

Do you Raise Livestock? Do you Buy Local food? Do you Like to Eat?

Uncle Sam plans to add a hidden tax to your food budget...

Under the **National Animal Identification System (NAIS)** anyone who owns any livestock, even a single chicken or piglet, will be required to register for a Premise ID Number (PIN) and pay an yearly fee to maintain that PIN. You would be required to RFID tag (\$3 to \$20 each) and register each and every one of your livestock. All movements, purchases, sales, slaughters and other events must be reported electronically to the government within 24 hours. Failure to comply may result in a \$1,000 per day fine. **No exceptions.**

Why are they doing this?

NAIS began as way to open up foreign meat markets, like Japan, for the large beef exporters. Later the USDA changed the stated justification for NAIS to disease. BSE (Mad Cow Disease) is the primary excuse. Other excuses are Avian Bird Flu (H5N1), Exotic New Castles Disease and Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD). Recently they have given the justification of tracing food back to the farm in case of potential liability issues for food-borne illness.

Is NAIS legal?

NAIS is clearly not constitutional - violating Amendments 1, 4, 5 and 14 of the United States Constitution. In 2001, after 9/11, Congress gave the government enormous new powers in the form of the Patriot Act which is up for renewal in 2006. Supporters of NAIS used this to draft a plan for invasive micro-management of all animals in the United States. The Patriot Act, PAWS, REAL ID and NAIS strip Americans of fundamental rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. *NAIS gives government the power to invade our homes and take our property without warrants or any legal appeal.* Do you want this happening to you?

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Small Farmers? \$500+ per year in fees, tags, equipment plus your time, increased liability, potential loss of all livestock due to faulty trace backs, loss of heritage breeds.



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or sent a large self-addressed stamped envelope (\$1.11) to:
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Horse owners? Report all horse movements including trail rides, parades shows, equestrian events, riding on public roads and every entry and exit from a property.

Consumers? Loss of choice, higher prices as farmers pass on costs of NAIS or go out of business. Concentration control of our food supply into the hands of fewer and fewer larger corporations.

Vegetarians & Gardeners? Animal manures used to grow quality vegetables, especially organic ones, come from small farms. Suitable manure is already in short supply.

Will NAIS prevent disease? No.

In fact the government states quite clearly here <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~comm/bsefaq.html> that no additional programs are needed for BSE. Bird flu is primarily a problem of the mono-genetic factory farms - NAIS will have no effect. Biodiversity and natural pasture raised birds who have better immunity are the solution. Exotic New Castles was caused by illegally imported fighting cocks - NAIS will not stop it - better border controls are the solution. Foot & Mouth is not an issue in this country, there is already a program to handle it and FMD is transmitted by dust in the air, so NAIS will not help because NAIS tracks animal co-mingling. The reality is that virtually all food contamination happens after the farm, when the animals are slaughtered at the processing plant or later. NAIS does nothing for that. The best protections is for the USDA to do its job inspecting rather than making up complex and costly new regulations that will be impossible to enforce. The USDA should enforce its ban on feeding cows to cows which is the cause of Mad Cow Disease and enforce a strict quarantine of imported animals - all under existing laws and regulations.

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