

# *National Animal Identification*

.....looking back

And forward.....



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We've been at this a long time!



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# Branding



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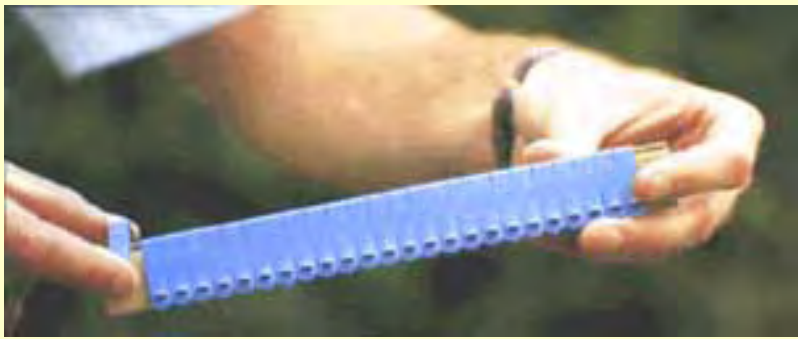
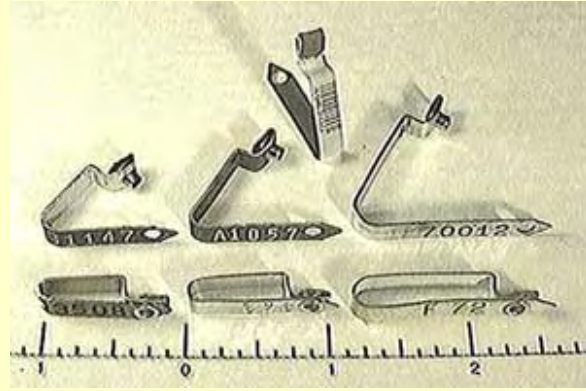
# 1998 ID Methods Survey

- Lots of tags
- Different uses
- No consistency across the country
- Multiple tags per animal



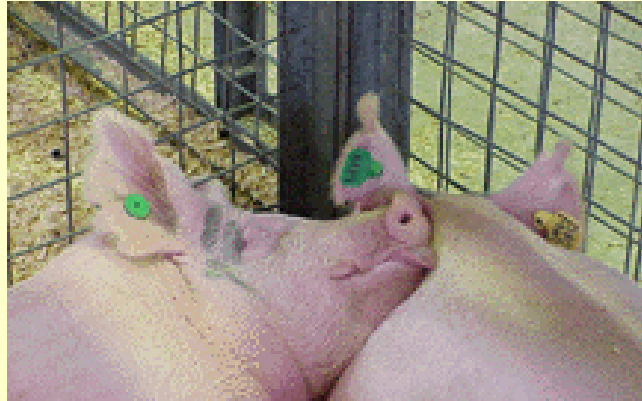
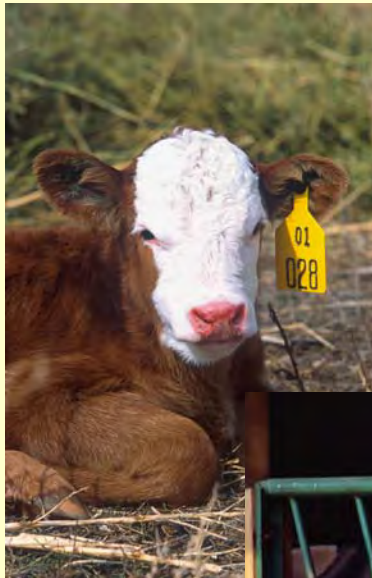
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# Metal Tags

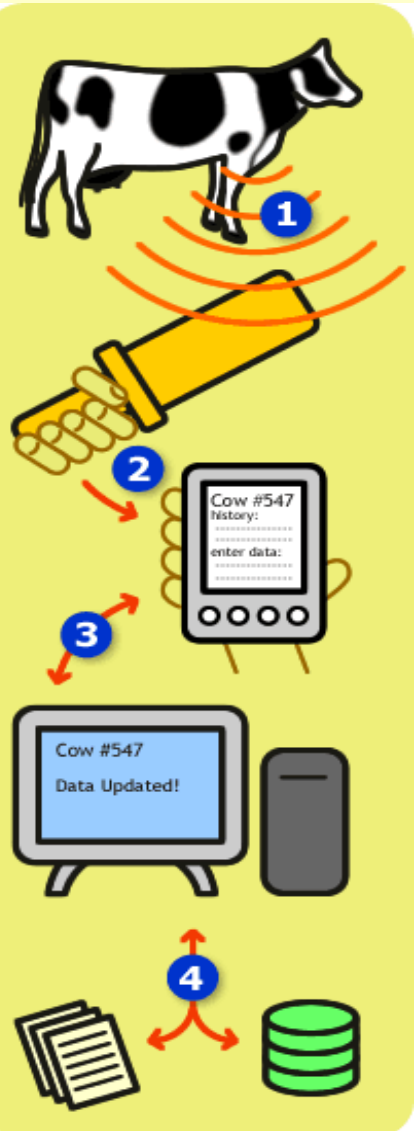


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# Plastic Ear Tags

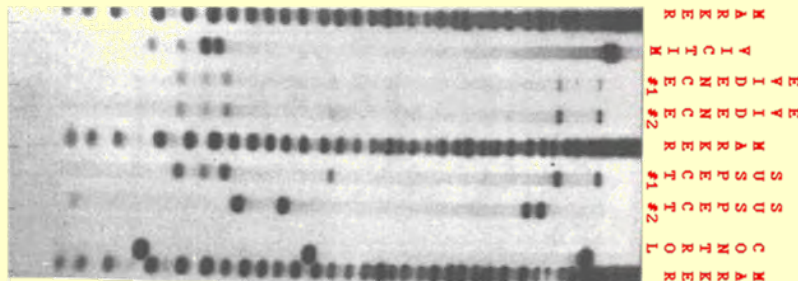
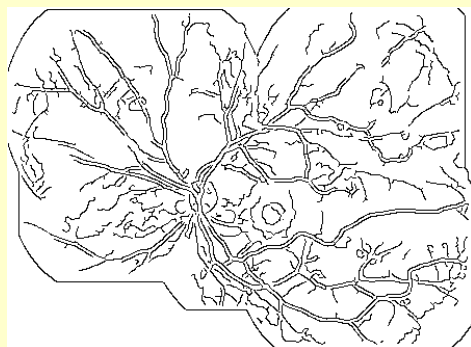
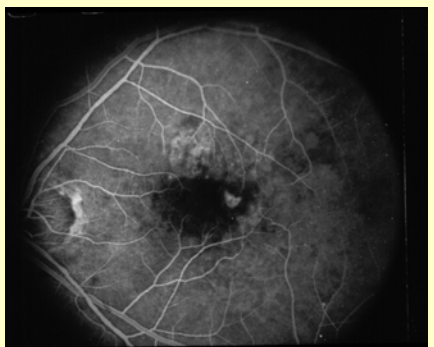


# Automatic Data Capture



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# Biometrics



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# Regional differences



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# Species Differences



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National Food Animal Identification Task Force



NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION WORK PLAN

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USDA National Identification  
Development Team



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# NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM



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# Who knows what's next?



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