

# NAIS – Florida Cattle Programs

## ID Info Expo 2005

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## Overview: Florida

- 1 million commercial beef cows-calves trucked west for feeding and processing into beef
- Many seedstock operations  
(seedstock for FL and international markets)
- 180 dairies - 130,000 milking cows; 35,000 replacement heifers
- 10 auction markets
- 1 major processing plant

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## Premises Identification and Registration

- 1,000 premises registered (approx. 80 – 90% of cattle)
- All livestock markets and slaughter plants registered
- Utilization of farm Services Agency and Extension throughout Florida this year
- Expanded outreach – FFA, 4H, high school ag programs, fairs, livestock markets and county meetings, heifer sales and bull sales

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## Calf Segment

- 16,000 calves electronically identified
  - Scanned at loading & at shipping points
  - Management programs for data capture and tracking
  - Data returned for early analysis
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- ❖ Early plans for combining electronic ID and tracking with electronic health certification

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## Seminole Tribe of Florida

(68 owners plus tribal owned cattle)

- Entire herd of >10,000 cows and bulls electronically identified
- 8,000 calves electronically identified
- Implementation of *Cow Sense* program
- Tracking and owner reports on calf information on management, health, productivity, and costs

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## Seminole Tribe of Florida (continued)

- ❖ Continue program and electronically ID calves and cows
- ❖ Work with individual producers on changing management to improve productivity

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## Cull Cow Segment

- NAIS funds used to support equipment costs of one packing plant
- Beef buyer incentive program for source verified beef
  - ❖ \$5 - \$10 premium paid to Producers
  - ❖ >30 Producers involved in program

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## Cull Cow Segment (continued)

- ❖ \$65,000 + total paid out (January 05 – August 05)
- ❖ Florida funds used to provide one for one electronic ID tags back to participating producers
- Outreach to greater numbers of producers
- Outreach / Educational visits to livestock markets

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## Concerns



Exceptions / Reports Out

Need for VS State Cooperative effort at Area  
and Regional levels

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