

What is the National Animal Identification System?

What does NAIS require?

Coming soon!

**From your city, county, state, federal, global governments to you,
NAIS:**

Premises Identification (ID)

Your farm will be issued a number that coordinates with longitude, latitude, and Global Positioning Satellite (GPS). You will be asked for 30 pieces of personal information in Washington State.

Form: (AGR-300-365 (R7-05))

Animal Identification

You will be required to identify every animal from birth to death with an electronic identification (implantable RFID) AND alternative form of identification such as DNA, biometrics, nose prints, or retinal scan. (Pg 13 Draft Plan)

Animal Tracking

You will be required to fill out a form every time an animal is born, dies or moves off your property. YOU are responsible to KNOW where your animals are at all times and WHO is on your property at all times. (Pgs. 12-13, 17-21 Draft Plan)

Why do I need NAIS?

You will be told the following reasons:

**Bio-security
Foreign animal disease
Disease eradication
Trade/market access
Disease surveillance and monitoring
Bio-terrorism
Food safety**

What YOU will not be told:

Officials told us that DHS did not give them enough time to review and comment on draft federal guidance.

FDA and USDA are in varying stages of conducting vulnerability assessments-It is *unknown* at this time if there is even a risk of bio-security issues, foreign animal diseases or bio-terrorism but the US wants to spend millions of dollars putting in new regulations. GAO report

NAIS will not make our food safer. Most food contamination occurs in processing not in production.

Commingling of government and industry (agri-business) for personal gain. Government and religion must be separate. So it should hold true for government and commercial enterprise “partnerships” and “stakeholding” to avoid conflict of interest.

In 2003 USDA was transferred to Dept. of Homeland Security and resulted in fewer inspections while foreign imports increased significantly.

If you do not comply you will be “forced by market pressure” to not be allowed to participate in buying and selling.

If you do not comply you can face \$1000 per day infraction fines, prison time, seizure & destruction of your property, and lose your right to vote and bear arms.

Why should I just say: NO to NAIS?

Premise ID:

Cost-taxpayer and fees, licenses and other incidental cost of program

Privacy

Can be used to profile you and your habits (GAO report-RFID)

Warrant and warrantless searches of your property violating the 3rd and 4th Amendments to our Constitution. (when you consent to NAIS or become “licensed”).

Animal ID:

Every animal must be identified, no exceptions (Draft pg 5)

Cost-same as above

Not always reliable according to a GAO report on RFID

Demands increasingly more sophisticated technology

Device can pollute the environment (GAO report)

Big profits for commercial enterprises providing RFID

Electronic ID can be hacked, cloned, counterfeited, replayed, eves-dropping, electronic collisions (GAO report on RFID)

Privacy of your animals genetic information

Freedom of Religion (1 Amendment)

Animal Tracking:

Cost

Many hours reporting real-time tracking

USDA can't deploy animal vaccines within 24 hours of an outbreak as called by HSPD-9. USDA only has ONE vaccine, for foot and mouth and that must be sent to the UK for processing taking WEEKS before using in US.

USDA prefers to immediate slaughter animals rather than vaccinate them. Goal: surveillance and destroy

Can be used for purposes of profiling an individual's habits, tastes, or predilections; and allowing for secondary uses of information.

Most of small farmers & affiliated businesses in countries where these regulations are in effect are forced out of business.

Other Reasons to say: NO to NAIS

I do not engage in international trade

Databases nor identifications are not secure

Electronic identifications (RFID) are not secure nor proven safe (GAO report on RFID)

The word “disease” in this program is used not specifically defined. It can be any “disease”. A law in 2006 is going through our legislature in WA which says any animal who dies and the cause is not known is considered to have died from disease, even an old nanny goat. Does that make sense?

There no exceptions to these rules.

These requirements do not originate in America. They came into being by trade agreements the US entered into with other countries and organizations for the purpose of international trade. This program is mandatory. You will be told it is voluntary. It is not. By 2009 all phases MUST be implemented by everyone, no exceptions.

There have been no disease epidemics out of the ordinary in US

Would a terrorist strike your farm? No, unless you are of the producers who has a large feedlot with thousands of animals.

