional Funding

- **FY'03**
  - 3 Continuing Resolutions
  - \$17.5 Billion (Discretionary Spending)
- **FY'04**
  - \$ 16.9 Billion (Discretionary Spending)
  - CCC Money for Initial Funding of Animal ID
    - \$ 18.8 Million

## **FY'05**

- USDA's Request for ID \$33 Million
- AAC Request for ID \$73 Million—Based on USAIP Budgets



# Congressional Funding

- **Budget Resolution**
  - **Currently NO Budget Resolution Passed**
  - **Budget Enforcement Rules**
- **What's Next**
  - **House Move Forward with or without Budget Resolution**
    - **Markup of their \$821 Billion**
  - **Senate will markup their \$ 821 Billion**
  - **Gridlock Probable**

