




Industry Assessment of the NAIS Progress and Implementation

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Basic reaction

Disappointment




Industry supports the development
and **IMPLEMENTATION** of a
National Animal Identification
System (NAIS)



Background

- The original direction for NAIS was the result of the work of more than 100 individuals from over 70 organizations.
- This was a cooperative effort involving state and federal animal health officials as well as all segments of industry.

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- It was recognized that to effectively meet the objectives, public and international recognition of the system is needed
 - To accomplish this at the 2003 USAHA Meeting, USDA was charged with moving the USAIP to the next level.




Basic Tenets

- The system must include all species
- Location/movement data must be available 24/7 to state and federal animal health officials
- There must be international recognition of the system
- Private databases are expected to function as a part of the system collecting data and feeding specific data to a national system



Basic Tenets (cont.)

- The system is a “Common Good” so shared public/private funding is appropriate.
- Data confidentiality is a concern, but many segments see implementation for the NAIS as being more critical.

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- On November 19, 2004 Dr. Clifford announced that a national database, administered by APHIS would be established to capture animal ID and movement data



Standards required to move forward

- Role and responsibilities of AIN Tag Manufacturers
- Role and responsibilities of AIN Managers



Concerns over Current Direction

- All cost is transferred to the producer, but requirements are defined by USDA (Unfunded mandate)
- Challenge in establishing a legal entity
- Challenge in moving to a mandatory system as the system evolves



Concerns over Current Direction

- Potential that multiple technologies will be required at concentration points
- Potential need for submission of data to multiple locations
- Confidentiality issue is not resolved




Probable Outcomes

- Extended time for implementation
- Added cost for producers
- Confidentiality issues still not addressed
- Public and international acceptance unknown
- Development of fully functional system is questionable



Summary

- Many segments are very disappointed in the current direction from USDA
- Industry is willing and anxious to move a credible national animal ID system forward
- It is hoped that USDA will rejoin the process as a full partner in development and implementation of a system that meets the needs of all parties



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Thank You !