

United States Animal Health Association – 2004

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2 **APPROVED**

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

SUBJECT MATTER: NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2004

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As a result of its two years of involvement and leadership in the United States Animal Identification Plan process, the livestock industry believes the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) must be a partnership between animal health officials and private sector entities. The livestock industry recognizes that state animal health officials play the key role in the animal health investigations and surveillance in concert with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). For a partnership of industry and animal health officials to effectively implement the NAIS data management component, it must perform several different functions: encourage producer participation at a level that insures integrity of the NAIS and volume of data required; safeguard security and confidentiality; provide a flexible data management architecture responsive to the needs and expectation of producers, livestock marketing system, and animal health officials thereby providing incentives to record, report and/or query information within the system; and utilize significant organizational assets, including media, communications, education, and government affairs resources of established and proven industry experts and advocates.

RESOLUTION:

In order to expedite the development of a data management system to meet all stakeholders' needs and expectations, the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) urges the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) Subcommittee of the Secretary of Agriculture's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases to request the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to facilitate the cooperative development of an appropriate animal traceability database system through the joint leadership of the species and segment working groups, issue-based working groups, and state animal health officials.

RESPONSE:

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) – NO RESPONSE – 5-26-05