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**National Animal Identification System**  
**Cattle Industry Work Group Report**

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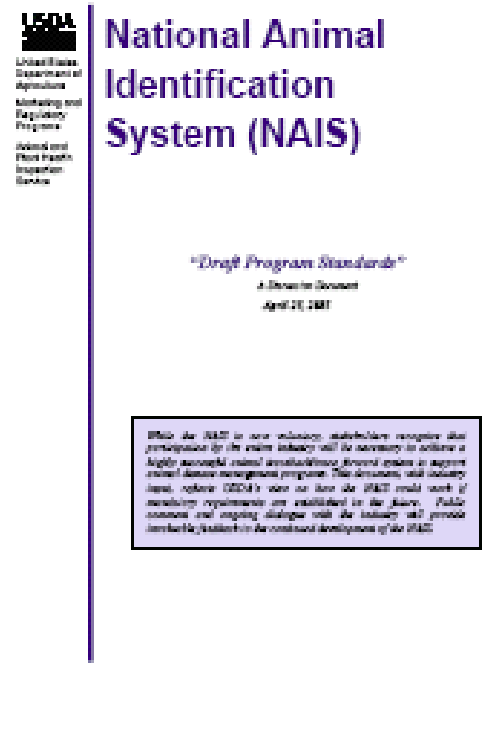
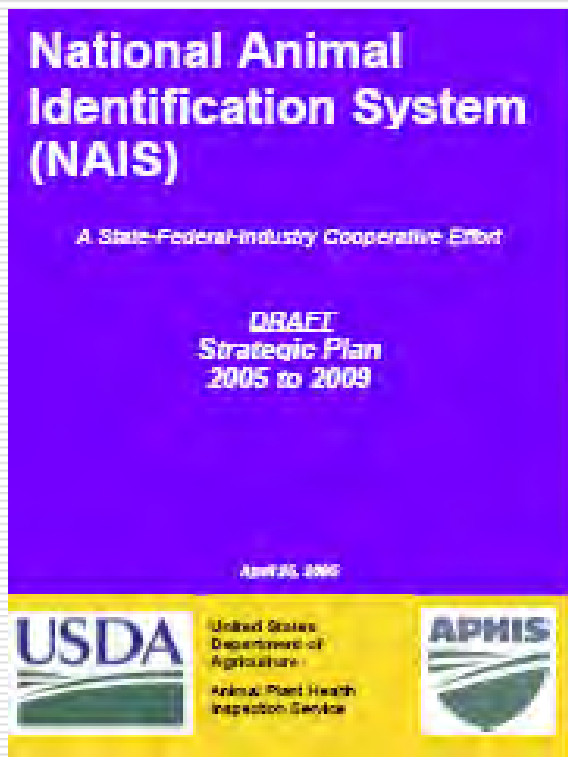
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## current discussions...

### NAIS 2005-2009 Draft Strategic Plan

Outlines goals, key components, guiding principles and timelines for development and implementation.



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- NCBA's initiative to establish a multi-specie, privately controlled database appears to focus primarily on value-added marketing components.

Therefore, it is the consensus of the CWG to stay focused on the NAIS Strategic Plan to develop a linked local-state-national animal tracking database that will enhance disease surveillance and monitoring throughout the U.S.

- State/county FSA offices are starting to assist in premises registration. Some confidentiality issues may arise.
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- ❑ Current pilot testing is revealing the need to establish a uniform protocol for dealing with “no reads and no ID” as they pass through markets / concentration points, to accommodate timely trade.
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- There is general consensus that animals missing official ID are to be retagged.
  - The CWG is working to determine the tolerance level and protocol for “no reads or no tag” cattle moving through commingling/concentration points.
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There is general consensus that a third-party ID technology evaluation system needs to be established to:

- provide producers and market segment managers objective **performance data** on RFID technology to accommodate an informed buyer's decision.

The CWG has recommended USDA develop a system to evaluate and validate ISO conformance and performance of:

- RFID devices
- scanning equipment and
- electronic read transference to manageable databases

to supplement the International Commission for Animal Recording (ICAR) standards and OIE/ISO RFID standards.

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To help initiate the process,

The Cattle Working Group also recommended that USDA / APHIS expand the current field trial with the Kansas Animal Health Department (CA number: 05-9120-0946-CA) to include the:

- ❑ availability for all animal identification technology (RFID) manufacturers to submit to the Animal Identification Knowledge Laboratory located at Kansas State University, RFID readers and EID devices for performance evaluation.
  - ❑ objective evaluation of current reader and RFID tag technologies in various environments reflective of market-chain industry conditions.
  - ❑ additional allotment of \$200,000 to be made available to the Kansas Animal Health Department to facilitate the task and evaluations.
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Further clarifications to the Plan include:

- ❑ Animals of origin destined for custom slaughter for personal use need not be officially identified.
- ❑ Officially identified animals that die on-farm or ranch must be reported.
- ❑ Officially identified farm or ranch “deads” that go to rendering must be reported.

The renderer, being the receiving premises is responsible for reporting.

Producers may anticipate animals of origin moved direct to rendering may be required to be officially identified as a condition of acceptance.

- ❑ Slaughter inspection condemnations to rendering need to be reported.

It is the responsibility of the slaughter plant and FSIS inspectors to maintain the official Id of the animal.

It is the responsibility of the renderer to report the movement.

Packing plant managers, FSIS personel, and rendering plant managers will need to be made aware of their respective responsibilities.

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