

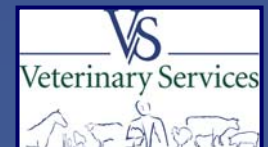
National Animal Identification System



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NAIS Objectives

- Program will enhance U.S. efforts to respond to outbreaks, quickly and effectively
- Determining locations of potentially exposed locations and animals as quickly as possible
 - ❖ Determine size and scope of outbreak
 - ❖ Determine source
 - ❖ Timely response reduces spread and impact



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Potential Diseases of Concern

- In recent years, APHIS and States has addressed:
 - ❖ Exotic Newcastle disease
 - ❖ Vesicular stomatitis
 - ❖ Avian influenza
- Epidemiological investigations to trace animals of interest for BSE
- Bottom line: we need a system that enables State and Federal animal health officials to address existing diseases, FADs, and emerging domestic diseases



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Support Existing Control and Eradication Programs

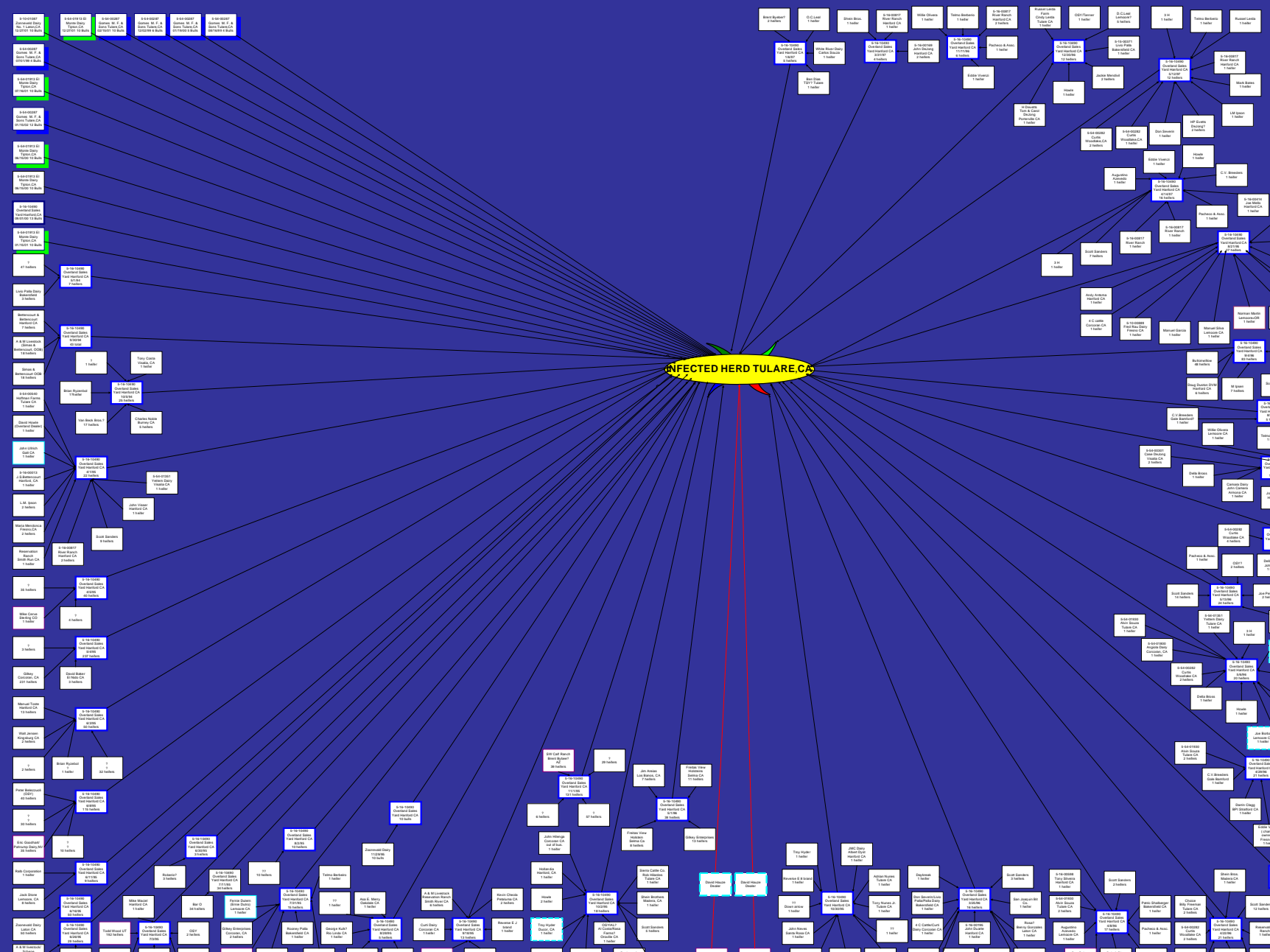
- NAIS will also support ongoing control and eradication programs
 - ❖ Scrapie
 - ❖ Bovine tuberculosis
 - ❖ Johnes
 - ❖ Brucellosis
- NAIS will be critical to complete disease eradication programs



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Benefits to Producers and Animal Owners