Will NAIS eliminate disease? No.

Do you practice bio-security already? Yes.

There are already plans at the county, state and federal level in case of a disease outbreak. These plans do not impact the producer and are a minimal expense unless an outbreak occurs. So, this is a redundant system.

Historically our food is safe unless PROVEN otherwise.

Encouraging personal responsibility is the best way to reduce any collective risk.

I already report disease in a timely fashion to my highly qualified veterinarian.

Suppliers are required to inform on you and your purchases. **Current Status**

Currently WA State is registering premises. They are gathering YOUR information and putting it into a database. Don't help them gather your personal information.

As of July 2005 WSDA began to identify animals and track movement. You will be told the USDA has not come to agreement on the identification to be used and they have not decided on how to go about tracking animals. Would you buy a chicken, goat or cow without knowing their health, a little about them, the costs to raise? We need answers to our questions before we sign up.

For More Information:

News, articles & links at: <http://NoNAIS.org>

stopanimalid.org

USDA Draft Plan: If these links change do a google search for draft animal [HYPERLINK "http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/about/pdf/NAIS_Draft_Strategic_Plan_42505.pdf"](http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/about/pdf/NAIS_Draft_Strategic_Plan_42505.pdf) http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/about/pdf/NAIS_Draft_Strategic_Plan_42505.pdf

USDA Technical Plan: [HYPERLINK "http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/about/pdf/NAIS_Technical_Supplement_072605.pdf"](http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/about/pdf/NAIS_Technical_Supplement_072605.pdf) http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/about/pdf/NAIS_Technical_Supplement_072605.pdf

National Disaster Plan [HYPERLINK "http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0566.xml"](http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0566.xml) http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0566.xml

WA State Emergency Plan

[HYPERLINK "http://emd.wa.gov/3-pet/pal/cemp/01-cemp-idx.htm"](http://emd.wa.gov/3-pet/pal/cemp/01-cemp-idx.htm) <http://emd.wa.gov/3-pet/pal/cemp/01-cemp-idx.htm>

Presidential Executive Orders

[HYPERLINK "http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/executive-orders/disposition.html"](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/executive-orders/disposition.html) <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/executive-orders/disposition.html>

GAO Report Homeland Security Agriculture

[HYPERLINK "http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d05214.pdf"](http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d05214.pdf) <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d05214.pdf>

GAO Report RFID

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Digital Angel

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Patriot Act

HYPERLINK "<http://www.epic.org/privacy/terrorism/hr3162.html>" <http://www.epic.org/privacy/terrorism/hr3162.html>

Legislation Currently in WA State: (not complete)

SB 6377 Cow shares
HB 2640 Emerging Technology Tax incentives
HB 3033-Animal ID advisory committee
HB 3010-Hazardous Milk Bill
HB 2299 Animal ID
2006 Senate Bill 6854 (Disclosure of animal information)
2006 House Bill 3033 (Animal identification programs)
2006 Senate Bill 6371 (Regulating the disposal of dead animals)
2006 Senate Bill 6854 (Disclosure of animal information)
2006 House Bill 3032 (Changing livestock inspection fee provisions)
2006 Senate Bill 6376 (Livestock inspection fee provisions)
2006 Senate Bill 6371 (Regulating the disposal of dead animals)
2006 House Bill 2651 (Disclosure of animal information)
2006 House Bill 2558 (Regulating the disposal of dead animals)
2005 Senate Bill 5961 (Requiring proper management of livestock mortalities)
2005 House Bill 1615 (Managing livestock nutrients)
2005 Senate Bill 5602 (Managing livestock nutrients)
2005 Senate Bill 5532 (Animal cruelty)
2005 House Bill 1499 (Animal cruelty)
2005 House Bill 1304 (Revising provisions relating to animal cruelty)
2005 Senate Bill 5352 (Revising provisions relating to animal cruelty)
2005 Senate Bill 5314 (Regarding terrorist acts against animal and natural resource facilities)
2005 House Bill 1086 (Regulating commercial feed)

Federal (not complete)

HB 1254 Electronic Identification
HB 2669 Pets
HB 3170 Animal Advisory Board

Action Plan:

Ask questions

Do not voluntarily sign up for the NAIS program

Instead of signing up quickly for the NAIS program, ask questions and see what you will be required to do in every phase and aspect.

