

NAIS - National Animal ID System

NAIS in a nutshell:

- Each location with livestock must have a Premises ID, i.e. farms, fairgrounds, show venues, etc. These are stored in a central database.
- Each animal must have a permanent ID (microchip, eartag), which will be stored in a central database.
- Movement of animals from one Premises to another must be reported within 24 hours of the movement, with not-yet-determined penalties for failure to report.

Purpose: Be able to trace-back within 48 hours of detection of a serious contagious disease and find all animals that an infected animal has been in contact with.

Details are still being worked out, but those are the basics.

Following is a collection of links to information and articles about NAIS. If anyone has additional links that they feel should be added, please send them to joan@opustwoalpacas.com

COMMENT FORM: The House Ag Committee is discussing the Farm Bill right now, including NAIS. From now until Dec 31, 2006 you can comment on this form:

<http://agriculture.house.gov/inside/feedbackform.html>

GOVERNMENT SITES with NAIS information:

www.usda.gov/nais

<http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/index.shtml>

Benchmarks, from April 2006 report "Strategies for Implementation of NAIS"

Jan 2007	25% of premises registered
Jan 2008	70% of premises registered 40% of animals identified
Jan 2009	100% of premises registered 100% of "new" animals identified 60% of animals <1 year of age have complete movement data

CALIFORNIA sites

www.cdfa.ca.gov Calif dept of food and agriculture

<http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/index.shtml> Apply for a CA premises ID. At this time, this is voluntary and free. There is no information about when (if?) it will become mandatory.

Arguments **AGAINST NAIS**

<http://hobbyfarmsmagazine.com/hf/detail.aspx?aid=26379&cid=3986&search=> A Hobby Farms Magazine article which includes a section on how to oppose NAIS.

<http://www.NoNAIS.org> This site has other links on it

<http://libertyark.net/>

http://news.mywebpal.com/news_tool_v2.cfm?show=localnews&pnpID=883&NewsID=723068&CategoryID=10537&on=1

National Institute for Animal Agriculture has a "NAIS Facts & Myths" link under Issues / Animal ID

www.animalagriculture.org

The **Camelid Working Group** (CWG) has been working with the government, trying to represent all camelids, especially for accepting microchips rather than eartags for camelids.

www.camelidid.org

The **Equine Working Group** has some information plus a booklet you can download. Horses and camelids are similar in that they are affected by NAIS but are not part of the basic food chain in this country.

<http://www.horsecouncil.org/>