- More timely response = benefits to producers
 - ❖ Smaller quarantine zones, less intrusion
 - ❖ Movement restrictions lifted sooner
 - ❖ Healthy animals boost consumer confidence
 - ❖ Even access to markets – domestic and international
 - ❖ Recreational animals resume movement
- NAIS will help uphold U.S. reputation for healthy animals

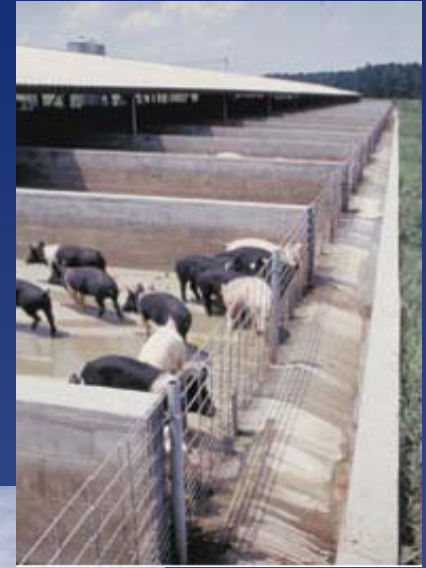


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Status of the NAIS: Premises ID

- 50 States, 2 Territories, 5 Tribes operational
- Over 293,000 premises registered!
- Over 4,000 registered this past week!



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Status of the NAIS: Premises ID

- Nationwide premises registration data saves:
 - ❖ Manpower
 - ❖ Time
 - ❖ Logistical support
- Premises registration provides States with the ability to alert animal owners with early information about precautions to take to limit disease spread



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Premises Identification: Who should participate?

- USDA encourages all livestock and poultry owners to register their premises
- Voluntary premises registration does not obligate producers to participate in identification or tracking components
- Premises registration free in all States



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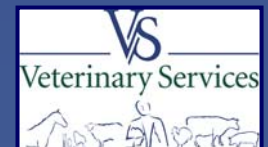


Status of the NAIS: Animal ID

- AIN Tag
 - ❖ Visual tag is the official identifier
 - ❖ Supplemental identifier is optional
- Use of AIN tags with other types of ID for other species to be considered as WGs finalize recommendations
- NAIS now has authorized AIN tag manufacturers!



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Animal ID: Which animals should be identified in the NAIS?

- Need for animal identification directly associated with reporting of animal movements
 - ❖ Animals engaged in “reportable” movements should be identified before they leave premises of origin
- Animals that do not leave premises do not need ID



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Status of the NAIS: Animal Tracking

- Industry/States to manage ATDs
- USDA developing ATPS to work with multiple ATDs
- Authorized State and Federal animal health officials utilize ATPS to submit queries to the ATDs for information in certain situations:
 - ❖ Confirmed positive test for FAD
 - ❖ Animal disease emergency
 - ❖ Conducting traceback or trace forward



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Animal Tracking Private/State Databases

- Interim/Development Phase
 - ❖ USDA evaluating systems
 - ❖ Organizations with systems that meet interim requirements may enter into agreement with USDA
 - ❖ Collaborate to define full IT requirements
 - ❖ June 2006 – early 2007



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Animal Tracking: What is “reportable”?

- Reportable movements = movements with high impact potential for disease spread
- Species Working Groups developing recommendations for specific types of movement that pose disease risk for each species



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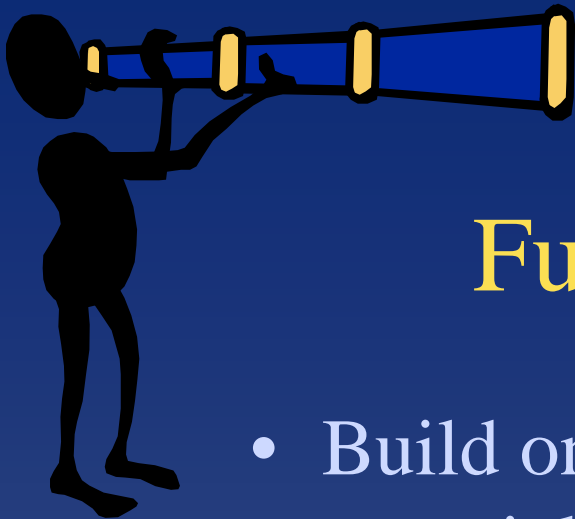
Animal Tracking: Non-reportable movements

- Some movements do not need to be reported:
 - ❖ Pasture to pasture movement within a premises
 - ❖ Animals that “get out”
 - ❖ Movement to custom slaughter for personal consumption
 - ❖ Local movement for recreational purposes (e.g. trail ride)
 - ❖ Exhibition in local shows, parades, or fairs



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Future of the NAIS

- Build on the progress we've already made – especially in premises and animal identification
- Progress in a timely manner
- Work together to achieve goals



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Implementation Plan

- Move forward through a voluntary program
 - ❖ Producers test and recommend most practical solutions
 - ❖ Market drivers (age, source, and process verification)
- High level of participation is necessary to achieve successful animal disease program



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Implementation Plan

Operational Milestones

Fully operational systems

- August 2005: Premises registration operational
- April 2006: AIN Management System
- June 2006: Interim phase for ATDs
- February 2007: Private/State ATDs and ATPS operational



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