Find out how much the program costs and YOUR costs before you take any action. USDA does not know how much the program will cost taxpayer's or you. (Program aid- 1797)

Contact your state and federal Representatives and Senators, HYPERLINK "<http://www.congress.org>" <http://www.congress.org>,

HYPERLINK "<http://www.washingtonvotes.org/>" <http://www.washingtonvotes.org/>

Check out WSDA site: (Check out date at bottom of page)

HYPERLINK "http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/Animal_Premise/default.htm" http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/Animal_Premise/default.htm

Do not believe all the media. There are less than 6 giant firms who control the news.

Do not believe that your legislative representatives do not know about NAIS. They know and are passing bills to that end. Check out the United Nations site for a glimpse at the global picture. Do your homework and then form your decision to participate on the written FACTS, not opinion.

The mark on the beast

By Henry Lamb

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The stated purpose of the program is to enable government to trace, within 48 hours, the source of a faulty animal food product. The effect of the program is the transfer of the control of private property to the government – while forcing the property owner to pay the cost of the transfer.

HYPERLINK "<http://eco.freedom.org/el/20060101/lamb-2.shtml>" [Last week's column](#) asked: "What do you call it when government takes away the use of private property, but leaves the title in the name of the property owner?" Dozens of letter writers correctly responded: "Fascism." Last week's column was about government controlling the use of land; this week, the government is controlling the use of animals.

The program is not limited to commercial producers; it includes the half-dozen chickens at Grandma's house. Her "premises" and each chicken must be registered with the government, as the program now stands. In fact, the pet parakeet in a cage on the 20th floor of a condo in Miami Beach must also be registered, along with the premises. As the program now stands, there are no exceptions.

Surely some of the stupidity will be squeezed out of the program as more people become aware of it, and insist that government has gone too far. The question, however, is not how far is too far, but whether government should go there at all.

Nothing among the enumerated powers granted to the federal government by the U.S. Constitution can be construed to include the power to control the use of private property. The federal government is empowered to regulate interstate commerce, but Grandma's chickens and Aunt Jane's parakeet do not constitute interstate commerce.

Everyone wants a safe, abundant, and affordable food supply, which America has enjoyed for years – without a National Animal Identification System. Why is it necessary now? The increased terrorist threat certainly justifies tightening up security in the food chain. But, the NAIS does little or nothing to tighten security, while imposing ridiculous burdens upon the small producer.

The NAIS was initiated by the National Institute of Animal Agriculture, a non-government organization consisting of the leaders of agribusiness. The program they designed tends to shift the burden, cost, and ultimate responsibility for food safety from the agribusiness giants to the small producer.

Interstate commerce conjures up images of businesses such as Tyson Foods, which has mastered the art of vertically integrated marketing. Tyson controls the production of its chickens from birth to market, using farmers only to provide space and labor to get their product to slaughter. Here is where government should focus its regulatory concern – and leave Grandma's chickens alone.

Suppliers of beef, pork, and lamb, often buy their animals from small producers, who work hard to raise healthy, marketable animals. The agribusiness suppliers are free to buy, or not buy, from any producer. Here, at the point where the product enters the food chain, is where responsibility, security, and regulatory control should be focused – not on the already overburdened small producer.

But, no. The NAIS requires the small producer to not only bear the cost of the program, but also to be the ultimate scapegoat in the event that an agribusiness supplier's product is found to be faulty, for whatever reason. Should little Johnny get sick after eating a hamburger made with beef supplied by BigAgri Packing Company, BigAgri simply points the finger to the producer, or producers, whose cows were in the batch from which Johnny's hamburger was made. Agribusiness shifts its responsibility for buying only healthy product to the farmer, who must guarantee his animals to be healthy.

The NAIS is an industry-designed program, which will drive small producers out of business, reduce competition, and ultimately put both supply and price in the hands of industry giants – unless HYPERLINK "http://www.wnd.com/redirect.asp?http://www.freetennessee.org/NAIS_proposal_overview.html" [opponents of this program](#) get organized.

