

## **UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - 2006**

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER: 38 APPROVED**

**SOURCE:** COMMITTEE ON LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

**SUBJECT MATTER:** NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION ADVISORY  
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

**DATES:** MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 12-18, 2006

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Species working groups, the National Institute for Animal Agriculture, Animal Identification and Information Committee, and the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) Committee on Livestock Identification have provided recommendations to the National Animal Identification System Advisory Subcommittee, which in turn were provided to the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases.

### **RESOLUTION:**

The Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases has discussed the recommendations of the National Animal Identification System Advisory Subcommittee (NAIS Advisory Subcommittee), which included recommendations relative to the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) Strategic Plan, NAIS Information System, Outreach and Species Working Group Reports, and supports the adoption of these recommendations by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) encourages USDA to adopt these recommendations, which have been submitted to the Agency as part of the report of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases.

### **RESPONSE:**

#### **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of the Secretary**

Thank you for your letter of November 15, 2006, to Secretary Johanns concerning resolutions passed by the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) at its October 2006 annual meeting.

We welcome USAHA's input, and will take the organization's views under consideration as we address the issues in question. We look forward to further dialogue with USAHA on these and other matters as we move forward with important animal health initiatives.

We value your organization's longstanding collaborative relationship with USDA, and I know that we will continue to work together to advance U.S. animal health.